

Overlord 961

Chapter 961: Devastating Strike

Seeing Qin Yanyang once again slash down a strong enemy with a single sword—whether they were from Heaven, Penglai Realm, or even the various strong figures within the Divine Continent—all were stunned.

Those familiar or unfamiliar with Qin Yanyang were all astonished.

Qin Huai'an looked aghast: "When did this girl become so formidable?"

The experts from the Hidden Sect were extremely shocked.

They had long heard of Qin Yanyang's extraordinary talent, said to be a once-in-a-millennium martial talent, but this was too exaggerated.

They found it incredibly challenging to handle opponents of the same level, and yet, they couldn't endure even a single move before being slain by Qin Yanyang?

What kind of monster is this?

In an instant, whether friend or foe, the majority were stunned by the 'strength' Qin Yanyang exhibited, unable to believe the 'reality' their eyes beheld.

However, those familiar with the combined power of Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang quickly realized.

They guessed that Yang Fei might be secretly supporting Qin Yanyang.

Otherwise, why wasn't there any movement from that guy who had been controlling the array to continuously interfere and threaten the enemy earlier?

Soon, those strong figures from Heaven and Penglai Realm who weren't entangled managed to escape the range of the Cloud Mist Mountain Array.

Instantly, everyone's mood lifted considerably, feeling the invisible pressure dissipate, and the inexplicable threat no longer present.

Yet, just as they breathed a sigh of relief, an overwhelming cluster of inorganic forces gathered in the sky.

Boom boom boom!!!

Dazzling lights flashed in the high sky like fiery dragons.

The high-powered machine guns mounted on the drones fired frantically.

Additionally, small missiles locked onto targets and launched with crazed intensity.

Suddenly, these strong figures from Heaven and Penglai Realm, who had just fled the array, faced a savage bombardment and strafing from modern technology weapons.

Initially scattered, they hid their aura and tracks excellently, avoiding detection; now gathered here, the command center used satellite maps to roughly lock their area, with drone swarms long awaiting them.

Upon sighting these individuals, they unleashed a frenzied bombardment.

Simultaneously, numerous experts from the Military Department gathered, and although these individuals weren't as capable as Divine Travel Realm experts, those in the Physical Body Realm were comparable to Innate Realm experts, fully armed, excellently equipped, with custom-made bulletproof vests enhancing defense, their electromagnetic cannons, energy cannons, and sound wave cannons incessantly bombarded the enemy, leaving Heaven and Penglai Realm experts screaming and fleeing under the high-density assault.

Even Chris, Wales, and four other strong blood clan figures faced similar treatment.

Fortunately, the blood clan were cold snow species; as they fled frantically, leaving the Military Department's line of sight, the thermal imaging detectors failed to detect their position, allowing them to evade the drone swarm's insane bombardment successfully.

"Damn it, these Divine Continent people have no sense of contract spirit whatsoever, trying to annihilate even us, luckily we ran quickly." A strong blood clan figure from the Gangluo Family, Han Sen, spoke with a face filled with violent air, his eyes flashing a cold glint.

Chris frowned and said, "Han Sen, aside from Qin Yanyang and Yang Fei, no one from the Divine Continent knows we are their allies. So these weapons are merely conducting indiscriminate attacks on anyone fleeing the array."

"That's right, likely just a misunderstanding." Wales immediately intervened to smooth things over.

Gangluo snorted, "Hope that's the case, otherwise our blood clan's betrayal of the alliance won't be tolerated by the various Heaven factions. If there's no place in the Eastern World for us, it would be a colossal joke."

"It won't be, Divine Continent people value credibility highly, the Cavendish family is the best example." Chris said.

A strong figure from the Fan Huo Family nodded, "Indeed, given the current situation, Divine Continent could easily cease the export of genetic liquid medicine. Yet, due to the previous agreement with that Cavendish family girl, they still chose to continue cooperating, showcasing that Divine Continent doesn't seek to monopolize globally, cooperating with them is certainly more reassuring than working with those dwarves from Penglai Realm."

Gangluo snorted and said, "If not for the genetic liquid medicine's critical importance to the blood clan, I wouldn't trust any non-blood clan alien race; Divine Continent people can be more terrifyingly cunning than any other race."

Wales said, "Let's not discuss that now, the urgent task is to find a place to hide. After this war, we can contact Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang, hoping they will honor the agreement and collaborate with us."

"Indeed, having abandoned the alliance, the best outcome next is collaboration with the Divine Continent side."

"When the genetic liquid medicine helps our blood clan escape eternal darkness, it will herald our bright and glorious era."

Living forever in darkness, treated as aliens or even monsters, the blood clan had enough of it.

Maintaining powerful bloodline strength while living like normal humans in this world, under sunlight, is the blood clan's fervent desire.

Chris and others evaded the thermal imaging search, hiding with cold blood genes from the blood clan.

Others from Heaven and Penglai Realm weren't so lucky.

From the moment they left the array, they were locked on, subjected to terrifying bombardment and strafing.

Fortunately, the attacks weren't destructive nuclear weapons; for these top experts, their ability to evade mid-sized missile bombardments was impressively strong.

Especially for those without injuries, their escape speed was astonishing.

Facing the tracking missile locks, they more precisely threw their weapons, even using rocks and deadwood to intercept them early in the air.

As for the dense bullet barrage, although it caused some harm to many, it was not fatal.

Yet this overwhelming bombardment proved deadly for those experts previously injured in the Cloud Mist Mountain Array.

Cries of anguish occasionally punctuated the air.

Seven or eight Heaven and Penglai Realm experts remained forever on the Great Divine Continent amidst this modern warfare mode's fierce bombardment.

Array edge.

Over a dozen Divine Continent experts remained staunch, not continuing the pursuit of the enemy.

Because those dense drone swarms high above wouldn't differentiate between friend and foe, once they ventured out, they would face indiscriminate attacks.

Watching the terrifying dense bombardment ahead, each displayed deep apprehension and fear.

Especially those from the Hidden Sect.

They witnessed for the first time the power of such modern weaponry, hearing top experts equal to or better than themselves being bombed in the depths of the mountain forest, they were alarmed, their scalp tingling, utterly terrified.

The power of worldly technological weapons was insanely strong.

Moreover, this was merely the power of mid-sized weapons.

Destructive weapons capable of annihilating tens of kilometers in radius hadn't even been used.

If not for the consideration of the Cloud Mist Mountain Array base's safety, Divine Continent secular forces might have deployed such weaponry today.

Once deployed, every Heaven and Penglai Realm expert appearing here would be wiped out if within the strike zone.

At this moment, top experts from Heaven, Penglai Realm, and the Hidden Sect witnessed the horrifying power of modern nuclear weapons.

That deep-seated belief in invincibility on entering the top experts list shattered completely.

Chapter 962: Cosmic Rift

From the time Heaven and Penglai Realm's powerful beings attacked Yunwu Mountain's Base, to the disintegration of the alliance camp and the end of the war, it took less than ten minutes in total.

Of course, the pursuit and bombing of the fleeing Heaven and Penglai Realm's powerful beings by the drone swarm cannot be counted in this time.

Members of the Military Department pursued the enemies by helicopter, although it was not very effective.

