

## Old Gods 741

Chapter 741: Madness and Xian'er

On the Cloud Sea Cliff, thick fog swirled around.

Inside Seclusion Room No. 1, a young woman sat cross-legged in meditation, her expression heavy, with waves of Divine Power fluctuating intensely around her.

"Phew!"

Suddenly, a surge of wind spread out, and the woman opened her eyes in surprise.

"Wahahaha!" Si Xianxian laughed out loud.

With her playful and unruly demeanor, she truly deserved the title of Mad Immortal.

Jiang Realm·Fifth Rank!

Finally, she had reached the peak of the River Realm, just a step away from reaching the Sea Realm Great Power with a touch of insight.

Unlike everyone else, once the Mad Immortal protector advanced to the Sea Realm, her personal combat strength soared dramatically, daring even to challenge a Heavenly Realm Power!

"Hahahaha~" Si Xianxian indulged in joy, clutching the Mad Hammer in her hand and swinging it fiercely.

Get hyped!

"Buzz~" The Mad Hammer quivered slightly.

Si Xianxian's movement stopped abruptly, holding the hammer shaft in both hands, her smile vanished: "You really are something! Buzzing from time to time, yet never advancing.

How long has it been? Can you make it or not!"

The seclusion room fell into silence.

If the Mad Hammer had gathered a complete Artifact Spirit, it might have felt a bit saddened by its owner's words?

"Hurry and advance to become a Divine Weapon..." Si Xianxian hugged the Mad Hammer, mumbling to herself.

The dense mist between heaven and earth did not dissipate due to the Mad Immortal protector's advancement.

Even the people in Cloud Sea Cliff had no idea that the Mad Immortal protector had advanced. The commotion she caused was nothing compared to the Xuan Shuang Guard advancing to the Sea Realm!

Si Xianxian didn't care whether others noticed or came to congratulate her.

She hugged the Mad Hammer tightly, consolidating her own power and realm while urging the hammer to quickly advance.

It's unclear how much time had passed...

Suddenly, a tall figure appeared inside Seclusion Room No. 1.

"Eh?" Si Xianxian exclaimed, anger rising in her heart.

Who?

Who was the careless person daring to tread on this Immortal?

Lu Ran was also startled, wondering what he stepped on.

He flew back two or three meters, though he had night vision, Lu Ran couldn't see through the thick fog.

"Which fool! Tired of living?"

It's hard to imagine such sweet vocals saying something so vulgar.

"Me." Familiar voice came to ear.

Si Xianxian was taken aback, her mood changing instantly, half excited, half surprised: "Lu Ran? You're back!"

Lu Ran snorted and countered: "This is Seclusion Room No. 1, besides me and Ruyi, which careless fool would dare to come here?"

"Hehe, yeah... No!" Si Xianxian suddenly realized, was the kid mocking her?

She plopped onto the ground, muttering: "I'm here, whatever! Why don't you kill me then!"

Lu Ran: "..."

Si Xianxian simply threw the hammer away: "No one cares or loves me, Ruyi ignores me, Young Master steps on my head calling me a fool!"

I worked so hard to advance to the Jiang Realm Peak, yet no one to share the joy with, I... I don't want to live anymore, wuwuwu..."

Lu Ran was left speechless.

Unlike other Jiang Sea Powers who become colder and more divine with advancement.

Sister Xian'er truly is something else!

A drama queen?

"Wrong, wrong, it wasn't intentional to step on you." Lu Ran quickly explained, "I was rushing to retreat, forgot you were here."

Forgot?

Hah!

Lu Ran only knew Si Xianxian was in retreat, completely unaware she was in Seclusion Room No. 1.

The Ran Sect hadn't explicitly declared that Seclusion Room No. 1 belonged to the Sect Leader and the Lady, but it was tacitly understood by Ran Sect disciples; who would come here?

"Congratulations!" Lu Ran half-kneeled beside the tearful and wailing Mad Immortal, "River Realm Peak, just one step away from the Sea Realm!"

"Hmph." Si Xianxian snorted, shrinking her neck.

The darkness and fog could not conceal that Lu Ran was a Sea Realm Great Power, and under the God-Demon System's hierarchy suppression, no one could escape.

Only when anger clouds reason, some could briefly resist.

Lu Ran spoke gently: "Before breakthrough, why didn't you send me a message? I could lend you the Fiery Phoenix Patterned Gourd."

"Weren't you guys busy! I'm just a lowly servant girl, how dare I disturb the Lady and Young Master." Si Xianxian pouted.

Lu Ran: "..."

How many times have I told you!

The Lady and Young Master are a couple?

Si Xianxian mumbled: "You're finally done? What have you been doing all this time?"

Sister Xian'er's question rendered Lu Ran speechless.

He had been busy with countless matters.

The comings and goings between the Human World, escorting and searching, occupying the Pear Garden, rebuilding the Sect, thwarting Jingxian Island's schemes, nurturing Heavenly Realm Divine Sculpture...

Si Xianxian just had one retreat session, the outside world had changed, she'd be particularly surprised when she meets Qiao Yuansi, Tian Tian, and Deng Yutang and others.

"Young Master?" Si Xianxian called softly when seeing Lu Ran silent.

"Ruyi has also returned, she's at Cloud Sea Residence, go chat with her." Lu Ran suggested, "While you're freshly advanced, you're still carrying some divinity; mingling with Sea Realm folks might be better."

With that, Lu Ran activated a Landing Mirror.

He took one of Sister Xian'er's wrists and guided her hand onto the mirror frame.

"Tsk~ Mysterious and secretive." Si Xianxian pouted, standing up, "Well, I won't disturb Young Master from retreat then."

"Sister Xian'er."

"Hmm?"

"When I come out of retreat, how about I take you to Hidden Wolf Forest?"

"Sure! Let's kill those little wolf cubs!" Si Xianxian grasped the mirror frame with one hand, before entering the mirror, added, "Then hurry up and advance!"

"Mm." After sending the Mad Immortal protector away, Lu Ran dispersed the Ancient Bronze Mirror, silently sighing in his heart.

The last time they returned to the Human World, Lu Jiang pondered for a long time but ultimately decided not to call Si's mother.

She was a pitiful mother.

After Si Xianxian was summoned to the pilgrimage by Divine-Lie Tian, she completely disappeared, unreachable by any means.

Si Caiqin (Si's mother) was driven mad searching for her daughter!

Unfortunately, she couldn't enter the ancient inner city of the Fierce Heavenly Sect, so she had to seek help from the Lady of Luoxian Mountain.

Jiang Ruyi, as the Lady of the Immortal Sheep Sect's Human World Sect Master, was the highest-status human Si Caiqin could reach out to.

Unfortunately, the Lady of Luoxian Mountain couldn't help this mother.

She couldn't help before, and she can't help now.

Lu Jiang both knew that just a phone call could change a lot.

No matter where Si Xianxian was, at least once the mother knew her daughter was always by Lu Ran and Jiang Ruyi's side, she might feel a bit more at ease.

But Lu Jiang couldn't do that.

Because Si's mother was also a believer, worshiping Divine-Nine Bamboo.

During the years when her daughter's fate was unknown and there was no news, how many times had the mother prayed devoutly and pleaded bitterly before the shrine?

Better safe than sorry...

Lu Jiang also didn't deceive Si's mother into coming to the mountain to make her change her faith to Lord Immortal Sheep.

After all, with Si's mother's average aptitude and being over forty, only a Middle Rank in the River Realm, there wasn't a possibility of entering the mountain, and Lu Ran didn't disturb her normal life path.

"Ruyi?" Outside the door of the Cloud Sea Residence, Si Xianxian called softly.

In the study, Jiang Ruyi was kneeling behind the low desk, somewhat surprised.

She looked at the fog-covered opposite side of the desk and said softly, "You may go, Luo Divine General."

Luo Ying also knelt, holding a luxurious and exquisite golden bow, bowing her head gratefully, "Thank you, Sect Leader and Lady, for your grace."

Before Lu Ran went into seclusion, he first signed an Inheritance Contract with Luo Ying and handed her the Golden Law Bow.

Luo Ying,

a gentle and loving mother, yet also an extremely terrifying existence!

You can't rashly say Luo Divine General is the number one combat power of the Ran Sect, but you can definitely assert Luo Ying is the number one killer god of the Ran Sect!

Even the Big Nightmare can hardly compete with her.

And after today, this killer god was elevated by Lu Ran to countless levels.

"In a few days, we need to go to Jingxian Island. Luo Divine General should perform well," Jiang Ruyi gently instructed.

"Yes." Luo Ying grasped the Golden Law Bow, got up, and withdrew.

"Let her in." Jiang Ruyi looked towards the doorway.

Although the fog was dense, Jiang Ruyi had several Divine Weapons by her side and naturally knew the situation outside the study.

By this time, Si Xianxian had already met with Tian Tian, who was standing at the door.

This meeting left Si Xianxian completely stunned.

She even thought she was hallucinating, seeing Lu Jiang's classmates from high school here in the cliff.

"Ruyi!" Si Xianxian stumbled inside.

Moving with a thought, Jiang Ruyi's waist artifact, the long whip, reached out and bound Sister Xian'er over.

The Immortal Binding Whip, binding the Mad Immortal.

Quite a professional match?

"Uh... Ruyi Ruyi..." With the Immortal Binding Whip released, Si Xianxian hugged Jiang Fairy's arm tightly.

The girl didn't question what that artifact was, just focused on expressing her longing and didn't mind revealing her inner reliance.

After a long time, Si Xianxian finally said, "Ha! Sister Tian Tian is really lucky, actually found by you."

Jiang Ruyi pressed her lips, not responding.

Tian Tian wasn't someone they coincidentally met in the mountains, quite the opposite; Lu Jiang had brought her back from the Human World, fearing she would be abandoned in the mountains.

"Ruyi?" Si Xianxian sensed the complexity of her counterpart's emotions, and even if she was careless, she perceived something was wrong.

Earlier in the seclusion room, Lu Ran was hesitant.

"You've reached the River Realm Peak." Jiang Ruyi softly spoke, "It seems before going to Jingxian Island, we should visit the Hidden Wolf Forest first."

Si Xianxian spoke directly: "Ruyi, are you hiding something from me?"

"Mm." Jiang Ruyi sighed lightly in her heart, then slowly began to narrate.

The atmosphere in the study grew more oppressive.

Once Jiang Ruyi finished speaking, the room fell into a long silence.

Jiang Ruyi finally couldn't bear it anymore; the little human emotions she had left were all given to the few close to her.

She reached out, tucked a lock of hair behind Sister Xian'er's ear, and gently comforted her, "Lu Ran didn't dare see his mother either."

Si Xianxian remained silent, her head lowered.

"There will be a day of reunion," Jiang Ruyi softly reassured, "There will come a day when we can return openly to the Human World..."

Jiang Ruyi suddenly paused.

She could feel Si Xianxian's increasingly restless heart.

Jiang Ruyi softly asked, "Blame me?"

Si Xianxian still kept her head lowered, gently shaking it.

How could I bear to blame you?

My family, even my life, was already shattered.

It was you and Lu Ran who gave me everything.

A refuge in the Human World, the motivation to live on, life goals and hopes, even this very life...

What took everything from me was Lie Tian.

It was All Gods!!

Si Xianxian clenched her fists tightly; without the Water Flow Armor, her nails would likely be deeply embedded in her flesh.

"Sister Xian'er... hm?" Jiang Ruyi widened her eyes slightly.

The Mad Immortal kneeling with her head bowed had an incredibly restless heart.

This heart,

led to an even more turbulent wave of Divine Power.

The fog in the world thickened, and the descending Fog Dragon Roll continued to flow toward the seclusion room of the Xuan Shuang Guard.

But it also surged into the study of Cloud Sea Residence.

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Chapter 742: Old Grievance

The passage of time, September 23.

From inside the first seclusion room at Cloud Sea Cliff, a strange cry was heard: "Ugh ah ah ah~~~"

Lu Ran stretched with a fierce yawn.

The physical comfort completely overshadowed the mental fatigue, and the sense of power filling his body made Lu Ran indulge endlessly.

The surging Divine Power within him was like a vast ocean, raging and engulfing every piece of his flesh, nourishing every inch of his skin.

"Thud~" Lu Ran leaned back heavily and laid on the ground.

Feeling refreshed...

Sea Realm·Third Rank!

Finally reaching the Middle Sea Realm, just two more small ranks, and I can glimpse the Heavenly Realm!

"Whew~"

The Fiery Phoenix Patterned Gourd flew over and landed on Lu Ran's forehead, bouncing up and down.