The frenzied bombings and strafings only inflicted certain injuries on the vast majority of enemies, while instilling immense fear in their hearts, making them appear utterly embarrassed. In reality, the damage caused wasn't very considerable.

In this battle, six enemies were killed within the Cloud Mist Mountain Array, and four to five were seriously injured.

After escaping the array's range, during the pursuit by the drone swarm and the Military Department's experts, another four were killed, and eight injured.

Among them, three were seriously injured. If not for the support of their comrades, these three would also have died in the frenzied bombings and strafings.

When everything ended, as Heaven and Penglai Realm's powerful beings tallied their numbers, their hearts grew cold.

Heaven was relatively better off, with only two dead in total, five wounded, and one seriously injured.

However, the betrayal of Chris and other Blood Clan powerful beings was even more painful for Heaven's people than the deaths in battle.

Because this meant that Heaven lost seven top-tier powerful beings who might even become enemies.

This was truly a terrifying thing.

As for Penglai Realm, it was even more tragic.

Eight were killed in action, two seriously injured, and out of the remaining ten, apart from Sun Xingyu and two powerful beings by his side, seven were injured, though not fatally or seriously.

For Penglai Realm, today's battle was a devastating heavy blow.

Among Penglai Realm's top-tier powerful beings, the Hawks numbered over thirty, yet twenty joined forces with Heaven to attack Divine Continent, only to suffer such a devastating blow, which was fatal for the Hawks.

Since ancient times, Penglai Realm's Dove Faction was always at an absolute disadvantage and couldn't rival the Hawks, only slightly influencing the Hawks' series of decisions to a certain extent.

After this battle, the power disparity between Penglai Realm's Hawks and Doves was not considerable anymore.

Moreover, such a huge failure would certainly become an excuse for the Dove Faction to attack, and after returning, the stability of the entire Penglai Realm group, and which side would lead future actions would become the biggest problem.

Internal strife was already evident.

Similarly, Heaven would also face this dilemma, but compared to Penglai Realm, Heaven's Hawks were still confident in stabilizing the overall situation.

However, whether it was Heaven or Penglai Realm, they both suffered enormous losses in this battle, and it was now impossible for them to unite again against the Divine Continent.

Although the number of powerful beings the Divine Continent showed today was not enough to scare them, relying on the treasure land that is the Cloud Mist Mountain Array, the future development of the Divine Continent was bound to surpass Heaven and Penglai Realm. As time passed, Heaven and Penglai Realm would be suppressed and continuously weakened and eliminated by the Divine Continent's powerful beings; it was already a foregone conclusion.

Despite the strong reluctance and anger, neither Heaven nor Penglai Realm could deny that they lost miserably in this battle and had no choice but to withdraw indignantly.

Not to mention the alliance had broken again, but both sides had also formed a grudge because of it.

Penglai Realm bore a grudge against Heaven Blood Clan's forces for turning on them at a critical moment, blaming Heaven's internal instability for making Penglai Realm suffer massive losses.

After all, if Chris and others hadn't suddenly turned on them, and Keigo Higashino wasn't killed on the spot, with Ookamura Hirokazu and the other two powerful beings severely injured in a surprise attack, the Penglai Realm team wouldn't have been so thrown off guard, worried about Heaven's traitors' surprise attack, while also having to deal with the Divine Continent's powerful beings' counterattack, becoming the side with the greatest loss in this war.

It can be said that after this battle, the hypocritical friendship between Heaven and Penglai Realm officially declared broken.

The sky gradually brightened.

In Yunwu Mountain Valley, as the final battle report came back, everyone showed the joy of victory, cheers rang continuously.

Including Keigo Higashino, who was killed by Chris, a total of ten corpses of Heaven and Penglai Realm's coalition forces were left here this time.

These were ten top-tier powerful beings whose individual combat strength had reached the current Earth cultivators' pinnacle.

Ten top-tier powerful beings gathered, enough to suppress any sect or aristocratic family of the former Hidden Sect.

Yet in less than half an hour, they were annihilated in the deep mountains of Shennongjia.

Most importantly, this time the total number of powerful beings deployed by the enemy reached forty, excluding the four who suddenly rebelled like Chris, there were still as many as thirty-six.

Such a lineup was enough to engage directly with the Hidden Sect before any internal strife occurred.

Yet such a lineup suffered a devastating blow when attacking the Divine Continent's secular powers, both sides of the battle found it immensely surprising.

Especially those older generation powerful beings from the Three Realms who looked down on secular powers, the result of this battle brought a huge shock to their hearts.

It turned out that their proud, powerful individual combat strength was so vulnerable under the large-scale strafing and bombing of modern weapons.

Moreover, Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang, who had grown up in the secular world, could become so strong with the support of the Cloud Mist Mountain Array.

Especially Yang Fei's strength displayed during this battle instilled fear in everyone.

At the beginning, if Yang Fei hadn't used the array to launch a group attack, disturbing more than half of the powerful beings, once the Divine Continent's powerful beings fell into a two-on-one siege, life and death would be uncertain, even with Chris and other Blood Clans' betrayal first, the result of this battle would have been the destruction of the Divine Continent's Yunwu Mountain Base.

Qi Yan, Mo Yunhai, and other Hidden Sect powerful beings looked at Yang Fei with newfound respect.

At least in their hearts, in this Cloud Mist Mountain Array, absolutely they could not clash with Yang Fei.

Here, that kid was an invincible existence.

"Thank you, everyone, for going all out and helping Divine Continent through its most dangerous calamity. After this battle, the alliance between Heaven and Penglai Realm has been dissolved, and they have suffered such great losses, with their strength greatly reduced. Soon, our increasing strength over theirs will make Divine Continent the true strongest on Earth." Qin Yanyang's face beamed with a brilliant smile, sincerely joyful, bowing in gratitude to all the powerful beings who fought today.

Everyone returned the gesture, quickly saying not to dare, that everyone being descendants of Yanhuang, defending Divine Continent was their duty, which they could not shirk.

Even so, Qin Yanyang and the Divine Continent officials still sincerely thanked these powerful beings.

Ever since learning that Heaven and Penglai Realm were going to massively attack Yunwu Mountain's Base, Qin Yanyang had been in a state of worry.

The disparity was too great, and she really feared they wouldn't withstand this wave.

Now that the dust has settled, her mood was the most beautiful.

Certainly, the Hidden Sect people were also in a very good mood.

This time, helping Divine Continent traverse a calamity, they also felt a sense of pride in defending it, and establishing good relations with Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang was of tremendous benefit to the families they belonged to.

The entire Yunwu Mountain Base was in a state of excitement and joy.

However, just as Yunwu Mountain Base was throwing a grand banquet, celebrating the decisive victory of this battle, a sudden mutation descended from the sky.

Above the dome, a terrifying, tearing roar spread out.

It was as if the entire Earth Plane was suddenly torn open with a huge chasm, everyone looked up to see a huge black vortex appear in the atmosphere, like a cosmic giant beast opening its bloody maw, glaring at the whole Earth, ready to swallow it up at any moment...

Chapter 963: The True Millennium Cataclysm

The massive rupture appearing in the sky's dome is not only visible to the people of Yunwu Mountain's Base but is seen by half of the Earth's population.

The thunderous sound is incomparable to any lightning thunder.