Or perhaps it should be described as "jumping"?

The little creature was extremely happy, continuously cheering and bouncing, treating Lu Ran's forehead as a trampoline...

"Haha." Lu Ran chuckled, letting the little creature play, not daring to catch it with his hand.

Mainly afraid of not controlling the strength well and accidentally squeezing the Little Chi Feng.

Even though it's a dignified second-rank Magical Artifact, it shouldn't be that fragile, but Lu Ran still didn't dare to be reckless; he stretched out his limbs, slowly adapting to his brand-new body.

It had to be admitted that in such a high Great Realm like the Sea Realm, the promotion of small ranks is especially considerable for the strengthening of the physical body!

Lu Ran carefully sensed for a while, then slowly climbed up, tentatively taking a step.

One step, then another...

Lu Ran was walking slowly in the tunnel, and soon he saw the light at the entrance.

Going further, he vaguely saw a few figures.

He didn't need to see clearly, the burning sensation in his eyes already told Lu Ran who was outside.

"Presumptuous." At the entrance, Jiang Ruyi's voice was icy.

The second-rank Magic Artifact·Phoenix儀九霄 Robe immediately retracted its mystic power.

Its oppressive power over all living beings emanated from the artifact's efficacy, which, of course, can be retracted at will, but the previous owner Feng Zhihuan never let the phoenix robe restrain itself.

To the Island Master Feng, all beings should bow and be submissive upon seeing her.

Jiang Ruyi was different; she had close people and didn't want those around her to suffer.

This kind of artifact efficacy should be left to the enemies.

"Whoa~!" Lu Ran propped himself against the tunnel wall, looking at the three beautiful women waiting for him outside.

Si Xianxian, Qiao Yuansi, and Jiang Ruyi.

Each one was more beautiful than the next, each with a distinct style.

Especially Jiang Ruyi, standing in the middle, made Lu Ran click his tongue in wonder.

All along, Jiang Fairy's clothing style had been relatively singular, mostly consisting of a long white dress.

But at this moment, she was draped in a wide dark red phoenix robe, with exquisite phoenix patterns subtly shimmering with a pale golden luster.

Such colors should have made this cold and beautiful face appear a bit more alluring.

However, the clothing did not overshadow the owner's aloof temperament; it only made the Lady Ran appear even more noble and dignified.

Even more daunting to behold.

"Beautiful." Lu Ran said with a smile.

Jiang Ruyi rolled her eyes at him with a smile.

Lu Ran silently blamed himself for being negligent; his own Holy Spirit Mountain edition-limited skin had already released the fourth set, while Little Ruyi's was only on the second set.

"Right, right!" Qiao Yuansi giggled, holding Jiang Ruyi's arm, "When you two have the big wedding, wearing this set, Sister Ruyi will surely outshine everyone else!"

Jiang Ruyi: "..."

Lu Ran had a peculiar expression: "When that day truly comes, your Sister Ruyi is going for a wedding, not a coronation."

"A coronation would be fine too, we can do it together," Si Xianxian, standing on the other side of Jiang Ruyi, said while holding her other arm.

Lu Ran couldn't help but feel a bit disoriented.

Bringing up the topic of marriage, with the two beautiful girls, Qiao Yuansi and Si Xianxian, one on each side, they really did look like bridesmaids... Wait a minute!

Lu Ran's gaze fell upon the bridesmaid Si, growing more astonished the more he looked.

This... This can't be right, can it?

Sister Xian'er's presence is so strong!

It's definitely not from extreme emotions forced up, more like naturally so?

"Did you advance to the Sea Realm?" Lu Ran asked in surprise.

Si Xianxian kept her face smiling, though when the advancement to the Sea Realm was mentioned, it should have been doubly delightful. For some reason, her expression slightly altered, not showing any signs of joy.

"Yeah, Sea Realm it is," Si Xianxian nodded and said, "I've been waiting for you to come out of seclusion to deal with those wolf pups!"

Sister Xian'er's tone and attitude were indeed impeccable.

But Lu Ran still felt something was off; logically, she should be jumping for joy and shouting, right?

Lu Ran hesitated for a moment, deciding not to delve into it for now, instead asking, "When did it happen?"

"The day you went into seclusion," Jiang Ruyi finally spoke.

"Ah?" Lu Ran was startled.

When a person reaches the Peak rank, the physical body is already prepared, only an insight is needed to directly break through the Great Realm.

Theoretically, it should be able to transition seamlessly!

But that's only in theory.

Lu Ran had never achieved this, always getting stuck for a period whenever he reached the Peak rank.

Unexpectedly, Sister Xian'er had managed to do it?!

"What's going on?" Lu Ran was both delighted and curious, "How amazing is that?"

Si Xianxian shrugged lightly and said, "Got pissed off and just leveled up."

Lu Ran: ?

If someone else had said that, Lu Ran would have slapped them right across the face!

But coming from the Mad Immortal protector's mouth...

It made perfect sense!

[Don't ask anymore.] A cool voice suddenly imprinted itself in his mind.

Lu Ran glanced over and saw Jiang Ruyi gently shaking her head.

[Stinky brother!] Jiang Fairy wasn't the only one refraining from speaking in person.

Lu Ran looked towards Qiao Yuansi.

Seeing the girl puff up her cheeks, she angrily transmitted: [You don't care about me at all.]

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Lu Ran blinked a few times, then realized Qiao Yuansi had also advanced.

Did she just advance from Jiang Realm-Third Rank to Fourth Rank?

Recently, Leng Xushuang, Si Xianxian, and Lu Ran have all leveled up one after another, making Cloud Sea Cliff practically a cultivation holy land!

Little Yuanxi has clearly taken full advantage of these rides.

"Impressive, Lord Black Lantern!" Lu Ran said with a smile.

Qiao Yuansi immediately beamed with joy. Today she was still wearing a long black dress, like an elegant black swan.

She raised her chin proudly, "Oh, not too bad, right~"

"Indeed, just not too bad." Lu Ran quipped, "If you hadn't leveled up and were still at Jiang Realm-Third Rank, I'd have lapped you."

Qiao Yuansi widened her eyes incredulously, "Are you comparing yourself to me?"

Lu Ran looked completely justified, "What's wrong with that? Didn't we become believers on the same day?"

Qiao Yuansi paused for a long moment, then pouted and turned to Jiang Ruyi, "Sister-in-law! Look at him, he's bullying me!"

The sudden title made Jiang Ruyi slightly uncomfortable.

The title made sense, but she rarely heard it.

Fortunately, there were no outsiders around.

Ever since Jiang Ruyi leveled up and didn't want too many people congratulating outside the cave, Lu Ran issued an order for Ran Sect members to focus on their duties and not come by to celebrate specially.

"Oh?" Qiao Yuansi tilted her face, smiling teasingly at Jiang Ruyi, "Feeling shy~"

"Shoo." Jiang Ruyi playfully chided, pretending to hit.

Qiao Yuansi quickly scampered away.

"Whoosh~" Suddenly, a long whip shot out from the Phoenix 儀九霄 Robe.

Jiang Ruyi was taken aback as the Binding Immortal Whip wrapped around Little Yuanxi's waist, the whip handle automatically landing in its owner's palm.

"Ah!" Qiao Yuansi was lifted into the air, struggling desperately but futilely to break free.

She had no choice but to turn her plea-filled gaze to the back, "Sister Ruyi..."

Jiang Ruyi didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

She hadn't wielded the Binding Immortal Whip; the Magic Artifact had acted on its own to protect its master.

Lu Ran quickly stepped forward to advise, "Ruyi, the child is still young and naive... You definitely mustn't let her go!"

Qiao Yuansi tilted her head with a question mark.

Jiang Ruyi: "..."

The group playfully bantered as they returned to Cloud Sea Residence.

The stone table in the front yard was quite small, so they headed to the backyard.

Since Qiao Yuansi arrived at Cloud Sea Cliff, Cloud Sea Residence has transformed in appearance, the backyard enclosed by stone walls, each side featuring residences.

The west side belonged to Little Yuanxi, the east side to the guards Xuan Shuang and Liu Huo.

But Liu Huo had been sent to the Pear Garden Sect, now replaced by Tian Tian staying with the Xuan Shuang Guard.

Leaving through the north gate of the yard, another residence exists—that's Niu the bodyguard's place.

Because the yard is quite spacious, Niu Zhengzheng lives far away and was fenced outside the thick stone yard wall.

Lu Ran specially arranged this partly because there were women in the yard, but also...

Lu Ran truly had a mental block.

Niu really restrained Ran's personality!

Previously during school days, Lu Ran stayed in the same room with him while training with the Beijing squad in the Demon Cave.

That snoring—it was like thunder! Damn it!

Lu Ran remembers it vividly to this day...

Inside the yard, they gathered around the stone table, Xuan Shuang serving tea.

Lu Ran looked at the newly advanced Sea Realm Great Power and said, "Congratulations!"

Leng Xushuang nodded lightly, expressionless.

Lu Ran called, "Shadow Two, Shadow Three."

Two shadows quietly appeared, each holding a Divine Sword.

Lu Ran acquired these from Feng Zihuan—both were First Rank Divine Swords, plus a First Rank Divine Weapon Halberd, which Lu Ran planned to have Niu Zhengzheng help store temporarily.

Lu Ran took the White Rainbow Stone Sword and Black Luminous Stone Sword, gesturing to Leng Xushuang, "Choose one as a gift for advancing to Sea Realm, from Lady and me."

Leng Xushuang looked at Lu Ran, then at Jiang Ruyi.

Jiang Ruyi nodded, "Now that you've advanced to Sea Realm, you should join us on the battlefield."

Upon hearing she could go to war with the Sect Leader and Lady, Leng Xushuang still wore a cold face, yet inside, she was a bit happy.

Finally, she was somewhat valuable.

"Choose." Lu Ran said, and in his mind transmitted to Qiao Yuansi, [Brother will find something better for you later.]

[mm-mm.] On this matter, Qiao Yuansi was quite well-behaved, not making things difficult for Lu Ran, [Mom's given me a Divine Weapon Seed, just like your token of affection with Sister Ruyi, made from Black Ice.]

And I've been nurturing it for quite some time; maybe it'll be ready one day ~]

Lu Ran smiled and said nothing more.

He had no intention of letting his sister go to war before Qiao Yuansi advanced to Sea Realm; he only wanted to keep her safe at home for protection.

Besides, the Divine Weapon he promised Little Yuanxi wasn't empty words.

After all, Holy Spirit Mountain really lacks nothing in Divine Weapons...

As he pondered, Lu Ran noticed Leng Xushuang's focus remained fixed on the White Rainbow Sword.

In terms of the material's price in Da Xia Country, White Rainbow Stone isn't very high-end.

Tianchen Steel is top-grade, Black Ice/Golden Brilliance/Blood Crystal are second-grade, Black Luminous Stone is third-grade, while White Rainbow Stone might also be third-grade, but cheaper.

Yet, given this situation, Leng Xushuang seems quite taken with the White Rainbow Stone Sword?

Lu Ran knew this sword was called "Beauty Sword."

Quite fitting, isn't it?

"Here." Lu Ran directly handed over the Beauty Sword.

"Thanks, Sect Leader, Lady, for the sword." Leng Xushuang firmly grasped the hilt with one hand and the blade with the other.

Under the Sea Realm Great Power's control, how could the Beauty Sword resist?

Lu Ran turned to Tian Tian, handing over the Black Luminous Stone Sword, "Here, Tian Tian."

"Ah?" Tian Tian was taken aback, pointing to her own nose with a small hand, "I... for me?"

Lu Ran nodded with a smile, "Yes, Lord Black Lotus! Name it nicely and nurture it well."

"I... I..."

"Take it." Jiang Ruyi said softly.

"Oof." Tian Tian carefully wrapped both hands around the Divine Weapon.

Lu Ran suddenly realized Leng Xushuang and Tian Tian—one was the Ice Plum (Demon Queen) of the Evil God, the other was the Black Lotus of the Evil God.

White and black,

Complementing the colors of their respective Divine Swords?

Lu Ran took a sip from his cup, then remembered something, asking Si Xianxian, "How's your Mad Hammer doing? Any sign of action?"

"It buzzes now and then; I'm used to it—not raining, just thunder." Si Xianxian grumbled.

"Maybe you and Mad Hammer need a full-fledged battle?"

"Like blasting those wolf pups?"

"Sure!" Lu Ran agreed immediately.

Originally, Lu Ran left the Hidden Wolf Forest to Si Xianxian of Jiang Realm·Fifth Rank.