It is as if the sky in people's hearts has suddenly been torn open, revealing a huge chasm, presenting for the first time that feeling of the sky collapsing in a truly realistic sense before everyone's eyes.

Gradually, around the massive opening in the sky, winds and clouds surged, forming a gigantic black vortex, like an endless abyss with no end.

Upon closer look, it's as if a massive black hole appeared before everyone's eyes.

Within Yunwu Mountain's Base, Tong Yunshu, after a brief shock, was the first to sense the distinct special energy elements that differed from the original Earth Space's spiritual power elements.

In the past, this energy element needed very careful and patient perception to detect, but the moment this sky chasm appeared, Tong Yunshu astonishingly found that this special energy element suddenly became incredibly intense.

She said to Yang Fei, "Yang Fei, did you feel that special power element getting stronger?"

Reminded by her, Yang Fei immediately sensed it and, full of doubt and uncertainty, said, "That's right, this energy element suddenly seems to have increased exponentially."

"It's descending from the sky," Tong Yunshu said again.

Yang Fei's heart trembled, and when he concentrated on sensing it, he indeed discovered that the increasingly intense special energy elements were descending from the sky.

It's as if a crack appeared in the cosmos, a huge chasm in the sky, causing this energy element, once seemingly restrained by some mysterious power, to finally pour onto Earth.

Similarly, Qin Yanyang sensed this special power element. When she engaged in Dual Cultivation with Yang Fei, she was reminded of the presence of this special energy element.

In her recent cultivation, she was actively absorbing this energy element, because she discovered that this energy element was more stable, solid, and potent than any power element contained in previous spiritual energy.

In Yang Fei's recent cultivation, the spiritual elements absorbed into his body primarily consisted of this energy element, and although he had just stepped into the Energy Transformation Realm and hadn't even reached the Late-stage Energy Transformation Realm, he could already demonstrate combat power akin to the Innate Realm, showing just how domineering this energy element was.

Now, with the sudden occurrence of changes, a vast chasm and vortex appeared in the wounded sky, and this special energy element manifested in large quantities, leaving Qin Yanyang both worried and delighted.

Setting aside whether this sky phenomenon would bring disaster to Earth, this sudden surge in special energy elements is an immense blessing for cultivators.

Tong Yunshu, Yang Fei, and Qin Yanyang were the first to be acquainted with this special energy element, hence discovering the benefits within.

But for others, this sudden sky change could only bring inexplicable unease and fear.

For the vast majority of ordinary people, this phenomenon is deemed as if the sky is falling.

A fear of the impending apocalypse loomed over everyone's hearts.

Amidst everyone's shock, suddenly, a voice of despair was heard: "This... this is the true millennial catastrophe..."

Everyone looked towards the voice and found the speaker to be Huang Chengcheng.

The majority of the world's secular people in the Divine Continent do not comprehend its meaning, yet all the experts from the Hidden Sect were greatly changed in expression, their faces pale like ashes.

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang had also heard of the ancient prophecy passed down from the Hidden Sect regarding the millennial catastrophe, and now their expressions changed as well.

Qin Yanyang said in a grave voice, "Master, isn't the millennial catastrophe the result of the Hidden Sect's Plane World being unstable and about to collapse?"

Huang Chengcheng looked up at the gigantic vortex deep in the sky, his body quivering, displaying utter dejection and despair.

Mo Li said in a trembling voice, "Millennial catastrophe, this is the real millennial catastrophe, it's over... it's all over."

The other experts from the Hidden Sect also had grave expressions and gasped in shock.

"What's going on? There has always been a legend of the millennial catastrophe, but... but what exactly is it, no one could ascertain. Huang Chengcheng, why do you say this is the true millennial catastrophe?" Mo Yunhai could not help but ask Huang Chengcheng.

"Yes, I don't believe in those so-called prophecies. Are they really that mystical?" Qi Yan said.

Zuo Wenjun said in a grave voice, "Brother Huang, do you know something? Why are you so certain this is the true millennial catastrophe?"

Chen Liangzhong also looked towards Huang Chengcheng and Mo Li, awaiting an answer.

Cui Wanmin, Cui Wanbang, Xie Yunfei, and other experts from the Hidden Sect all gazed at Huang Chengcheng.

For them, Huang Chengcheng, as this direct disciple of the Taoist lineage, must know some secrets they were unaware of.

After all, the foundation of the Hidden Sect is the Taoist, the Taoist once controlled everything within the Hidden Sect, and it is said that the Plane World of the Hidden Sect was established under the lead of esteemed Taoists, and many secrets of cultivation have been passed down by the Taoist lineage through generations.

Now, with the celestial changes descending upon them, and Huang Chengcheng claiming this to be the true millennial catastrophe, everyone wanted to understand what was happening.

Huang Chengcheng looked dejected, after a while, he let out a heavy sigh, and said, "I also thought the collapse of the Hidden Sect's Plane was the realization of the millennial catastrophe prophesied by the Hidden Sect. But now it seems I guessed wrong. It turns out the collapse of the Hidden Sect's Plane was just the trigger for this millennial catastrophe. Not only the collapse of the Hidden Sect's Plane, but the collapse of Heaven, Penglai Realm, and the Hidden Sect, these three Plane Worlds, lead to the arrival of this millennial catastrophe."

"Why do you say so?" Mo Yunhai asked again.

Suddenly, Zhuge Cang said, "Because Heaven, Penglai Realm, and the Hidden Sect, these three Plane Worlds, may seem to exist separately from the Earth Plane, transcending the earthly realm, but in reality, these three planes are part of three interconnected massive arrays. The simultaneous existence of these three formations maintains the stability and tranquility of the Earth Plane, safeguarding the Earth Plane from being discovered by worlds beyond."

As soon as this was said, everyone was startled.

For cultivators who know about the Heaven, Penglai, and Hidden Sect's three Plane Worlds, this explanation was highly convincing.

Mo Li quickly asked, "Zhuge Cang, what else do you know?"

Zhuge Cang said, "Back then, when the Taoist lineage was destroyed, my Zhuge family obtained most of the Taoist's ancient texts on Rune Tao, Arrays, and Alchemy technology. I once found snippets about the millennial catastrophe in an ancient text.

But I always thought it was too mystical to be credible, given that the Array, Rune Tao, and Alchemy levels of the Hidden Sect were indeed too backward, and it seemed impossible for anyone to create such formidable arrays to help the entire Earth Plane in isolating from external connections.

Unexpectedly... there indeed exists a master on this Earth proficient in such array formation talisman Tao."

Chapter 964: Borrowing Trouble Where None Exists

Zhuge Cang lifted his head with a solemn expression, gazing at the massive black hole abyss in the sky, his eyes reflecting an intense reverence:

"This black hole... should be a special channel linking Earth to the outside, a true teleportation array."

Huang Chengcheng nodded and said, "That's right, this is the real transmission array. The so-called transmission gates of the Hidden Sect, Heaven, and the Penglai Realm are merely channels connecting small plane worlds to the major plane world of the Earth Plane.

And this black hole, it should be a teleportation array allowing Earth and other galaxy civilizations to travel back and forth across vast distances, it's an intergalactic portal."

Qin Yanyang's eyes lit up upon hearing this and said, "Master, according to what you're saying, this isn't a millennial catastrophe; on the contrary, it could be a good thing for Earth. Earth's current technology hasn't made any progress in exploring space, but with this black hole transmission, we could actually venture beyond Earth, even beyond the Milky Way, to explore the farther starry seas?"

"Hmph, ignorant and clueless!" Before Huang Chengcheng could respond, Zhuge Cang glanced at Qin Yanyang: "Do you think the opening of this transmission channel is a good thing?"

Qin Yanyang frowned, asking, "Isn't it?"

Zhuce Cang sighed, shaking his head: "Completely wrong. For Earth, this is a massive disaster."

Yang Fei asked, "Why do you say that?"

"Because we are too confident, believing mankind is at the top of the food chain, fearless in exploring everything outside, yet unaware that the beings or alien civilizations outside are far more powerful than Earth's civilization. Once this channel appears, it's the beginning of the outside or alien civilizations plundering Earth," Tong Yunshu said.

Her words made Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang realize the implications.

The others also felt a heavy weight in their hearts.

Mo Li nodded and said, "Exactly, the reason it's called a millennial catastrophe might be because Earth's cultivation civilization is unfortunately too backward. Once this transmission channel opens, it's the external cultivation civilizations trampling and plundering Earth's cultivation civilization."

Zhu Tianshou was somewhat unwilling and said, "Why is it that we are necessarily inferior to them?"

Tong Yunshu said, "Grandfather, try sensing it carefully, you can feel a special power element that's different from the previous spiritual power."

Upon hearing this, Zhu Tianshou's expression slightly changed as he tried to feel it.

The others immediately focused to sense as well.

Indeed, moments later, someone exclaimed with joy: "It's actually true."

"This power element is so strong, it feels much more powerful than the power elements we've absorbed from spiritual energy before."

"Yes, if we cultivate this power element, our strength will definitely be enhanced."

Many people displayed joyous expressions.

Tong Yunshu poured a bucket of cold water over their hopes: "And have you thought about where these power elements come from?"

Everyone was taken aback.

Soon, their expressions turned serious one by one.

All eyes turned towards the massive black hole vortex in the sky.

This power element seemed to be continuously cascading down from that transmission channel.

"It means that these power elements belong to another cultivation civilization, in which case, the level of development of that cultivation civilization must be much higher than that of the Earth Space's cultivation civilization," Cui Wanchi said solemnly.

Tong Yunshu nodded, remaining silent.

Zhuge Cang said, "Leaving aside whether that cultivation civilization is stronger than Earth's cultivation civilization, just talking about this transmission channel located deep in the sky, all present are Earth's top cultivation experts, is anyone confident to fly up there and teleport to another world?"

Everyone lifted their heads to look at the sky.

Too high.

Though it seemed like the massive black hole vortex hung overhead, it was actually incredibly distant.

Without relying on technological means for propulsion, these cultivators, despite considering themselves strong, didn't have the confidence to fly to such heights.

"In that case, we can only rely on technological means to reach high altitude," someone said.

"Indeed, we could take an airplane or a rocket, and directly traverse it,"

Zhuge Cang sneered, "What if this black hole space possesses a special magnetic field, and any technological product laden with fuel would be triggered and exploded by a magnetic storm upon entry?"

Everyone was shocked, displaying expressions of fear.

Yes, that's a very likely possibility.

Qin Yanyang reacted quickly and said, "What's so difficult about that? We can send a drone up to try it out."

"But what if the drone loses communication with Earth once it goes in? How would we determine if it was due to a communication cutoff causing the loss of contact or a direct explosion instead?" Zhuge Cang countered.

Qin Yanyang remained silent.

Huang Chengcheng sighed, "Let's stop discussing these useless things. The channel exists now, all we can do is pray the enemies aren't that powerful—at least not unbeatable, not so powerful that they drive us to despair."

These words made everyone's heart sink, as if the massive black hole vortex was like a sword hanging over everyone.

The atmosphere became exceedingly oppressive, yet Yang Fei, feeling the vibrant special power element pouring down upon him, found the Gathering Spirit Array absorbing it stronger and felt remarkably comfortable.

Seeing the worried and somber faces around him, he loudly proclaimed, "Everyone, don't lose hope. This power element is so strong. With dedicated cultivation, we have a chance to advance our realm, perhaps even surpass our previous limits and enter a stronger realm.

As for how powerful that alien cultivation civilization is, we don't need to consider it for now; if they truly have the strength to crush the Earth's cultivation plane, our worries are meaningless. But if their strength isn't strong enough to make us despair, then aren't we worrying for nothing, scaring ourselves?

Rather than let our morale fade, we should happily live each day and work hard to become stronger, so that if the enemy does come, we can face them in the best possible state."

Qin Yanyang's spirit was lifted, and he nodded, "Yang Fei is right, we shouldn't conjure fears for ourselves here. Let's just continue as we are. Moreover, even if alien civilizations appear, they might not necessarily want to destroy Earth."

"Exactly. If the sky falls, there are taller ones to hold it up," Qin Huai'an also said loudly.

With Yang Fei, Qin Yanyang, and Qin Huai'an taking the lead, the anxiety in everyone's hearts dissipated substantially.

As Yang Fei said, if the enemy is indeed powerful enough to crush Earth's cultivation civilization, worrying is futile.

"Come, let's continue drinking. At least today, we won a great victory. The future world of Earth will be dominated by us, the descendants of the Divine Land Yanhuang. As for whether an alien civilization will descend, we'll deal with it when they arrive."

Everyone cheered, self-assuring, and they felt much more at ease.

Meanwhile, this mutation in the sky also made the experts of Heaven and the Penglai Realm anxious.

Ordinary people around the world were also in panic; on this day, the entire globe was gripped with fear over the enormous black hole vortex appearing in the sky, and no one knew what might emerge from it next.

Chapter 965: Qin Yanyang's Thunder and Lightning Tempering

Although everyone said not to worry unnecessarily, in reality, they couldn't help but occasionally glance up at the anomaly in the sky.

Yang Fei quickly noticed that Tong Yunshu was frowning, seemingly deep in thought.

He walked over and communicated with her telepathically, "What's wrong?"

Tong Yunshu glanced at him, then at the surroundings, and silently shook her head.

After the banquet, everyone went to rest.

No one had slept all night, and although the fierce battle around four in the morning didn't cause significant injuries, it was mentally exhausting, and everyone needed a good rest.

Yang Fei returned to his room with Qin Yanyang and Tong Yunshu.

After closing the door, he asked Tong Yunshu, "Yun Shu, did you notice something?"

He recalled the last time when Tong Yunshu had gazed up at the sky and mentioned that there seemed to be something up there.

At that time, Yang Fei couldn't perceive anything in the sky and thought Tong Yunshu was being overly sensitive.

After all, space beyond the Earth had long been explored by Earth's advanced technology; outside the atmosphere lay the vast and boundless universe, so how could there be anything else?

But now, a giant black hole vortex had suddenly appeared in the sky, reminding Yang Fei of Tong Yunshu's previous warning.

He realized that Tong Yunshu's sensing ability was incredibly strong, able to perceive things even he couldn't.