But Sister Xian'er really excelled, it wasn't needed.

So save the Hidden Wolf Forest for Mad Hammer.

"When shall we go?" Si Xianxian eagerly asked Lu Ran.

"Tomorrow morning."

"Great." Si Xianxian sprang up, "I'll go sleep and refresh myself!"

"Ah... alright, rest well." Lu Ran thought, realizing Si Xianxian must've been diligently cultivating.

Lu Ran watched Sister Xian'er leave and telepathically communicated with Jiang Ruyi, [How did she advance to Sea Realm? This is too fast!]

[She knew we returned to the human world but didn't dare contact her mother, not even to say she's safe.] Jiang Ruyi took her tea, lightly sipping, [She's feeling stifled and angry.]

Lu Ran silently sighed.

[Tomorrow at Hidden Wolf Forest, go in stealthily and check first. If slaves are there, rescue them first.]

[You're planning...?] Lu Ran looked at Jiang Ruyi inquisitively.

[Let Sister Xian'er blow them up more thoroughly.]

[Mm, sure!]

Chapter 744: fire

The moon rises and sets, the sky gradually brightens.

On the large bed in the master bedroom of Cloud Sea Residence, a couple is sleeping soundly.

Suddenly, a young man opened his sleepy eyes, his brow furrowed slightly as if he had heard something.

Through the carved wooden window, Lu Ran saw the dim light outside, the sky covered with thick sea of clouds, making him feel oppressive.

The breathing beside him was very light, yet could not escape Lu Ran's ears.

The long and rhythmic breathing of his fiancée seemed to have a magic that gradually calmed his heart.

Lu Ran stared at the sky outside for a moment, listening carefully, then cautiously got out of bed.

Passing by the screen, he casually picked up the large white robe hanging at the corner of the screen and put it on.

When Lu Ran stood at the door of Cloud Sea Residence, he indeed saw a woman sitting at the stone table in the courtyard.

"So early?" Lu Ran wrapped his robe tighter and stepped into the courtyard.

"Did I wake you up..." Si Xianxian whispered, "I didn't mean to."

Just now, when the hammer handle knocked against the stone table, Si Xianxian realized that things were not going well.

Sure enough, not long after, Lu Ran came out.

"It's okay." Lu Ran smiled, rare to see, Xian'er sister being embarrassed.

He sat at the stone table and looked at the woman opposite: "Impatient?"

"Woke up early, staying at home felt boring, so I came here." Si Xianxian muttered softly.

Mouth was quite stubborn.

Lu Ran slightly raised his head, watching the clouds churning at the horizon, "Don't have too high expectations for this battle."

"Hmm?" Si Xianxian looked at Lu Ran, somewhat confused.

Lu Ran nodded and said, "You've just been promoted to Sea Realm, you don't know how strong you are. The epic battle you fantasize about is unlikely to happen."

Your enemies can't even withstand a strike from you."

Si Xianxian: "..."

Lu Ran continued: "We are different from other Fierce Heavenly believers, we don't have fatal flaws, and we're not poisoned by Divine-Lie Tian."

Si Xianxian silently nodded.

The strength of the Fierce Heavenly Sect is obvious to all.

But the flaws are also very clear, extremely emotional!

This is undoubtedly quite fatal for a warrior! Most Fierce Heavenly believers play themselves to death.

"The method of our cross-rank slaughter-Fiery Fire Heavenly Leader, is even more open and close, so..." Lu Ran sighed lightly, "you really haven't figured out how terrifying you are."

Si Xianxian pursed her lips, remaining silent.

Lu Ran also realized that this girl was indeed hurt.

In the past, Xian'er sister might have been playful and carefree... in short, she was lively, even crazy.

But now, Mad Immortal protector has finally been promoted to Sea Realm, achieving her dream, yet becomes even more silent.

"What are you thinking?" Lu Ran asked with concern.

"Happy, I suppose." Si Xianxian smiled.

"Tsk tsk~" Lu Ran cheerfully looked at the girl, "You've really grown up."

"Ah?"

"Learned to put on a strong front."

"Humph." Si Xianxian rolled her eyes unamused, it seemed more normal this way.

She fiddled with the Mad Hammer, muttering, "Talk about it all fancy, but in front of the True God, I'm still like a dog..."

Moreover, there's no need to face True God!

Si Xianxian knows well that in front of Lu Ran, she had no power to resist.

Lu Ran was silent for a moment, then said, "We are indeed insignificant ants, wanting to shake the God Demon, always need some time to grow."

"You're not an ant!" Si Xianxian retorted.

She may belittle herself, but wouldn't let Lu Ran do the same.

Lu Ran laughed: "Why not? Last time I went back to the Human World, I was cautious, couldn't see even a bit of light. Just hiding and secretly watching Rain Alley City."

Lu Ran knew, her issue was in the Human World, he was willing to speak openly, not deliberately avoiding it.

Si Xianxian opened her mouth, half a day, muttering: "Then you are the biggest among ants."

Lu Ran: "..."

Thank you for defending me!

He recalled their actions in Beifeng City back then when welcoming the Divine Ruins Fragment.

Xian'er sister didn't understand much but Xian'er sister cared for you!

Lu Ran reached out for the heavy Black Luminous Stone Hammer, weighed it in his hand, and changed the topic: "All along, how did you cultivate the Mad Hammer?"

To cultivate an Artifact Spirit, and for it to become a Divine Weapon, indeed requires the owner's guidance.

Lu Ran also planned to clarify before the battle.

Si Xianxian's answer was crisp and clear: "Maintain inner desire."

"Oh?"

"Mr. Conglong guided me, I found it very true."

"I see." Lu Ran nodded, "What kind of desire? To smash everything? Or the desire for victory?"

Si Xianxian pursed her lips, seemingly hard to say.

Lu Ran felt puzzled: "Hard to say?"

Si Xianxian took a deep breath, saying: "Completing the task you gave."

Lu Ran: "Huh?"

How come this has something to do with me?

Si Xianxian saw Lu Ran's perplexed look, explained: "Last time in Red Rain Valley, when we wiped out the Tangled Silk Shadow clan, you ordered me to blow up that group of Evil Demons.

That was the time when Mad Hammer vibrated the most strongly."

Lu Ran: "..."

Si Xianxian whispered: "After you gave the order, I really wanted to blow up that group of Tangled Silk Shadow, wanted to be more useful, Mr. Conglong helped me analyze the psychological activity.

He told me to maintain this inner desire, and let me... let me..."

Lu Ran's expression was odd: "What?"

Si Xianxian lowered her head, picking at her nails: "Mr. Cong Long told me that in every battle from now on, whenever I face an enemy, I should imagine it's you telling me to blow them to bits."

Lu Ran: "..."

Si Xianxian whispered, "When we get to the Hidden Wolf Forest, you can give me more orders, and use a heavier tone.

The more anxious and eager I am, the more the Mad Hammer can benefit from a wild barrage, right?"

"Uh." Lu Ran scratched his head, cautiously saying, "If I really push you to the brink and you turn around and hit me with a hammer, then what?"

"You fool, can't you dodge?" Si Xianxian blurted out, looking up at Lu Ran.

Lu Ran felt a bit numb.

Clearly it's your job to cultivate the Divine Weapon, so why are the requirements for me so high?

Not only do I have to push you like crazy, but I also have to be careful of you flipping out and getting killed by you...

If it were anyone else, Lu Ran wouldn't be so apprehensive, but facing Si Xianxian in her Fiery Fire Heavenly Leader state?

If Lu Ran even got grazed by the Hammer Shadow, it would end in pulverization!

"I..." Si Xianxian realized her words were inappropriate and quickly said, "I won't attack you, don't worry, I promise!"

"Oh." Lu Ran looked at the girl with suspicion.

"Really!" Si Xianxian was anxious, "How could I harm you... um."

She quickly shut her mouth before finishing her sentence.

An inadvertent raise in her voice made it particularly jarring in the tranquil morning.

Sure enough, not long after, a graceful silhouette appeared at the entrance of the house.

Jiang Ruyi, draped in a loose white robe, lazily ruffled her long hair, looking at the two by the stone table: "What, were you two fighting?"

Lu Ran pointed at the Mad Immortal protector: "She said she wants to smash me and expects me to dodge on my own!"

Si Xianxian: ???

Jiang Ruyi couldn't help but laugh, softly saying: "Save some strength for the enemies."

Si Xianxian stood up, glaring at Lu Ran with her large, beautiful eyes: "You! You wronged me!"

"Then can you control yourself, and not smash me?"

"Of course!"

"Hmm, nevermind, it's too scary, I'll just shut off your Divine Technique."

"Hey? Hey don't! Master, master good master..."

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Over ten minutes later, in a forest in the south-central part of the Holy Spirit Mountain Continent, a Landing Mirror quietly opened.

"Clop, clop, clop..."

Five jet-black divine steeds, their hooves wrapped in flames, stepped out.

Lu Ran, Mad Immortal protector.

Jiang Ruyi, Xuan Shuang Guard.

And a middle-aged man named Shangguan Hongfu.

This Sea Realm Third Rank disciple, Lu Ran found increasingly handy. Hall Master Shangguan not only possessed an array of powerful supportive methods but also had a nice-sounding name.

Hongfu!

Truly a good omen.

Although Shangguan Hongfu belonged to the Qianhua Gang, which was slaughtered; later joined Langhua Village, which also got wiped out.

But that was because the leaders of Qianhua Gang and Langhua Village had weak fates!

Having taken Shangguan Hongfu under his wing for a while, the Ran Sect developed smoothly.

"Wait here, I need to scout ahead." Lu Ran said.

Si Xianxian gripped the Mad Hammer tightly: "What's there to scout? Just charge in!"

Lu Ran had just finished telling her about how strong she was, beyond her imagination.

What's there to dread?

Flatten it, flatten it all!

When she first entered the mountains, she was chased and fled in embarrassment by the people of the Hidden Wolf Forest. That feeling of despair and powerlessness still makes her furious to this day.

These greedy wolf pups deserve to be blown to smithereens!

"I told you to stay put, so just stay put." To everyone's surprise, Lu Ran shot a glare at Si Xianxian.

Si Xianxian was stunned!

The two often bantered, but Lu Ran had never been this firm.

"I brought you here to blast the Hidden Wolf Forest to pieces, but now you'll hold back! I'll scout for a day, and you'll hold it in for a day." Lu Ran coldly said, his figure vanishing, leaving behind a lone warhorse.

The lush forest was quiet.

Jiang Ruyi looked at Si Xianxian to the side, seeing that Sister Xian'er had her head down, seemingly very upset and frustrated.

"Buzz~" The Mad Hammer suddenly vibrated.

Si Xianxian clutched the Mad Hammer tightly, muttering: "You bastard, how effective you are! Fierce and glaring at me, I'll gouge your eyes out..."

Jiang Ruyi: "..."

Sister Xian'er seemed to have figured out Lu Ran's intention.

However, the anger in her heart did not diminish at all.

With the Hidden Wolf Forest right in front, Si Xianxian was pinned down by Lu Ran's order, unable to move an inch.

As time passed, everyone could feel the flame in the Mad Immortal protector's heart burning more intensely.

Burning intensely...

Making Shangguan Hongfu's heart leap with fright.

This was the authentic Sea Realm-Lie Tian!

If enraged, is there any creature in this land that could survive?

Shangguan Hongfu struggled to maintain his composure, feeling like crying inside.

Sect Leader, please come back soon...

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Chapter 745: Ninth-class Divine Disciple?

The scale of the Hidden Wolf Forest was much larger than Lu Ran had imagined. It was nestled on an unremarkable hilltop, hidden within a lush forest.

Lu Ran concealed himself and flew slowly through the air, observing the surroundings.

He had been to Langhua Village and Wolf Bone Village before; both mountain villages were lavish from the inside out, fully displaying the greed of the Greedy Wolf.

But the mountain village below his feet, judging purely by the architectural exterior, was no less impressive!

Unexpectedly, Lu Ran did not see any servant groups.

He had been exploring the Holy Spirit Mountain Realm for nearly two years, and he could easily distinguish who the high authorities were, who belonged to the ruling class, and who were the lower-class servants.

Yet, he only saw the fierce and menacing disciples of the Greedy Wolf.

There were no submissive servants, and seemingly no believers from other sects either.

Was the "bloodline" of Hidden Wolf Forest this pure?

A single color of wolf pups?

"Hmm?" Just as Lu Ran was puzzled, his gaze locked onto the back mountain.