The powerful special power elements that appeared between heaven and earth were first discovered by Tong Yunshu.

Even when the Cloud Mist Mountain Array was formed, Tong Yunshu sensed the spiritual energy pouring down from the sky, realizing it was leaking from the Hidden Sect Plane.

During the celebration outside earlier, Yang Fei sensed something was off about Tong Yunshu's expression and asked her, but she didn't respond.

Now alone with her, Yang Fei asked again.

Beside them, Qin Yanyang curiously watched Tong Yunshu.

There seemed to be a deep worry hidden between Tong Yunshu's brows. Seeing the two looking at her, she smiled and shook her head, "Nothing."

Yang Fei frowned, "You seemed very worried before, as if you had found something. Are you sure there was nothing?"

Tong Yunshu thought for a moment and said, "Perhaps I was hallucinating at the time, but thinking carefully, that's unlikely."

Yang Fei hurriedly asked, "What kind of hallucination? I feel your senses are very keen and precise. Tell us what really happened."

Qin Yanyang finally realized something was wrong and asked, "What's going on?"

Yang Fei explained what happened last time when Tong Yunshu sensed there was something wrong with the sky.

Qin Yanyang was shocked.

Looking at Tong Yunshu with surprise, she said, "You sensed the anomaly in the sky early on?"

Tong Yunshu shook her head and said, "Back then, I just felt there was something wrong with the sky, making me inexplicably terrified. But I didn't know what the situation was. I didn't expect such a giant black hole vortex to appear in the sky today."

Qin Yanyang looked at Tong Yunshu with astonishment and grew more curious and respectful towards this rival.

She asked, "What kind of hallucination did you experience before?"

Tong Yunshu, without bickering with Qin Yanyang this time, thought for a moment and said, "Ever since the black hole vortex appeared, I have harbored a strong unease, constantly... constantly feeling that there are countless eyes watching us from within that black hole vortex."

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang exchanged a glance.

They had carefully observed the black hole vortex earlier, and apart from sensing that the powerful power elements were dozens of times denser than before, they couldn't perceive anything else.

It was hard to imagine why Tong Yunshu would feel that there were countless eyes from there staring at Earth.

Qin Yanyang thought for a moment, then said, "From such a distance, even if they were extraordinarily powerful, they couldn't possibly see what's happening on Earth, right?"

Yang Fei nodded, thinking that was quite reasonable.

Tong Yunshu said, "Yes, which is why I thought I was just imagining things, having hallucinations."

Despite her words, Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang did not relax; for some reason, they both felt that Tong Yunshu's intuition might be right.

It was an absurd feeling.

After a moment of silence, Qin Yanyang said, "No matter. Just like Yang Fei said before, if a cataclysmic disaster were truly to descend, worrying now wouldn't help. We should just deal with it when it comes and focus on the present; future issues can be dealt with when they arise."

Tong Yunshu nodded and said, "Yes, I think it's actually a good thing for us right now. At least these power elements are quite suitable for cultivation. Moreover, their appearance seems greatly beneficial to Rune Tao, making its effects even greater with the power elements' help."

Yang Fei nodded, "Exactly. I feel that with the current spiritual energy environment, my strength will improve rapidly. Yanyang, you should also seize the time to cultivate and harness these new power elements to complete your Foundation Establishment soon. I think this kind of foundation will become the basis for future cultivation."

Qin Yanyang said, "Yes, I understand."

Tong Yunshu said, "Yang Fei, I'll be with you today."

Yang Fei didn't expect her to suddenly say that and was a bit taken aback, glancing carefully at Qin Yanyang.

However, Qin Yanyang wasn't angry and said, "I have matters to deal with; you two rest."

Yang Fei felt a bit embarrassed, wanting to call Qin Yanyang back but not knowing what to say to comfort her.

Though he had always wanted "dual flight" with them, it seemed difficult to realize.

Moreover, after this great battle, Qin Yanyang indeed had many matters to attend to.

Time flew by, and a month had passed since the anomaly first appeared in the sky on the day of the battle at Yunwu Mountain.

Initially, the world was in a state of panic and concern, with major media forums intensely discussing the black hole vortex in the sky.

Debates about aliens grew more intense.

People argued about whether Earth's civilization or alien civilizations were stronger, and how Earth should respond to aliens.

However, as time passed, these discussions gradually faded.

It seemed as if nothing significant had changed on Earth.

Aside from the sudden appearance of the black hole vortex in the sky, the world showed no other change.

In fact, everyone seemed to notice the air improving.

Elders and infirm individuals, after a month of high-concentration spiritual energy, all felt more spirited.

For cultivators worldwide, the anomaly in the sky actually presented an unprecedented grand opportunity.

Many proclaimed the true arrival of the era of spiritual energy revival.

Numerous Inner Strength Martial Artists, previously suppressed below the Energy Transformation Realm, achieved breakthroughs within the month.

Even strong ones at the Nine-Grade Energy Transformation Peak successfully stepped into the Innate Realm within this short month.

At Yunwu Mountain's Base, amongst the thirty-three experts who came to Yang Fei and learned the Divine Cultivation Technique from the Taoists, three more attained the Divine Travel Realm.

At 11:45 AM today, the scorching sun shone brightly, but suddenly a thunderclap sounded above Yunwu Mountain.

Everyone rushed out of their rooms, looking toward the sky.

They had always remained vigilant about the black hole vortex in the sky; with the sudden clap of thunder on this sunny day, they thought catastrophe might be coming.

However, when they looked up, they found the sky as calm as ever, but higher above, there was a figure hovering.

It was Qin Yanyang.

Above Qin Yanyang's head, lightning gathered and then struck toward her body.

Chapter 966: Forming Sword Aura with One Hand

Boom!

Rumble!!!

Under the blazing sun, thunder and lightning struck Qin Yanyang, making everyone's vision turn white and unable to see what exactly happened.

When the lightning disappeared, the crowd looked over, only to see Qin Yanyang still suspended in the void, her eyes bright as stars, her exquisite face beaming with a confident and radiant smile.

She loudly said, "Again, with more power."

Zhu Tianshou's eyes flashed sharply, saying, "Thunder and Lightning Tempering?"

Cui Wanmin said, "Is this Foundation Establishment Tribulation Crossing?"

The strong figures of the Hidden Sect nodded one after another: "That's right, this is Tribulation Crossing."

"She had already stepped into Innate Realm and Divine Travel Realm, is she going to break through again?"

"What realm is higher than the Divine Travel Realm?"

"It's said to be Foundation Establishment; only after establishing the foundation can one become a true cultivator."

"Cultivation, such a distant term, the Cultivation Realm has been stagnant for years, Divine Travel Realm is the highest limit for us cultivators, is it that now with the resurgence of spiritual energy, the cultivation realm will also step into higher levels again?"

"It's inevitable."

"We have no knowledge of what the next realm is; our generation is at the forefront of the spiritual energy resurgence and can only grope our way across the river by feeling the stones."

During the discussion, terrifying thunder power swiftly gathered in the high sky.

Rumble.

Bolts of thunder power fell upon Qin Yanyang.

Qin Yanyang resisted with formidable cultivation, seemingly guiding the thunder power into her body while ensuring she wasn't struck dead by it, constantly tempering her physique.