A wisp of light smoke unexpectedly wafted out from there, slowly spiraling upwards, then drifting away with the wind, resembling wisps of cooking smoke.

Were these greedy wolf pups indulging their taste buds again?

Lu Ran snorted coldly in his heart and flew alone towards the back mountain.

Soon enough, Lu Ran's expression changed!

He originally thought that the Greedy Wolf disciples were roasting meat here, but the large pit in the forest, haphazardly filled with the corpses of the Human Clan, made Lu Ran's hair stand on end!

What exactly were these wolf pups roasting?

Lu Ran was both shocked and angry!

How could they be so vile? The realm was full of evil demons, yet wasn't there pork, beef, or horse meat available everywhere?

Damn!

Lu Ran looked around and saw a medium-sized house, from which wisps of light smoke were emerging through the skylight on the roof.

He immediately flew over.

And when Lu Ran peered inside through the skylight, he was taken aback.

A pill furnace?

The blue-gold pill furnace was quite large and semi-transparent, with blue-gold flames flickering within it, and a faint mist circulating inside, dream-like and illusory.

The curling blue smoke exuded a peculiar fragrance that made one salivate unconsciously.

Pill Master Divine Technique · Blue-Gold Pill Furnace?

"This?" Lu Ran was utterly shocked.

He could never have imagined that within the Holy Spirit Mountain, he would encounter disciples of the Pill Master faction.

Divine · Pill Master, ranked ninth!

The weakest among the weak gods!

In the pantheon of Da Xia's Divine beings, there is only one such deity specializing in alchemy; precisely the ninth-grade god, Lord Pill Master.

Ninety-nine percent of people live their entire lives never tasting a single pill.

Because followers of this faction are few, and the conditions for refining pills are extremely stringent, requiring the disciples to advance to the River Realm.

This is fundamentally a paradox!

The disciples under the ninth-grade deity · Pill Master generally don't have high aptitudes. How many of them truly advance to the River Realm?

But speaking of which, little Yuanxi once received a pill!

Beijing University, truly Da Xia's topmost institution, and at that time, little Yuanxi was still at the River Realm · Fourth Rank, and the end-of-term reward for their four-person team was a Breakthrough Pill.

The pill, as its name suggests, helps one break through cultivation bottlenecks.

The Pill Master faction has other elixir recipes, too.

The most famous of their pills is the Drunken Life Pill!

After consuming this pill, people can enter an incredibly real and extremely wonderful Illusion Realm.

Compared with the Evil Technique · Chasing Moon Eyes of the Ghost Moon Fox, it is even more remarkable!

You would truly be reborn and live anew in that world!

Everything you desire, the deepest wishes of your heart, can all be fulfilled with the help of this "Drunken Life Pill."

In the human world of Da Xia, the Drunken Life Pill is invaluable!

Precisely because the real world is too oppressive and cruel, people need spiritual sustenance even more.

And a Drunken Life Pill can let people know what the ultimate enjoyment in the human world is.

Lu Ran was well aware of his own limitations.

If he were to take a Drunken Life Pill, he might very well end up slaughtering all the gods and demons in another world... perhaps?

"Gulp." Lu Ran swallowed.

The light smoke rising from the pill furnace truly made one's mouth water.

He carefully observed the room and saw an old woman in a blue-gold robe in front of the large pill furnace.

Her hair was grizzled, and she had her hands spread open, with Divine Power surging in her palms, clearly casting a spell.

And near the doorway, Lu Ran saw a few crooked figures.

The four men and women were all dressed in dark silk garments, quite luxurious, seeming to have a high status within the village.

They were not dead.

Instead, they were... intoxicated and bewildered.

Their silly, blissful faces indicated that the four were immersed in a wonderful world, unable to extricate themselves.

"Clack~clack~"

The lid of the pill furnace suddenly began to shake, producing a string of crisp sounds.

"Whoosh!!"

The old woman's uplifted hands were surging with Divine Power.

The blue-gold pill furnace, composed of pure energy, was constantly compressing inward.

Until finally, the blue-gold pill furnace, the fire within, as well as the alchemical materials inside, all condensed into a pill the size of a thumb.

It was blue-gold in color, exuding a peculiar luster.

The enticing aroma of the pill made Lu Ran's fingers itch.

"Tap!"

The strange pill fell to the ground, and the old woman stood up and wobbled over.

She picked up the pill, walked to the wooden table deep inside the room, and placed the pill into a jar.

Then she walked outside again.

As she passed the entrance and saw the four "drunken and lost" Greedy Wolf disciples, the elderly woman couldn't help but shake her head and sigh: "Alas..."

Lu Ran raised his eyebrows slightly, watching the elderly woman walk out of the building.

In such a state, how could these four Greedy Wolf disciples manage a Pill Master believer?

Or maybe, they never intended to manage them.

Could a mere Pill Master believer really escape the Hidden Wolf Forest?

Lu Ran slowly flew up, watching the elderly woman enter the forest, step by step, until she reached a large pit.

Watching her descend the dirt slope, she dragged out a skeleton and returned to the building.

Lu Ran frowned tightly!

Were these pills made using people's bones?

No way!

Although Lu Ran wasn't a top student, he knew well that the Pill Master's pills were made from plants sourced from the Demon Cave.

This...?

Lu Ran felt a chill run through his body and had no desire to taste them anymore!

"Creak."

The elderly woman pushed the door open and entered, coming to the center of the room, again summoning a cyan-gold pill furnace, and threw the corpse inside.

It was precisely at this moment when her actions paused slightly.

Moments later, she respectfully said in a low voice, "The Drunken Life Pill is in the jar on the table, you can take it yourself, I won't say more, please don't make it hard for me..."

Before she finished speaking, the elderly woman's body stiffened.

A bronze mirror suddenly appeared in front of her, quickly transforming into a landing mirror.

Her body was out of control, pulled by several red silk threads, drawn into the mirror.

She only felt a blur before her eyes, and standing right in front was a grand horse wrapped in flames!

Evil Demon·Wu Huoju?!

Instinctively retreating, her limbs wouldn't listen, and her cloudy eyes were immediately filled with despair.

However, the expected sea of fire did not rush at her.

The elderly woman stood in a daze for a long while before realizing that atop the majestic battle horse was the figure of a member of the Human Clan.

"Ngrrr..."

The black majestic horse snorted, treading flames, turning aside.

A noble woman adorned in a big red phoenix robe looked down unemotionally at the elder.

"Plop! Thud...thud..."

One by one, the drunken men and women were thrown out of the landing mirror, resembling puddles of mud.

As the landing mirror closed, the elderly woman finally regained her freedom.

She was placed on the ground, immediately kneeling, lowering her head, not daring to look at the woman in the phoenix robe: "Spare me, my lord, I am a Pill Master believer of no threat to you and can make pills for you."

Pill Master believer?

Jiang Ruyi was also quite surprised that there were even ninth-grade Divine disciples within the Holy Spirit Mountain?

Although surprised, Jiang Ruyi immediately looked at Lu Ran and asked, "Who are these four?"

The elderly woman misunderstood the question and immediately answered, "They are the personal guards of the Hidden Wolf Village Chief, sent to monitor my pill-making."

Jiang Ruyi glanced at the exquisitely dressed elderly woman and asked, "Are you a slave of the Hidden Wolf Forest?"

The elderly woman nodded immediately: "I've only survived by relying on the alchemy technique."

Lu Ran transmitted a message to Jiang Ruyi: [Ask where all the slaves of Hidden Wolf Forest are, and how many there are.]

Jiang Fairy, clad in the Phoenix儀九霄 Robe, made it impossible for anyone to lie before her.

Jiang Ruyi immediately asked, and the elderly woman's response was shocking.

There aren't many slaves in Hidden Wolf Forest; all believers from other sects are killed by the Greedy Wolf believers and thrown into the forest next to the alchemy house to be made into Drunken Life Pills.

Within the Holy Spirit Mountain, disciples from different sects are destined to clash swords.

Since Hidden Wolf Forest captured a Pill Master believer and tasted the Drunken Life Pill, never tasted in the Human World, they've been more diligent in searching for entrants into the mountain.

Lu Ran couldn't help but ask, "Aren't the pills from the Pill Master's faction made from Demon Cave plants?"

"Yes, in the Human World, they are. Our disciples would never dare, nor is it possible, to use kin to make pills."

The elderly woman responded tremblingly: "But here... I was forced. The pills made from the bodies of the human clan of the River Realm can reach the River Grade..."

Lu Ran looked extremely grim, remembering another faction—Qian Gu!

When Thousand Bone believers activate the Divine Technique·Thousand Bone Altar, they also sacrifice human lives.

The more living sacrifices, the higher their cultivation Realm, the stronger the Thousand Bone Altar's effects!

In the Human World, the Thousand Bone disciples would never unleash such cruel skills, but after coming to Holy Spirit Mountain, they really acted with impunity.

"I...I have deep sins!" The elderly woman kowtowed heavily to the ground.

She realized that the young man behind her was very angry, not like the people of Hidden Wolf Forest, who were cheerful when they caught her.

After all, who wouldn't want a taste of the exquisite delicacies that couldn't be exchanged for even a fortune in the Human World?

Though, with or without this Pill Master believer, the human clan within Holy Spirit Mountain were still slaughtering each other endlessly.

But with the Pill Master believer, Hidden Wolf Forest undoubtedly had more motivation for the slaughter.

"Are you sure there are no other slaves in Hidden Wolf Forest?" Lu Ran asked in a deep voice.

"I am sure, the Drunken Life Pill consumption in Hidden Wolf Forest is substantial each day..."

Lu Ran looked at Jiang Ruyi, who slightly nodded, indicating that the elder was telling the truth.

"Mad Immortal!" Lu Ran pointed to the four piles of mud, "Appetizers, make it quiet."

"Boom!" Si Xianxian immediately swung the Mad Hammer, jumping off the horse.

The Mad Immortal protector smashed the head of a Greedy Wolf disciple with one blow, and even then, the other three remained immersed in an incomparable world of beauty, without any response to the external world.

Lu Ran turned his head, looking towards the direction of the Hidden Wolf Forest, his expression sullen:  
"Later, make as much noise as possible!"

Si Xianxian carried the Mad Hammer, executing them one by one, squeezing out a response:

"Yes!"

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Chapter 746: Exploded!

East of the Hidden Wolf Forest, at the mountain gate.

A guard in dark clothing suddenly sniffed the air.

Sniff~

"I say, have you smelled..." Before he could finish, the man's eyes sharpened.

From the forest ahead, petals of plum blossoms suddenly scattered down.

The falling petals danced lightly, like a dream, like an illusion.

Amidst the beautiful flower rain, a figure even more enchanting and alluring descended with trails of afterimages.

The white dress was whiter than snow, the skin like ice and jade.

Hair like a waterfall swayed gently, a pair of cold eyes were set in a stunningly beautiful face.

This woman, capable of overthrowing kingdoms, could mesmerize anyone, and the subtle plum fragrance pervading the world further captivated the soul.

Unknowingly, one could become thoroughly entranced.

"Soul Capturing Cold Fragrance! This is the Ice Plum Demon Queen..." The guard shouted loudly, trying to awaken those around him.

The powerful senses of the Greedy Wolf disciples instead became a hindrance.

Had it been believers from other sects, they would have needed more time to become spellbound...

"Hoo~"

The mesmerizing woman wielded the White Rainbow Sword, crafting beautiful sword flowers.

Sharp ice sword qi, in semi-circular arcs, swiftly slashed toward the mountain gate.

"Wake up... quickly dodge... ah!"

The anxious guard had no time to awaken his companions, hurriedly evading the terrifying sword qi.

Yet under the bewitching Soul Capturing Cold Fragrance of the Ice Plum Demon Queen's Evil Technique, the willful man's mind was also somewhat blurred.

Sharp ice sword qi roared past!

The man tried his best to dodge, but couldn't avoid the successive waves of ice sword qi.

Cold Plum and Ice Plum Demon Queen, this god and demon, shared the same name — Little Sword One!

The Sea Grade Ice Sword Qi was violently fierce, splitting the Water Flow Armor and the Greedy Wolf guard in half.

It was a brutal scene, yet there was a certain beauty to it.

Amidst the flower rain, the body split in two was directly frozen by the ice, not shedding any blood, already transformed into a snow sculpture.

Leng Xushuang had no expression, her beautiful eyes glancing over the split corpse, seeing the emperor-robed youth within the fort.

A familiar feeling surged in her heart.

The same mountain gate.

The same filthy den of Greedy Wolf disciples.

The same valiant and imposing emperor-robed youth.

The difference was, he once had encouragement in his eyes, taking her to fight, to seek revenge.

Now, his face bore a smile, his eyes held more admiration.

As if appreciating a work of art.

A work meticulously sculpted by his own hands, placed upon the Divine Altar, a statue of beauty.

She liked the way the emperor-robed youth looked at her.

No longer with pity, but with admiration.

It was appreciation.

Leng Xushuang tightened her grip on the White Rainbow Sword, her jade hands rising and falling, blossoming sword flowers, sword qi rampant.

If he wanted to watch, she would let him watch.

If he liked the plum fragrance, she would let the plum blossoms fall like rain.

Speaking of... he hadn't asked her to perform a sword dance for a long time.

"Hoo!!"

High in the sky, a giant hammer suddenly appeared.

Its magnificent scale was astonishing!

The Sea Grade Sky-Fierce Divine Hammer, spanning a thousand meters, its terrifying energy radiated, filling the world, stirring the clouds in the sky into turmoil.

Leng Xushuang looked up, seeing the grand move of the Fierce Heavenly Sect.

Without a doubt, this terrifying war hammer was a force of destruction.

Once it fell, the entire mountain would be shattered.

Leng Xushuang also saw several people riding horses, suspended in mid-air.

The Mad Immortal protector, flames burning on his body, held the Mad Hammer high, shouting something.

Hall Master Shangguan carried an eight-sided lantern, putting a golden-red defense shield around everyone, escorting the Mad Immortal protector.

Lady Ran, cloaked in a phoenix robe, scattered White Jade Talismans into the fortress.

"Ah!! Enemy attack, enemy attack!"

"Fierce... Fierce Heavenly Divine Hammer?"

"Damn! Is it fake... fake..."

"Run, quickly!"

The huge fortress fell into complete chaos, screams unending.

Everyone knew that after this hammer fell, the Hidden Wolf Forest would be leveled!

[The hammer head is slightly tilted, step back, keep the road down the mountain guarded.]

[Yes!] Leng Xushuang left trails of afterimages, urgently activating the Evil Technique.

Plum petals poured down like snowflakes, sharp as knives, forming a beautiful yet deadly domain.

Ice Plum Demon Queen's Evil Technique-Ice Plum Nine Heavens!

"Crackle~ Crackle!"

Thunder Balls emerged in various places of the fortress.

Sparks of electricity ran frantically, twisting like fine snakes, confining all living beings within a five-hundred-meter radius.

Regardless if you're invisible!

I don't even need to know where you are.

Two words: Stand still!

"Crackle~ Crackle!"

Adding insult to injury, not only was the phoenix-robed woman in the sky scattering Electric Shackles Talismans, but an emperor-robed youth also rapidly moved through the Hidden Wolf Forest, leaving behind Thunder Domains.

"Sss—"

Lu Ran stepped on Immortal Fog, two circles of White Jade Tokens surrounding him, moving through the enemy camp as if it were uninhabited.

All of you, don't leave!

"Aaaah..." In the sky, the fiercely burning Mad Immortal protector shouted wantonly.

She swung the Mad Hammer fiercely downward.

"Whoosh!!"

The Sky-Fierce Divine Hammer thunderously smashed down, heading straight for the Hidden Wolf Forest.

"Here we go." Lu Ran grinned, leaving behind an Electric Shackles Talisman and quickly departed.

This time, with instant teleportation, he exerted all his strength, flashing over a full ten kilometers.

Not only that, Lu Ran deactivated the Evil Technique·Evil Recognition and covered his ears with his hands.

In his sight, the grand hammer seemed like the judgment of the divine, crashing heavily onto the ground.

"Boom!!"

The earth-shattering sound was no less terrifying than the clash of gods and demons above the Cloud Sea.

A mushroom cloud rose into the sky!

The mountain exploded, stones flying everywhere, luxurious buildings reduced to dust.

One by one, whether standing in despair, fleeing in panic, or hidden from view, were blown to pieces in the terrifying blast wave.

Even the retreating Leng Xushuang was swept by the frightening blast, her dress fluttering, swallowed by thick smoke.

"Buzz!"

The Mad Hammer vibrated violently.

That world-destroying heart, in the owner's extreme desire, grew wildly.

[Blast! Mad Immortal, blast for me!]

[Ah!] Si Xianxian responded in her mind, again swinging the Mad Hammer, casting burning hammer shadows at the smoke-filled Hidden Wolf Forest.

Fierce Heavenly Divine Skill-Bursting Sky Vault!

"Bang! Bang!"

"Boom..."

Rather than saying the Mad Immortal protector was killing enemies, it was more accurate to say she was destroying this part of the world.

The mushroom cloud had yet to disperse, smoke everywhere, and of course, Si Xianxian couldn't see anything. She just kept casting hammer shadows indiscriminately.

Jiang Ruyi timely changed tactics, throwing down Bursting Flame Talismans, using a fierce sea of fire to trap the wolf pups.

Letting Sister Xian'er bomb freely.

Meanwhile, Lu Ran's voice of reprimand echoed again in Si Xianxian's mind:

[More enemies! How are there still enemies alive? What are you doing? I told you to blow them up, didn't you hear?]

[Where's your output?]

[You dream of replacing Lie Tian? You want to be Mad Xian'er?]

[Blast! Blast it! Destroy this place!]

Si Xianxian: !!!

Her body trembled, not from panic, but from anger.

Extreme anger!

"Neigh~~~"

The Black Fire Colt was terrified, its hooves treading wildly.

It could feel the anger of the woman on its back, it even heard the sound of gold-red cracks crawling out of the defense shield on its body.

This defense shield, from the Sea Grade Divine Skill·Holy Fire Cage, crafted by Sea Realm Third Rank·Shangguan Hongfu.

However, Si Xianxian's body was filled with Fierce Heavenly Power!

She was infuriated!

She firmly believed Lu Ran's words; if he said there were still enemies alive below, there certainly were.

The Mad Immortal protector crazily swung the hammer, careless of anything else, clamping her legs around the horse's belly with a force far exceeding the needed threshold for keeping her balance.

If not for Shangguan Hongfu's Holy Fire Cage, this Black Fire Divine Steed might have been completely crushed into two pieces by the furious Mad Immortal protector...

"Bang! Bang! Bang!"

"Boom!" The Mad Immortal protector recklessly bombarded below.

The reprimanding voice in her mind never ceased.

[Are you capable or not? The wolf pups are escaping!]

[You dare call yourself a Ran Sect protector? You can't even complete this task?]

[Blast! Blast!!]

"Shut... shut up!" Si Xianxian said in frustration and anger, clenching her teeth, squeezing out the words from between them.

Her hammer-swinging speed increased with no pattern, truly like a madwoman.

"Buzz!!"

The Mad Hammer vibrated violently.

The owner's heart, furiously desiring to smash the enemy, carried the Mad Hammer, and in the dark opened a special door.

"Damn it, calm down!" Si Xianxian clutched the war hammer fiercely, swearing.

"Whoosh!!"

The Mad Hammer did not calm down, a terrifying energy unfurled.

Mist rose in heaven and earth, fog dragon rolls gradually took shape.

Ten kilometers away, Lu Ran was about to continue amplifying the chaos, and at this sight, couldn't help but rejoice, immediately transmitting:[It's done!]

[Done...?]

[Upgrade your Divine Weapon, recall your psychological state just now, over and over, don't stop!]

"Heh... heh..." Si Xianxian gasped heavily, for the first time since going mad, genuinely looking at the stone hammer in her hand.

In the next moment, she and the Mad Hammer were both shrouded by fog.

Lu Ran flashed to the mountain's base, fine water droplets manifested around, with small Azure Dragons roaming and swimming.

Ashar Divine Skill·Azure Dragon Sea Domain!

Indeed, Lu Ran wasn't adept with archery, but the Ashan Sect's Azure Dragon Sea Domain and Azure Dragon Armor skills, he certainly could use.

Within a hundred-meter radius, dense water droplets fed all domain information back to Lu Ran.

The small Azure Dragons roamed around, seeking potential enemies for their master.

Thick smoke and blazing fires were rapidly "purified" by this water-shaped skill.

"Sizzle—"

Lu Ran searched throughout, seeking the ones that slipped through.

In the slaughterhouse surrounded by Jiang Ruyi and Leng Xushuang, under the wild bombing of the Mad Immortal protector, were there truly any that slipped through?

Lu Ran was highly skeptical.

"Buzz!"

During the search, the Sea Realm·Third Rank Greedy Wolf Divine Sculpture in his mind suddenly vibrated.

Expanding its scope swiftly.

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Chapter 747: Mad Immortal

When ordinary weapons gather artifact spirits into form, it causes a significant commotion, even attracting the Fog Dragon Roll.

But the time for its upgrade was merely a brief half-hour.

When the dense fog between heaven and earth dissipated, the dust had also disappeared, and the mountain peak that once stood here vanished without a trace, leaving behind a deep pit with a diameter of several kilometers.

The impact of the massive hammer, which reached a scale of a thousand meters, covered much more than a thousand meters.

In the huge pit, the earth was shattered, flames were spreading, and there were densely packed craters.

Well, now there's no need to clean up the battlefield.

The filthy mountain stronghold was blown to bits, and those not reduced to powder were entirely burned away by the fierce fire of the Fierce Heavenly Sect.

Witnessing such a scene, Lu Ran couldn't help but be secretly astonished.

What a Mad Immortal protector!

Truly ferocious!

Others seek revenge, kill enemies, mostly with white blades in and red blades out.

Mad Immortal doesn't play by that rule!

She directly reduces the enemy, their military camp, and even the whole mountain peak carrying their camp to powder...

My illness, named Lie Tian!

My name, the Destroyer of Heaven and Earth Mad Immortal!

Lu Ran couldn't help but remember the reproaches, even mockery, he just made against her...

"Uh." He felt a little intimidated, and looked up.

Just happened to see, high above, the Mad Immortal protector riding the Wu Huo divine steed, glaring with beautiful eyes, staring fiercely below.

Their gazes intertwined.

Lu Ran pretended as if nothing had happened, nodded in a distant gesture: [Congratulations.]

Si Xianxian remained silent, tightly gripping the Mad Hammer, staring intently at Lu Ran.

For some reason, Lu Ran suddenly recalled a slang from Northern Shaanxi—I'm really tempted to hammer you to death!

"Mad Immortal." A faint voice came from beside him.

Si Xianxian turned her head to see Lady Ran wearing the phoenix robe, whose intimidating presence made her eyes burn painfully, and even her soul tremble slightly.

She lowered her head, avoiding eye contact: "Lady."

"Calm down." Jiang Ruyi cast Frost Talismans, stopping the fire from spreading.

"Yes." Si Xianxian closed her eyes and exhaled deeply.

She just advanced with the Mad Hammer, under the mutual influence of one person and one weapon, she indeed reached the explosive critical point, with a desire to destroy everything.

Jiang Ruyi rode downward to Lu Ran's side: "Have all the Dead Souls been captured?"

Lu Ran scanned the surroundings, glanced at the sky, and then nodded.

During the time when the Mad Hammer was advancing, Lu Ran searched for any missed fish while capturing souls, doing both without delay.

Because Si Xianxian was always in the sky, and the Fog Dragon Roll was connected to her, the fog on the ground wasn't as thick as imagined, allowing Lu Ran's Pupil of the Dead World to come into play, enabling precise soul capture.

Jiang Ruyi immediately said: "This place is not suitable for staying long, let's head back first."

Such a scene is sure to attract Human Clan or Evil Demon investigators.

However, whether it's the Hidden Wolf Forest that cleared everything around, its renowned reputation, or the Ran Gate Team comprised entirely of Sea Realm Great Powers, their strength is too terrifying, so no one dared to interfere in the past ten minutes or so.

Perhaps there are people secretly observing from afar now, it's uncertain.

[Let's go.]Lu Ran signaled everyone, descended directly to the deepest part of the pit, and then opened an Ancient Bronze Mirror.

With one step, it led to Cloud Sea Residence.

After confirming everyone had returned, Lu Ran immediately flashed and flopped onto the big bed in the bedroom.

Teleportation, Instant Teleportation, it's truly wonderful.

One moment on the battlefield, the next moment in bed...

Of course, Lu Ran couldn't sleep, after all, his mind was still buzzing, but he had his own little life hack:

Stop resisting, I am a fool.

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The next day, in the morning.

When Lu Ran's mind regained clarity, he felt quietly disappointed.