Zhuge Cang, Tong Yunshu, Hu Lizhong, and others quickly thought of the scene when Yang Fei tempered his body with lightning in this big array, modified by Zhuge Cang.

At that time, everyone thought Yang Fei would be struck dead by the powerful thunder and lightning, but he grew stronger, achieving formidable physical defensive power through thunder tempering.

Now after a month of arduous cultivation following the resurgence of spiritual energy, Qin Yanyang felt she reached a level capable of perfect Foundation Establishment, so she let Yang Fei manipulate the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Killing Array to gather thunder power for her tempering.

According to the Cultivation Realm's saying, this is artificially creating a simulated Foundation Establishment Tribulation Crossing scene.

All strong figures witnessed this, feeling shocked and admiring this couple's whimsical ideas.

It just remains to see if Qin Yanyang's cultivation realm truly elevates significantly after this similar to Foundation Establishment Tribulation Crossing scene occurs.

If effective, it seems that for these Divine Travel Realm cultivators, a new goal in cultivation has been found.

"Strengthen again."

After the second wave of thunder strikes ended, Qin Yanyang was already disheveled, but she looked energized, her eyes much more confident than before.

Yang Fei's voice came: "I'm afraid of losing control of the power if it's strengthened again."

"It's okay, strengthen it more, I can still hold on." Qin Yanyang, feeling that her True Qi had become more refined and stronger after undergoing two waves of thunder tempering, seemed to have undergone qualitative change, and greatly longing to become stronger, said loudly.

She could feel that she was at a critical moment where quantitative change was bringing about qualitative change.

And to provoke qualitative change in her True Qi, enhance the toughness of her body, flesh, and fundamental bones, she must use such powerful elements of nature for tempering.

Thunder element belongs to Pure Yang Power, only this purest Pure Yang Power can purify the dregs and impurities of the cultivator's True Qi within.

Above Yunwu Mountain Valley, the sky rumbled and roared with thunder.

At this moment, everyone felt a sense of apocalyptic fear.

Such thunder power, even the Divine Travel Realm strong figures present felt extremely frightened.

A month ago, Yang Fei already displayed the means of controlling the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Killing Array, but at that time the strongest thunder power he gathered was strong yet not enough to bring this sense of overwhelming pressure to the top-tier strong figures present.

However, now as the thunder power appearing on the sky has not yet descended, it has already instilled an undeniable sense of helplessness and despair in everyone.

In just one month, this kid seems to have grown stronger again.

A month ago, after the big battle that broke Cloud Mist Mountain Array, Yang Fei repaired it within a day.

The improved array's Gathering Spirit effect seems stronger than before.

Combined with the large amount of special power elements falling from the black vortex above, cultivators across the world who have reached above Inner Strength can feel the increasingly substantial benefits of this enriched spiritual energy.

In a mere month, everyone felt their power had greatly increased, many silently proud of it.

Now after witnessing Yang Fei's show of strength, the top-tier strong figures were deeply shaken.

At least within this Cloud Mist Mountain Array, Yang Fei can seemingly wipe them out effortlessly.

Too powerful!

And now, Qin Yanyang is also tempering herself with thunder, growing stronger and stronger.

This young couple, even if they were to leave Yunwu Mountain's Base Array, seemingly exist as invincible in the world.

The top-tier figures of the Hidden Sect who submitted to Yang Fei all secretly rejoiced in their quick allegiance, aligning themselves with this couple, otherwise wondering how they might unknowingly meet their end if they were to become enemies.

"Boom!"

With a sound like an explosion, everyone was startled.

Though the terrifying thunder power wasn't aimed at them, the strong figures felt compelled to flee as if they were in peril.

Everyone felt a surge of worry on behalf of Qin Yanyang in the void.

Such terrifying thunder power, can she endure it with a mortal body?

In the view of everyone, dazzling lightning swallowed Qin Yanyang's form.

Yet in the next instant, Qin Yanyang's vanished form reappeared in everyone's sight.

Her body seemed transparent at that moment, the terrifying thunder power convulsing madly upon her body, electrocuting her flesh repeatedly, her meridians within seemingly came alive, increasingly clearer with each thunder strike, increasingly refined and compact.

With the last surge of this thunder's power landing.

A dazzling golden light emitted from Qin Yanyang.

She was bathed in this golden light, radiant and akin to a divine being.

Following this was a surge of strong pressure released.

Everyone's hearts thudded, even the supreme strong figures like Huang Chengcheng felt an urge of reverence and worship deep within.

Such strong presence.

Has she truly broken into a completely new realm?

Huang Chengcheng was speechless, staring fearfully at Qin Yanyang in the sky.

This apprentice of his, chosen as a beloved disciple many years ago, possessing an Innate Pure Yin Body, was a perfect dual cultivation match with Yang Fei, complementing each other for swift growth on the cultivation path.

Yet unexpectedly, in merely a decade or so, she has grown to such heights.

As everyone was stunned, Qin Yanyang in the void slowly opened her eyes, touching her waist with her right hand, a soft sword appearing in her hand.

She focused her gaze on the soft sword in her hand, and with a sword hum, a dazzling golden sword aura burst forth from the blade.

Chapter 967: Breaking Free from Restraints

"Holy crap!"

In the high sky, Yang Fei's exclamation rang out.

His voice was omnipresent, as if it came from all directions, shaking everyone's eardrums within the Cloud Mist Mountain Array to the point of bursting.

However, compared to the sword aura emerging from Qin Yanyang's sword body, Yang Fei's exclamation did not shock the crowd too much.

"What... what is that?"

"A toy sword? Can it even glow?"

"Under the scorching sun, even a toy sword wouldn't emit such a strong light, would it?"

"Is she concentrating her profound and pure True Qi to form the legendary sword aura?"

"Sword aura?"

The exclamations continued to rise.

A figure flashed in the void, Yang Fei rushed toward Qin Yanyang.

Qin Yanyang glanced at him, then continued to focus on the sword aura gathering in front of her long sword.

"Hahaha, honey, you're amazing, being able to condense such a long sword aura all by yourself." Yang Fei said with immense delight.

During the battle with Chris, Qin Yanyang managed to unleash a sword aura with their combined efforts, which was intimidating enough to make Chris avoid a head-on clash.

Now that Qin Yanyang can release such a level of sword aura all by herself, how could Yang Fei not be amazed?

This sword aura extends over two meters, even more powerful than when they joined forces before.

He took a deep breath and asked, "Honey, can you make it stronger?"

Qin Yanyang nodded.

In the next moment, the dazzling golden glow in front of the soft sword increased once more.

Yang Fei's pupils shrank, and he felt a shiver in his heart.

The length of this sword aura reached at least five meters.

With the length of the arm and the sword body itself, the area within a seven-meter radius became Qin Yanyang's death zone, and anyone entering it would be doomed.

Unless they could withstand the sharpness of the sword aura.

Yang Fei swallowed hard and said, "Honey, put it... put it away, keep a low profile."

Qin Yanyang, normally composed, couldn't suppress her excitement on her face at this moment.

She listened to Yang Fei's slightly trembling voice, looked at him, and chuckled, "Didn't you say that when it's time to show strength, we should be a bit high-profile?"