The two Sea Realm Dead Souls from Hidden Wolf Forest, over forty River Realm Dead Souls, couldn't send his Greedy Wolf Divine Sculpture to the Heavenly Realm.

The original Sea Realm·Third Rank Greedy Wolf Divine Sculpture stopped at Sea Realm·Fifth Rank.

"What a pity." Lu Ran muttered softly.

"You're awake." A gentle voice came from behind.

Lu Ran just realized he was being embraced, with fingertips gently massaging his temple.

He turned and said: "No need for that, Ruyi, I've gotten used to emptying my mind, you can go busy yourself, no need to specially care for me."

If I must remain awake and think, then help me with the massage."

Jiang Ruyi acted as if she hadn't heard, softly said: "Xian'er is in the courtyard, waiting to apologize to you."

"Apologize?" Lu Ran was puzzled, "Apologize for what?"

Jiang Ruyi rubbed her fingers and said casually: "She might feel that her attitude towards you on the battlefield yesterday wasn't very good. She came last night, and has been sitting all night."

"Oh." Lu Ran flashed into the courtyard.

At the stone table, Si Xianxian sat on the stone stool, playing with the Mad Hammer, seemingly unchanged from the early morning yesterday.

"You... Master, you're awake." Si Xianxian whispered at the sight of him.

"Why are you feeling guilty?" Lu Ran asked suspiciously.

This is obviously a being that can destroy heaven and earth, having just cultivated a Divine Weapon, should be full of vigor.

Why is she acting like a guilty little girl?

"Hehe~" Si Xianxian grinned and said, "Not feeling guilty."

Lu Ran snorted, casually took the over two meters long Mad Hammer, carefully observed: "Did you sit here all night?"

"Ah... Just came to thank you, Master." Si Xianxian scratched her nails, "The fact that the Mad Hammer became a Divine Weapon, you were really helpful."

Lu Ran returned the Black Luminous Stone Hammer: "Not here to apologize?"

Si Xianxian pursed her lips and whispered: "There indeed were a few moments on the battlefield yesterday, when I wanted to hit you."

Lu Ran rolled his eyes.

I knew it!

You really want to smash me to death...

Si Xianxian lowered her head, "Ruyi scolded me, I know I was wrong. I initially asked you to be harsher with me, you helped me so wholeheartedly, and I glared at you..."

Lu Ran, amused, sat down opposite her at the stone table, "So how do you plan to compensate me?"

"Ah?" Si Xianxian was taken aback, clearly hadn't considered this question.

She pondered for a long while and then muttered, "I've already become your maid, how else can I compensate you?"

Lu Ran was speechless.

Always claiming to be a maid!

Why do I feel that since the day we met, it's always been me serving you?

Lu Ran suddenly leaned forward, lowered his voice, "From now on, you're not allowed to climb into the Lady's bed anymore."

Si Xianxian: "..."

Lu Ran smiled, pressing his lips together.

Si Xianxian also leaned forward and lowered her voice, "That's not possible, pick another one."

Lu Ran: ?

Si Xianxian pouted, looking a bit aggrieved.

Previously, she was at the River Realm and didn't dare approach Jiang Ruyi, but now she has finally advanced to the Sea Realm, and the young man in front of her is so heartless!

Lu Ran said irritably, "Your apology is not sincere, is it?"

Si Xianxian was silent for a while and then suddenly asked softly, "Young Master, we can communicate telepathically, so why are we whispering?"

Lu Ran: "emmm..."

True, huh?

Lu Ran sat up straight, going along with her topic change, no longer making things difficult for her, "Have you decided in which direction to develop your Mad Hammer?"

Si Xianxian scratched her head, looking a bit troubled, "I have some ideas, but I can't really articulate them."

Lu Ran said, "Just say whatever you and the hammer are thinking."

Si Xianxian laid the Mad Hammer flat on the table, examined it, and a couple of words slipped out of her mouth: "Destruction, madness... something like that?"

Lu Ran placed a hand on the hammer's handle, his fingertips lightly brushing over it.

"Buzz~"

The Mad Hammer trembled slightly.

As Lu Ran's fingertips swept over it, a deep purple sheen appeared on the pure black stone.

Mysterious and beautiful.

Cannot be associated with destruction, madness, or anything like that.

"If you can't figure it out, you can slowly understand it on the battlefield," Lu Ran instructed, "Tomorrow, accompany me to the Glazed Realm."

"What is the Glazed Realm?"

"The stronghold of the Jade-faced Snake clan."

"Okay!" Si Xianxian immediately nodded.

Yesterday, after obliterating Hidden Wolf Forest, she felt quite pleased, having vented her anger greatly!

But she hadn't had enough of the smashing.

Si Xianxian genuinely realized that the once-mighty entity that could force her to death was now an ant beneath her feet.

Not worth a strike!

For her, only the lair of powerful evil demons, or first and second-ranked Strong God sects, would be challenging.

"You're going to the Glazed Realm?" Jiang Ruyi stepped forward, with a Xuan Shuang Guard carrying a tea tray behind her.

Lu Ran nodded, "My Jade-faced Snake Evil Sculpture is still at the River Realm, it needs an upgrade. Besides, the Glazed Realm is rich in rare herbs and plants, I plan to harvest some alchemy materials."

Yesterday morning, before the attack on Hidden Wolf Forest, Lu Ran had already sent the rescued Pill Master believers to Cloud Sea Cliff.

Lu Ran continued, "I plan to have the Pill Master believers refine some Breakthrough Pills for us, to see if they can help Mr. Conglong break through to the Sea Realm Peak."

In Da Xia of the human world, seeking connections and spending a fortune to buy a Breakthrough Pill is far less reliable than collecting a large number of Demon Crystals.

After all, these pills are priceless in the market, extremely difficult to obtain.

And now, since the Ran Sect has captured a Pill Master disciple, it's naturally critical to make good use of him.

"Hmm." Jiang Ruyi nodded gently.

It's indeed time to establish an alchemy room within Cloud Sea Cliff.

The Pill Master's faction has four elixir recipes:

The first is the Qi Blood Pill, which can replenish qi and blood, making one full of vitality and energy;

The second is the Soul Nourishing Pill, which can nourish, repair, and strengthen the souls of the human clan;

The third is the famous Drunken Life Pill;

The fourth is the Breakthrough Pill that helps people with small rank advancements.

These four elixir recipes correspond to four types of Divine Techniques, while the remaining two Divine Techniques of the Pill Master's faction are the "Azure-Gold Pill Fire" and the "Azure-Gold Pill Furnace."

Honestly, if the Pill Master's faction weren't so demanding with their alchemy standards, and Qi Blood Pills could be mass-produced...

The offspring of the human clan would probably be more plentiful!

If Soul Nourishing Pills could be mass-produced, then after humans die, the deities devouring human souls might find them even more delectable.

"Elixirs..." Si Xianxian eyed Lu Ran longingly, "Do you want to try the Drunken Life Pill?"

Lu Ran remained silent for a moment, then slowly shook his head, "Better not."

Too easy to get addicted.

Si Xianxian: "Don't you want to understand your true self and know what you truly want?"

So many people in this world can't see themselves clearly.

Some deceive themselves, some are overly self-assured.

It's okay; the Drunken Life Pill will help you uncover your deepest desires and offer you the most perfect life.

Lu Ran took the teacup handed over by the Xuan Shuang Guard, blew on it, and said slowly, "I know what I want. I want you to stop climbing into the Lady's bed."

Si Xianxian: "..."

"Haha~" Jiang Ruyi couldn't help but chuckle softly.

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#### Chapter 748: Glass Soul

Early the next morning, Lu Jiang and the others, along with the Mad Immortal Protector, Xuan Shuang Guard, and Shangguan Hongfu, arrived at the headquarters of the Jade-faced Snake tribe.

The Glazed Realm is indeed as beautiful as an Immortal Realm!

Under a faint lingering mist, there was a scene of lush vegetation, with flowers blooming vividly and dew drops adorning them.

Amidst the towering mountains and ridges, there were also lakes hidden, with clear rivers running east to west.

"Glazed Realm..." Si Xianxian's eyes were somewhat dazed, feeling as if she had entered a different world.

Every flower and tree here seemed to exude a sense of immortal energy.

"Oh?" Lu Ran held the Connection Mirror and seemed to have discovered something incredible.

It looked like a tree, spreading its branches, with each drooping branch adorned with clusters of beautiful jasmine flowers.

"What is it?" Jiang Ruyi urged her horse forward, glanced at the Ancient Bronze Mirror in Lu Ran's hand, and raised her eyebrows slightly.

Drooping Silk Jasmine?

"I see you!" Lu Ran smiled, looking at his fiancée beside him.

"Go." Jiang Ruyi also smiled and spat lightly.

She was well aware of Lu Ran's little thoughts, always liking to use flowers to represent people, and his dog's nose particularly liked to smell floral scents.

"Let me see, where are you... huh?" Lu Ran zoomed out the lens, trying to lock onto the position of the flowers, and then discovered that this Drooping Silk Jasmine was different from the rest.

Why is it so large?

The Drooping Silk Jasmine in the Demon Cave·Lingyun Mountain in Da Xia was a "miniature tree," kept in a flowerpot.

The Drooping Silk Jasmine in the Holy Spirit Mountain was a true tree.

The jasmine flowers were no longer pure white but a mix of pink and white, and the originally emerald green leaves had turned dark green.

Si Xianxian leaned over and suggested, "We can take it back and plant it in the yard."

"Hmm." Lu Ran looked around, then looked up, "It should be there?"

The group urged their horses to fly upwards, and sure enough, saw the quietly standing jasmine tree. It emitted a faint jasmine fragrance, and was surrounded by a strong divine power.

The jasmine flowers do not produce divine power but are movers of nature.

They absorb the energy between heaven and earth and release excess divine power, which is considered a valuable aid for the cultivation of believers of the Human Clan.

Yes... take it away!

"Huh~" Lu Ran summoned a Landing Mirror.

What a pity, the Fiery Phoenix Patterned Gourd was accompanying the Evil Shadow Guardian to the seclusion room to cultivate and break through. Otherwise, they could have first absorbed this three-meter-high flower tree into the Treasure Gourd to prevent the petals from falling during transportation.

"Hiss!!"

Just as Lu Ran was about to "uproot the Immortal Jasmine," a sharp hissing sound came from afar.

"Hmm?" Lu Ran turned to look, his eyes lighting up.

Every time he saw such an evil demon, he couldn't help but secretly marvel.

In this world, there are really few who can rival Jiang Ruyi and Leng Xushuang in terms of appearance and temperament.

The Evil Demon-Jade-faced Snake is definitely one of them!

She had a delicate and charming face, with long, black hair coiled high and a white veil floating behind her.

She wore white clothes and a white veil, holding a crystal-clear white Jade Ruyi in her hand.

And her lower body was a long and beautiful snake body, with jade-like white scales glistening with a strange luster under the sunlight, dreamlike and fantastical.

"Oh wow~ you stole someone's tree!" Si Xianxian said this, but her body ignited with fierce flames. She swung the Mad Hammer forward with force.

A blazing hammer shadow spun rapidly, striking directly at the Jade-faced Snake.

Fierce Heavenly Divine Skill-Sky-breaking Explosion!

"Hiss!" The Jade-faced Snake looked angry, her red lips slightly parted, and let out another hiss.

Her long snake tail wrapped around her body, the white scales shimmering brightly.

Jade-faced Snake Evil Technique-Immortal Scales.

"Boom!" The war hammer exploded, layers of flames spreading out.

Amidst the terrifying explosion, the shrill screams of the Jade-faced Snake could be heard.

"What?" Si Xianxian was surprised.

Screams?

She had specifically activated the Overkill Method-Fiery Fire Heavenly Leader!

Generally, evil demons, when struck by this hammer, don't even have the chance to scream, they would just be blasted to pieces and burned completely.

But this Jade-faced Snake...

No wonder it's a first-class evil demon!

No wonder it's the arch-enemy of the Martial Monk Faction!

The Martial Monk Faction, a representative faction of high attack and high defense, once they activate the Dharma Protector Golden Body, ordinary people can't do anything against those Great Martial Monks.

Now it seems that the Jade-faced Snake tribe's Evil Technique-Immortal Scales is not inferior to the Dharma Protector Golden Body!

"Hiss!!"

The sharp snake cries pierced the sky, stabbing painfully through Lu Ran's eardrums.

The next moment, the sky over the Glazed Realm darkened.

"Wow!" Si Xianxian opened her mouth wide, looking up with effort at the terrifyingly large White-Scaled Python.