Yang Fei dryly coughed and said, "Honey, you're truly amazing, like being reborn. In just one month, you condensed your True Qi to this level."

Qin Yanyang retracted her True Qi, and the sword aura instantly disappeared. She gratefully looked at Yang Fei, saying, "If it weren't for dual cultivation with you, my progress wouldn't have been this fast. Especially just now, without you controlling the Thunder Power to temper my body, my True Qi wouldn't have transformed in quality."

Yang Fei chuckled, "That's for sure. With your husband here, you'll only get stronger."

He couldn't help but hold Qin Yanyang's soft little hand.

Qin Yanyang was already an exceptionally beautiful woman, and now, with her rejuvenated spirit and significantly elevated cultivation level, her entire demeanor became even more refined than before.

Yang Fei couldn't describe the feeling.

He had never met a woman with such a aura before.

If he had to describe it, it would be ethereal, celestial.

Yes, it was the kind that would instill an inexplicable inferiority complex in ordinary folks, making them feel unworthy to look her way, feeling that one more glance would desecrate her.

What he didn't know was, after the Thunder and Lightning Tempering, Qin Yanyang had truly transcended the ordinary.

At this moment, Qin Yanyang, having once exhausted herself for the Divine Continent, was revitalized, her spirit was at its peak, her body reborn and renewed, no longer within the realm of ordinary people, a genuine cultivator blending the earth and heaven's essence with her body.

Even though Yang Fei had long had Qin Yanyang as his own and she was already his wife, at this moment, he still felt captivated by her aura and beauty.

The unprecedented sense of novelty made Yang Fei find it hard to look away from her.

"Ahem..."

Suddenly, a cough broke into the ears of the two.

Immediately afterward, Huang Chengcheng's voice came through, "Are you two going to show lovey-dovey in public?"

Yang Fei's face blushed with embarrassment.

Indeed, he was just immersed in the attraction Qin Yanyang held for him, nearly losing himself.

Qin Yanyang, however, simply smiled.

Yang Fei's gaze earlier had made her a little proud, like they were returning to the time when their feelings first sparked.

She was secretly pleased to maintain the attraction she had for Yang Fei, regaining a confidence she had never had before.

The two descended from the sky.

Hu Lizhong immediately approached, sincerely saying, "Congratulations to the minister for reaching a higher realm; with last month's great victory and the minister's recent advancement, our Divine Continent shall surely become the world's strongest."

Yang Fei's lips twitched, and he kicked Hu Lizhong's backside, "Old Hu, aren't you being disgusting? Get lost."

Qin Yanyang chuckled gently.

Hu Lizhong seemed indifferent, smiling as he said, "It's also thanks to Brother Yang, haha, with Brother Yang and Minister Qin's couple joining hands, we're invincible under the heavens."

Yang Fei said helplessly, "Enough already."

Hu Lizhong chuckled and stopped the flattery.

But Xiang Yunfei and other Military Department members on the side secretly admired them.

Only Old Hu could make flattery seem so natural in this setting.

"Girl, what's your realm now? Was that sword aura from the sword body just now?" Huang Chengcheng asked with a complex expression as he looked at Qin Yanyang.

Qin Yanyang hurriedly replied, "According to Yang Fei, I should be in the Foundation Establishment Realm now. What burst from the sword body was indeed the sword aura."

"It is indeed Foundation Establishment!"

"Foundation Establishment corresponds to becoming a true cultivator."

"That's right, Foundation Establishment is about laying the foundation for the path of cultivation. Only by doing so can one pursue immortality and achieve higher results in cultivation."

"I didn't expect we would witness a Foundation Establishment cultivator in our lifetime. This is surely a special era."

"If we work hard on cultivation, perhaps we too have a chance to reach the Foundation Establishment Realm."

"Most importantly, it's rumored that after Foundation Establishment, the body undergoes a rebirth-like transformation, genetic sequences change, and lifespan greatly increases."

"Yes, this is the true aim of our cultivation, the pursuit of longevity."

"Lo... longevity and immortality, can one truly achieve immortality through cultivation?"

All of a sudden, everyone became excited.

After all, these Innate Realm experts were over a hundred years old, and under normal circumstances, most of them could live to a hundred and forty or fifty at best.

But now, with Qin Yanyang's successful Foundation Establishment and body rebirth, according to the legends, a Foundation Establishment cultivator could enjoy a lifespan of three hundred years.

Three hundred years.

Now with the resurgence of Spiritual Energy, does it imply the potential to break through to even higher realms?

For these elderly, the temptation of longevity is immense.

Huang Chengcheng took a deep breath, looking at Qin Yanyang, "Besides the sword aura, do you feel anything else?"

Qin Yanyang thought for a moment and said, "I feel that the constraints of the world's rules on me have lessened significantly. For example... gravity."

She looked up at the sky, then with a flash, soared into the air.

The crowd merely saw a blur in front of their eyes, and then a sharp sound of air being sliced passed by their ears.

In the blink of an eye, Qin Yanyang ascended to above a hundred meters high.

This speed, although not instant teleportation, felt to everyone present as if it surpasses instant teleportation.

The speed had already broken the sound barrier.

But that was not the end.

Qin Yanyang's body grew faster and higher, seemingly unaffected by gravity, heading straight towards the black vortex in the deep sky.

Chapter 968: There Really Are Watchers

A moment later, everyone at Yunwu Mountain's Base finally snapped back to reality, realizing what Qin Yanyang seemed to be up to, and their expressions drastically changed.

"What is this girl trying to do?" Huang Chengcheng exclaimed.

Yang Fei's heart gave a jolt as he bent his knees and then sprung straight, shooting up like a cannonball.

It was so fast!

At least in everyone's eyes, Yang Fei's ascent was incredibly fast, fast enough to astonish them.

However, upon careful thought, compared to Qin Yanyang's speed just now, Yang Fei seemed a bit slower.

His speed felt purely like an explosion of instantaneous power.

While Qin Yanyang gave the impression of being able to effortlessly soar high or change her trajectory at any moment.

But even so, when Yang Fei shot up into the sky, everyone gasped in shock.

"Is Yang Fei really this strong?"

"Did he already step into this realm?"

"But if he were truly this strong, his performance in that battle a month ago shouldn't have been like that."

"Indeed."

The crowd exclaimed in disbelief.

There was a feeling of being deeply defeated by this couple.

However, soon a cheer came over: "He's coming down, ha... cough cough..."

Seemingly realizing they shouldn't be laughing, the person quickly turned their laughter into a cough.

No one looked to see who spoke, all eyes were fixed on the sky.

Indeed, they saw Yang Fei, now a tiny black dot, gradually growing larger as he fell back down.

A sharp sound of rushing wind soon followed.

Everyone was terrified and prepared to dodge.

The falling speed was too fast; if hit, one would undoubtedly die.

Just as Yang Fei's body was about to hit the valley, above the valley, a powerful gathering of spiritual energy formed, forcibly cushioning Yang Fei's falling body, creating significant buffering, so by the time Yang Fei landed in the valley, it was very smooth and gentle.

Huang Chengcheng opened his mouth, looking at his beloved apprentice: "What's the matter, can't you get up there?"

Yang Fei said frustratingly: "Yeah, still a bit short, gravity still affects me."

Everyone looked towards the sky, inhaling sharply.