Jade-faced Snake tribe's River Realm Technique-White-Scaled Immortal Heavenly Python!

The noble and holy Jade-faced Snake sister just now had completely lost her human form, turning into a giant python soaring into the sky.

This clearly wasn't a River Grade technique but a Sea Grade.

Because the White-Scaled Python hovering in midair was a thousand meters long!

Not only blocking out the sky and sun, but after revealing its true form, there seemed to be no scars on its body?

"Hiss!" The White-Scaled Immortal Heavenly Python shouted angrily, opening its bloody mouth wide and spraying a mouthful of immortal energy downward.

Lu Ran's expression changed slightly!

He couldn't be bothered with keeping the flower tree intact anymore, quickly grabbing the trunk and pulling the Drooping Silk Jasmine out by the roots, hastily stuffing it into the Transmission Mirror.

"Hoo~~~"

The immortal energy passed by carrying a great wind, bringing with it an incredibly terrifying corrosive effect.

The once lush Glazed Realm saw its flowers, grass, and trees wither rapidly, while the rocks were heavily corroded and dissolved into nothing.

"Be careful!" Shangguan Hongfu immediately summoned an Eight-sided Lantern, casting a gold and red defense shield over the group.

Yet even the powerful defense shield was quickly dissolving.

Undoubtedly, the thousand-meter White-Scaled Python in the sky should be of High-level Sea Realm, or even at the peak of Sea Realm!

Lu Ran felt a deep ache!

With that single breath of Immortal Breath from Sister Snake, how many rare flowers and plants must be destroyed?

These are all precious medicinal ingredients...

Lu Ran immediately flashed to the sky, shouting down at the white-scaled python below:

"Maa~~~"

The white-scaled python indeed froze!

It suddenly raised its snake head and looked at the frail, whimpering lamb.

Along with it, the immortal breath sprayed from its mouth also drifted into the sky, no longer ravaging the flowers and trees within the Glazed Realm.

"Neeeigh~"

The Black Fire Colt whinnied loudly, its hooves shattered, quickly scattering.

Jiang Ruyi surrounded herself with two circles of white jade stone, from which the Electric Shackles Talisman flew straight to the sky.

"Zzzzz~zz~"

In an instant, domains with a diameter of up to five hundred meters of thunder and lightning blossomed in the sky.

The kilometer-long python twisted its terrifying body, chasing the lamb, its movement suddenly stiffening with the rampant currents.

"Hoo!"

The white-scaled python's movements were slightly hindered, and thick white fog was released from its body.

Purification Skill-Immortal Realm!

Lu Ran was all too familiar with this technique, as he often used it against his foes.

Every time Lu Ran cast it, he would use his small human body to release a thin layer of immortal fog around.

How enormous was the white-scaled python?

The entire sky was shrouded in white fog, as if the python were floating in the clouds, protruding its massive snake head from the mist.

Its pair of large crimson snake eyes stared relentlessly at the small human.

The violent aura it exuded chilled Lu Ran to the bone!

Without a word, Lu Ran ignited in fierce flames, creating a bouquet of blades with his hands, tossing out a series of hammer shadows.

"Hiss!!"

The white-scaled python opened its blood-red maw, releasing a sharp screech, and Lu Ran felt a terrifying suction force.

"Ugh! Ugh~~~"

The frightened sounds of the horse came from below.

The loyal Black Fire Colt chased after Lu Ran's silhouette, galloping fiercely into the sky at full speed, but before it got close, it suddenly swerved.

The Black Fire Colt panicked, stamping its hooves, creating fiery blossoms, retreating with all its might.

But it was only at River Realm Peak.

How could it withstand the Sea Realm technique of the Jade-faced Snake clan?

Evil Technique·Immortal Python Swallowing Heaven!

"This is too vicious..." Lu Ran flashed and rode on the Black Fire Colt, filled with Fierce Heavenly Power, squeezing the horse tightly with his legs.

Ha, what have I done to deserve this!

Does my mere one-meter-eighty-two frame merit such an over-the-top, devouring attack?

In his vision, the hammer shadows he just flung were gulped into the maw, with no explosion sound following.

Because as soon as the hammer shadows entered the mouth, they transformed into pure energy bodies, nourishing the Jade-faced Snake itself.

"Ugh~ugh~~~"

The Black Fire Colt neighed, casting the Evil Technique·Black Fire Burning Body to amplify its owner's physical attributes, ensuring Lu Ran's legs were strong and able to hold it tightly.

Proof showed Master Lu could hold on!

With the help of the Divine Weapon, Lu Ran endured the Sea Realm technique of the Jade-faced Snake clan, retreating inch by inch with the Black Fire Colt under him.

Unfortunately, Lu Ran's Instant Teleportation Technique couldn't transport living creatures... Of course, even if it could, Lu Ran wouldn't easily leave.

Because he was luring the enemy.

"Hiss! Hiss!!"

Sister Snake was unhappy!

How dare this insignificant ant still resist?

Just then, slabs of white jade stones attacked from the side, no longer the Electric Shackles but the Bursting Flame Talismans.

The explosion sounds shook the heavens, layers of fiery seas rolled open.

The white-scaled python twisted its head violently, its blood-red maw still wide open.

Whatever electric or fire...

Swallow!

"Ahh!" Si Xianxian shouted angrily, Lu Jiang duo bought her enough time, beneath the Cloud Sea, the Sky-Fierce Divine Hammer was poised to strike.

With a fierce smash of her hammer, the kilometer-scale Sky-Fierce Divine Hammer thundered down, crashing directly onto the white-scaled python.

"Hiss!!"

The snake's roar ripped through the sky, the white-scaled python sensed the terrifying energy fluctuation, immediately raising its snake head, aiming its blood-red maw at the heavens.

In an instant, its pair of snake eyes narrowed almost to a vertical line!

This hammer was thousands of meters in size, clearly not something to swallow at once.

However, as the hammer descended, it couldn't dodge in time, decisively casting, its grand body holding steady in the sky.

Evil Technique·Immortal Scales!

Pieces of scales glimmered like jade, shimmering radiantly.

"Boom boom boom!!"

A mushroom cloud rose, chunks of colossal white snake scales flew everywhere.

The giant white-scaled python... was blown apart!

Admittedly, the defensive power of the Immortal Scales was truly remarkable; even under Si Xianxian's Fiery Fire Heavenly Leader's activation, it could withstand the Sky-breaking Explosion.

But actual situations proved: Immortal Scales couldn't withstand the Fierce Heavenly Sect's ultimate move·Sky-Fierce Divine Hammer!

"Humph!" Si Xianxian proudly lifted her head, her expression disdainful.

So what if it's Sea Realm Peak?

What if it's first-rate Evil Demon?

Before this immortal, how dare you wreak havoc... huh?

Si Xianxian suddenly shivered, hearing serpent cries one after the other.

She widened her eyes, looking downward.

From within the Glazed Realm, several white-scaled pythons poked out their heads, and pairs of crimson snake eyes fixated on the tiny human wreaking havoc in the sky.

"Retreat! Quick retreat!!"

Lu Ran swiftly flashed to his comrades' side, quickly summoned the Ancient Bronze Mirror...

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## Chapter 749: Vibrating Tiger Talisman

Outside the small courtyard of the Cloud Sea Residence, an ancient landing mirror suddenly opened silently.

"Neigh~~"

"What the..." Shadows darted out one after another, causing considerable chaos.

Lu Ran flew backward, immediately dispersing the Ancient Bronze Mirror.

Tian Tian was in the courtyard tending to the dangling silk immortal jasmine when she saw everyone in such disarray, she was dumbfounded.

These were five Sea Realm Great Powers!

In Tian Tian's mind, Lu Ran was nearly invincible!

But at this moment, everyone was in disheveled clothing, most of them looking shocked and unsettled.

Lu Ran and Si Xianxian didn't even have their horses.

"Sister Ruyi?" Tian Tian flapped her little short legs, running out of the courtyard while reaching out with her tiny hands.

Black Lotus Evil Technique · Black Lotus Bud!

A giant black lotus bloomed open.

The swiftly closing black lotus flower was supposed to trap the enemies within its buds, but Tian Tian cleverly worked her magic, keeping the lotus half-open, half-closed.

The soft black lotus petals caught everyone securely, letting them land steadily atop the massive lotus pod.

"What a Glazed Realm!" Lu Ran's figure halted mid-flight, smirking slightly.

Si Xianxian also clicked her tongue in amazement.

Is this the terror of a first-rate Evil Demon stronghold?

"Yes." Jiang Ruyi's face looked somewhat grim.

Usually, she always advised Lu Ran not to be too reckless. But his formidable combat prowess, his brilliant achievements were laid out before her eyes, even Jiang Ruyi had to admit she felt a bit proud.

The headquarters of the Jade-faced Snake Clan had taught everyone a lesson!

The key point is no one had ever seen a Sea Realm · Peak Jade-faced Snake, unaware of how powerful its Evil Technique could be.

Who would have thought, even with Si Xianxian having activated the Fiery Fire Heavenly Leader, she couldn't even smash the opponent with one blow?

From that moment on, everything spiraled out of control.

The Jade-faced Snake activated the Evil Technique · White-Scaled Immortal Heavenly Python, revealed its true form, escalating the battle further, even the entire Glazed Realm "moved."

"My fault." Jiang Ruyi admitted her mistake directly, nodding apologetically to everyone, "I've grown too fearless, accustomed to killing in other Evil Demon strongholds."

Lu Ran said, "Speaking of Evil Demon strongholds, I've been to far more than you have, it's mine."

Lady and the Sect Master were simultaneously admitting fault, scaring Shangguan Hongfu quite a bit!

Having grown up in Langhua Village, he understood the art of survival and hurriedly expressed contrition, excusing the two of them, not daring to let the Sect Master and Lady bear the blame.

"Enough." Lu Ran waved his hand, pondering, "The Glazed Realm is not like other Evil Demon strongholds; we can't attack it head-on."

Jiang Ruyi agreed, analyzing, "We can't let this clan reveal its true form, the impact would be too great. The Jade-faced Snake Clan is very cunning, pulling one hair here moves the whole body..."

At this point, Jiang Ruyi had already devised a battle plan.

The most efficient way to kill should be a stealth attack.

The Evil Demon doesn't have Water Flow Armor. As long as Lu Ran approaches invisibly, and when the Jade-faced Snake is in human form, just slash it once.

She voiced her thoughts, and Lu Ran nodded repeatedly.

"Alright." Lu Ran pondered, "You all cultivate inside the cliff; I'll go for the assassination myself."

Though Jiang Ruyi was reluctant for Lu Ran to take the risk alone, she knew this was the safest and most efficient method.

The Jade-faced Snake Evil Sculpture must advance, and Lu Ran's growth should never halt.

After contemplating for a moment, she spoke, "Lu Ran, first-rate Evil Demons are extremely strong, it's better to be cautious."

Each time the Evil Sculpture upgrades, come back to rest, try to face the Jade-faced Snake with full energy."

"Alright!" Lu Ran agreed immediately, then summoned another Ancient Bronze Mirror.

On the battlefield, there was a Sea Realm · Peak Dead Soul waiting for him to collect; he couldn't let the Dead Soul fly into the sky cloud sea.

"Hey!" Si Xianxian hastily said, "The sky is full of big white snakes, should you wait a bit before going over?"

"Don't worry, I'll set the Bronze Mirror outside the Glazed Realm and go over stealthily." With those words, he stepped into the mirror.

Jiang Ruyi sighed gently, "Let it be."

Shangguan Hongfu immediately took his leave.

Si Xianxian, however, lingered, "I... I'll help the Lady plant trees."

"Alright." Jiang Ruyi nodded slightly, her mood evidently not high.

For so long, she had always managed to be effective on the battlefield, assisting Lu Ran to slay and burn the Tangled Silk Shadow, aiding Lu Ran in quelling the Pear Garden Sect.

But today, facing the first-rate Evil Demon stronghold, she was reminded of the helplessness she once experienced.

The feeling was terrible!

"Swoosh~"

Suddenly, another Ancient Bronze Mirror opened, Lu Ran returned.

Si Xianxian's face went blank, blurting out, "Are you...done already?"

Lu Ran: ?

What kind of talk is that!

"I captured that Dead Soul, the Evil Sculpture started upgrading, so I came back." Lu Ran casually replied, glancing at Jiang Ruyi, "See, I listened, didn't I?"

His expression, as if seeking praise, made Jiang Ruyi burst into laughter.

Even her mood improved a lot.

"Let me massage your head as a reward," Jiang Ruyi said, signaling toward the stone table in the courtyard.

Lu Ran could naturally sense his fiancée's mood, and he didn't refuse. He stepped to the stone table and sat down, "Where are you planning to plant this flower tree?"

Everyone looked toward Lady Ran.

Jiang Ruyi thought for a moment and indicated the west side of the courtyard, "Plant it there, it's closer to the window of the master bedroom."

This way, when he rested inside, he could always smell the jasmine fragrance.

"Alright!" Si Xianxian grabbed the Mad Hammer and strode over.

"What are you doing?" Lu Ran asked hurriedly.

"Planting a tree!" Si Xianxian hefted the two-meter heavy hammer, "Don't I have to smash a hole first?"

Lu Ran hastily gestured in refusal, "Don't collapse my Cloud Sea Cliff..."

"Don't worry, I promise to be gentle~"

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At noon, Lu Ran returned to the Glazed Realm.

The previously soaring White-Scaled Python has now disappeared without a trace, and peace has returned to this place.

"Phew..." Lu Ran breathed a sigh of relief.

The Jade-faced Snake is so powerful; how terrifying must the other three top-tier Evil Demons be?

Blood Skull, Evil Spear Emperor, Yin Flower Dan.

Lu Ran was fortunate enough to have dealt with all three kinds of Evil Demons.

The Yin Flower Dan that sings opera at midnight, the Evil Spear Emperor who reigns supreme, and the Blood Skull causing bloodshed...

Not a single one is a soft spot.

Lu Ran shook his head slightly, his gaze fixed on a riverside.

There, a Jade-faced Snake was standing, head lowered, completely motionless.

Lu Ran recalled the intelligence provided by Qin Yanzhi.

The Jade-faced Snake tribe always stares at the clear rivers and lakes, gazing at their reflections in a daze.

"Phew~"

Lu Ran wielded his Divine Weapon and quietly flew downward.

The Jade-faced Snake tribe doesn't possess perception techniques, and Lu Ran, having Divine Technique-Wolf Concealment, can completely hide his presence.

Despite this, he cautiously flew to the side of the Jade-faced Snake, admiring her exquisite profile.

A beauty worthy of toppling cities, alas, a demon nonetheless.

The Jade-faced Snake seemed captivated by her own unrivaled beauty, gazing at her reflection in the river with a dazed look.

"Slash!"

A flash of the blade, swift and decisive!

A beautiful maiden's head fell cleanly and smoothly, plunging into the river.

"Splash!" The headless corpse softened, also falling into the river, staining the water with blood; the scene was rather poignant.

"Sigh..." Lu Ran sighed in his heart.

Why be born so noble and sacred?

It puts pressure on me when killing, doesn't it?

You should be a divine being... hmm, maybe not! If you're divine...

Then you deserve to be killed even more!

Suddenly, the river cleared, the blood and headless corpse disintegrating into energy, vanishing into the air.

Lu Ran remained concealed, raising the Divine Power Bead Strings at his neck to absorb the mist thoroughly.

With his Pupil of the Dead World, he had already imprisoned the Jade-faced Snake's dead soul within.

Safe and efficient!

"Whoosh~"

Lu Ran flashed to the high sky, continuing his target search...

Thus, Lu Ran embarked on his assassination journey, also amassing herbs, asking disciples to assist in pill making.

Whenever Evil Sculptures went through upgrades, he would return to Cloud Sea Cliff, enduring the painful yet stable upgrade time.

Time flew by, and it was early October.

When the Jade-faced Snake Evil Sculpture upgraded to Sea Realm·Third Rank, Lu Ran's mind cleared, and he joyfully found the Cloud Sea Cliff filled with swirling mist.

Has the Evil Shadow Guardian finally upgraded?

"Good, good, good!" Lu Ran looked pleased; it seems the Breakthrough Pill worked well?

When the Breakthrough Pill was freshly produced some days ago, Lu Ran quickly sent it to Yan Shuangzi, wondering if she had used it.

"Buzz~"

"Hmm?" Lu Ran's hand touched his neck, somewhat surprised.

The Second-Order Magical Artifact·Moyu Tiger Talisman usually stays quiet, seldom vibrating.

"Moyu? What's wrong?"

[While the master was unconscious, He Qifeng attempted to contact you.]

"Oh?" Lu Ran sat up, "Help me inquire what happened."

The Moyu Tiger Talisman consists of two halves; one half is with Lu Ran, the other with He Qifeng.

Each half stands independently yet unified, although they serve different masters, they can communicate with each other.

Soon, the tiger talisman conveyed its message to Lu Ran: [He Qifeng says Tufeng Master is in upgrading mode.]

Lu Ran was startled!

Heavenly Realm?!

After the Peak Master of Sword Ridge Peak ascended to the Heavenly Realm, he succumbed to deviation, crazily slaughtering his sect's disciples...

Moyu Tiger Talisman: [It's rare to witness a Sea Realm upgrade to the Heavenly Realm! With Wuji Peak bursting with energy, would the Sect Master like to come and enjoy the blessings from above?]

The tiger talisman directly quoted the other party's words.

Lu Ran frowned and explained the Sword Ridge Peak incident to the other side.

After a long time, a reply came: [Tufeng Master is upright and kind-hearted, supposedly incapable of perpetrating such heinous deeds.]

Lu Ran pondered deeply: "We should not take this chance... Here's the plan! You select two trustworthy individuals, and I'll use Evil God·Ghost Moon Fox to sign a contract with them."

The Ghost Moon Fox tribe can foresee crises; if things go wrong, we can swiftly respond."

Meanwhile, atop Wuji Peak.

In the mist-shrouded grand mansion, the opulent hall, a woman in a majestic golden robe, exuding immense power, was sitting on the Taishi Chair.

Her expression was equally grim, her hand touching her neck, her finger rubbing the half piece of Moyu Tiger Talisman.

He Qifeng originally wanted to discuss with Lu Ran taking advantage of Tufeng Master's ascension to capture the position of Peak Master, unifying Wuji Peak.

Alas, upon hearing the tragedy at North Wind Sect·Sword Ridge Peak.

He Qifeng pondered for a moment, sending the mind message via the talisman: [You better come over; let's talk face to face.]

This time, the talisman hesitated before responding: [Alright!]

He Qifeng's lips slightly curved as the image of the Emperor Robe youth flashed in her mind.

As expected!

In times like these, he is always the most reliable.

"Lu Ran..."

He Qifeng murmured, placing the Moyu Tiger Talisman back in her collar.

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Chapter 750: Heavenly Emperor under the Moon

Night falls, the bright moon hangs high.

In the mountain forest south of Wuji Peak, a young man dressed in a green cloak and bamboo hat stands quietly, gazing at the towering mountain shrouded in thick mist.

"Whoo~"

The sound of robes fluttering awakens Lu Ran from his thoughts.

Looking up, he happens to see a figure sweeping across the night sky moon, slowly descending.

"Wow~" Lu Ran murmurs to himself.

He Qifeng is increasingly exuding the demeanor of a "female emperor".

The wide, gold-brown robe adds to her formidable presence, and the golden Divine Weapon, Son of Heaven Sword, given to her by Lu Ran, enhances her nobility immensely.

As she descends, terrifying pressure crashes down like raging waves.

Lu Ran feels slightly helpless, gazing at the woman: "Could you restrain your aura? Aren't you afraid of scaring me away?"

He Qifeng slowly lands in front of Lu Ran, teasing, "Most beings beg for mercy when they see me, who would dare to run away?"

Lu Ran: "..."

The environment can change a person.

Power indeed nurtures one.

Long not seen, Miss He Qifeng has changed greatly, living up to the title "Heavenly Emperor".

Lu Ran sizes up the woman, who also scrutinizes him under the moonlight.

With a hint of admiration in her eyes, He Qifeng says, "You're also Sea Realm-Third Rank."

Lu Ran shrugs.

He possesses powerful talent and has been favored by the Divine.

During his growth, Lu Ran always had clear goals and a steadfast Dao Heart!

Fulfilling his grand aspirations in mind, advancing ceaselessly in conquest of the Holy Spirit Mountain Realm, all of this has reciprocated to Lu Ran himself, taking him step by step to the peak.

"You finally caught up with me..." He Qifeng sighs lightly.

She is several years older than Lu Ran, already in her fourth year of university when Lu Ran was in his third year.

In the Human World, she advanced to the River Realm before him; in the Holy Spirit Mountain, she advanced to the Sea Realm before him.

Now, they seem to stand on the same starting line, but He Qifeng knows in her heart that no matter how competitive she is, she will eventually be surpassed.

Damn it!

He Qifeng pouts, suddenly reaches out, and lifts the brim of Lu Ran's bamboo hat, displeased: "Why wear this outfit?"

Lu Ran: "..."

Looking for a reason to quarrel?

I merely caught up with your strength and realm?

Ha, women!

"Hmm?" He Qifeng raises her nasal tone slightly.

"My outfit as a knight in the martial world, doesn't it match the moonlit night beautifully?" Lu Ran speaks matter-of-factly.

He Qifeng looks at Lu Ran with a scrutinizing gaze, saying, "Next time, wear that Black Gold Emperor Robe."

Lu Ran is thoroughly helpless: "Are you so used to being in power that everyone must follow your will? You want to control even what I wear?"

He Qifeng snorts coldly: "You are my Sect Leader! Looking like a country bumpkin every day, does that make me proud?"

Lu Ran: "..."

Seeing Lu Ran silenced by her reprimand, He Qifeng feels both physically and mentally at ease.

Ah~

That feels good.

He Qifeng stands with hands behind her, asking, "Tell me, what have you been up to lately."

Lu Ran looks uncomfortable: "Why does it feel like I'm reporting my work?"

He Qifeng reveals a slight smile, thoroughly enjoying the feeling of suppressing someone.

She slightly lifts her chin, sporting a superior demeanor: "Speak."

Lu Ran grins and says, "Cultivated a Second-rank Divine Weapon."

"Not bad!" He Qifeng comments, thinking about her own Nine-ring Golden Zen Staff, which has also comprehended the Divine Weapon Domain, advancing to a Second-rank Divine Weapon.

Lu Ran sees her demeanor and feels irritated, directly saying: "I found a reclusive Heavenly Realm Power and recruited him into the Ran Sect."

He Qifeng's expression freezes: "Ah?"

Lu Ran hums internally, continuing: "I took over the Wusheng Sect, absorbing seven original Sea Realm Hall Masters inside the sect, then I promoted an underling to be the Sect Master of the Pear Garden Sect."

He Qifeng hasn't recovered from the previous shocking news when she hears yet another incredible fact.

Her expression grows increasingly astonished: "Pear Garden Sect..."

Lu Ran gives no chance for the other to react!

He continues: "In your Wind Emperor sequence, there's now another Martial Emperor. Rest assured, he won't tarnish the Heavenly Emperor prestige.

The Martial Emperor is a Great Wu at Sea Realm Peak, and current Sect Master of the Pear Garden Sect.

I've already ordered him to build a Tiangang City at the foot of the sect mountain, corresponding to your Forbidden City."

He Qifeng gazes blankly at Lu Ran, the arrogance on her face disappearing.

Originally, she thought to take advantage of this Wuji Peak-Tufeng Master ascension to capture the Wuji Peak Sect.

To become this First-class Divine Sect's highest leader.

Unexpectedly, over at Lu Ran's side, he has already taken a First-class Divine Sect?

"Sigh..." Lu Ran looks up at the moonlit night sky with a remorseful expression, "Haven't done much in this period, I've still been too slothful."

The master of Ran Sect delivers a soul-crushing blow, utterly suppressing the Wind Emperor's brashness!

He Qifeng's gaze turns somewhat melancholic, looking at the youth pretending to be innocent.

Lu Ran no longer looks at the moon, turning his gaze on the dignified presence of the lady Emperor.

Then, he gives her a classic expression—pursed lips with a smile.

Little Heavenly Emperor, laughable laughable~

Doesn't that feel good now?

Tsk, anyways, this seat feels great...

He Qifeng's voice is faint: "That Martial Emperor, can he be trusted?"

"Don't trust my leadership skills?"

He Qifeng's expression is somewhat complex: "You're too soft... hmm, your temperament is too gentle."

Lu Ran curls his lips: "The Martial Emperor is much more obedient than you! Among the entire Ran Sect, you're the only one who doesn't see me as anything."

"Hehe~" He Qifeng is amused, but quickly puts on a stern face, "The Wusheng Sect is quite a mix with all sorts of people, after all, the Emperor is at Sea Realm Peak..."