No one mocked Yang Fei for overestimating himself for wanting to fly because the height he ascended was currently unattainable for them.

The most crucial thing was that Qin Yanyang had not yet come down.

Her figure was already out of sight, seemingly unaffected by Earth's gravity.

"Could she really be trying to see what's in the black hole vortex?" Xu Jian said in a deep voice, his eyes filled with envy.

He survived by successfully using the Body Seizing Technique, and the current body was the relatively young physique of Duanmu Cheng, but his divine soul thought power was exceptionally strong, thus his overall strength was comparable to the Divine Travel Realm.

But compared to a true Divine Travel Realm, once his divine soul thought power was exhausted, his physical body realm was too weak, not even reaching the Innate Realm.

The cultivation talent of this body was still too ordinary.

Now with the revival of spiritual energy, he practiced diligently, yet he was still a considerable distance from stepping into the Innate Realm, making him rather helpless.

Watching Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang's rapid progress, Xu Jian truly felt envious.

Huang Chengcheng frowned and said: "Considering that girl's nature, she might really do it."

Qin Huai'an had long since left here, and the large official institution of the Divine Continent still needed to function. During the time Qin Yanyang was secluded in cultivation at the base, Qin Huai'an had to stay busy.

However, even if Qin Huai'an had been present, given how quickly Qin Yanyang went up, he probably wouldn't have had a chance to persuade her.

Yang Fei's face was filled with worry.

He knew Qin Yanyang well, if a chance truly existed, this woman would definitely go and find out.

While concerned, a strange noise came from overhead.

"She's back!" someone shouted in excitement while watching.

Everyone looked up, and indeed, a black dot reappeared in their field of vision.

Yang Fei's heart moved, releasing his telekinesis, quickly gathering a large amount of power elements above Yunwu Mountain to form a thick invisible air cushion.

Up in the sky, after reaching a certain height, Qin Yanyang realized that Earth's gravity was increasingly strong, and that feeling of being restrained by the laws of heaven and earth power returned again.

She was secretly disappointed, knowing that even though her realm had greatly improved, it was still not enough to completely break free from the worldly laws of space.

As far as her eyes could see, the black hole vortex remained so distant.

She sighed quietly and allowed her body to descend.

Upon reaching a certain height, she used her divine thought to gather a large number of power elements around her body, gradually supporting it to prevent her from falling too fast to the ground.

By the time she was a few hundred meters above the Yunwu Mountain base, she sensed that Yang Fei had gathered a large amount of power elements to act as a cushion, prompting her to smile tenderly.

Controlling her descent into the valley, seeing everyone's stunned look, she smiled slightly and shook her head, saying: "I thought Earth's power laws had lost their grip on me, but I didn't expect even stronger constraints in the high sky. With my current realm, it's a pipe dream to roam the void."

For some reason, hearing her words, everyone felt relieved rather than disappointed.

If Qin Yanyang had truly broken free from Earth's space laws, she would be akin to a god to them.

The immense disparity in strength would be too overwhelming, too despairing.

However, after a brief moment of relaxation, everyone's thoughts returned to the formidable pressure Qin Yanyang had shown before and her rapid ascent, feeling despair once more.

Zhu Tianshou took a deep breath and said solemnly: "Just with a single realm breakthrough, the gap between us feels like heaven and earth, and this Foundation Establishment Realm is truly enviable."

"Indeed, in ordinary people's eyes, we are already akin to immortals, yet compared to Minister Qin, we feel like ants."

Everyone nodded silently, looking at Qin Yanyang with complex expressions.

Qin Yanyang sensed their low spirits and smiled: "Now with the revival of spiritual energy, the best era for Earth's cultivators has arrived. Yanyang simply took one step ahead of you, but I believe you'll catch up soon."

Even though everyone knew it was challenging to step into the Foundation Establishment Realm, with Qin Yanyang's encouragement and witnessing Yang Fei helping Qin Yanyang with her Foundation Establishment, they couldn't help but feel an indomitable spirit.

Yes, if Qin Yanyang can do it, why can't we?

As long as we maintain a good relationship with Yang Fei and have his help with Thunder and Lightning Tempering, and work hard on cultivation, we refuse to believe we can't step into the Foundation Establishment Realm.

Despite everyone's different cultivation talents, if Qin Yanyang can break through her Foundation Establishment in a month, then for us, it might take a year; if not a year, then ten or twenty... um, not too long, as we are aging, so we might not have twenty years to reach the Foundation Establishment Realm.

It's necessary to diligently cultivate and work hard to establish our Foundation as early as possible to enjoy the potential for greater longevity.

For a moment, the older generation of Divine Travel Realm cultivators from the Hidden Sect silently resolved to stay and cultivate in seclusion at Yunwu Mountain's Base until they broke through.

After everyone dispersed, Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang returned to their room. Once the door was closed, she looked at Yang Fei with a serious expression and said: "Yang Fei, I don't think Tong Yunshu was mistaken originally. Just now, when I was high up in the sky, I also suddenly felt that beyond the black hole vortex, there seemed to be countless eyes watching me."

Yang Fei's heart tightened, asking: "Really?"

Qin Yanyang said solemnly: "That feeling was so real, I don't think it was an illusion. There should genuinely be another civilization behind that black hole vortex."

Chapter 969: Tribulation Crossing

Qin Yanyang's expression was grave, her face serious and full of an unexplainable apprehension and lingering fear.

Yang Fei knew she couldn't possibly deceive him.

But he frequently spent time alone with Tong Yunshu recently. During dual cultivation, utilizing that miraculous effect of consciousness sharing, he also tried to sense that enormous black hole vortex above the sky, wanting to see what was inside, and whether he could find the feeling that Tong Yunshu had mentioned.

But not once did he sense anything unusual.

Now Qin Yanyang also said someone was watching over here from behind, which made Yang Fei believe it a bit more.

He held Qin Yanyang's hand and comforted, "Perhaps there really are other biological civilizations watching Earth. But even if that's the case, so what? We can't see them anyway, so let's not overthink it."

Qin Yanyang heard this and smiled, saying, "Hmm, I'm not overthinking, just telling you the feeling I just had."

Yang Fei said, "Honestly, I am somewhat expectant to see if any new species might appear in there. But a month has passed, and nothing has come out. We were just scared for nothing. On the contrary, ever since the black hole vortex appeared, the spiritual energy on Earth has become more abundant, and the powerful elements have increased, which is only beneficial to us cultivators on Earth, with no downsides."

Qin Yanyang laughed, "Yes, if not for the black hole vortex causing those special power elements on Earth to become richer, I wouldn't have been able to complete Foundation Establishment so quickly."

Hearing her mention this, Yang Fei looked at her with undisguised envy and said, "Wife, your Physical Body Realm is too formidable; you can actually roam the void directly, without using the power of divine soul thought to condense heaven and earth power elements to aid flight."

Qin Yanyang was a bit proud, smiling, "Yes, I now feel that Earth's gravity has little effect on me. In a low-altitude state, I can fly whenever I want. The True Qi in my body seems to integrate seamlessly with the spiritual energy of heaven and earth around, making me like a part of heaven and earth, free to soar."

Yang Fei enviously said, "That's truly amazing. The key is the speed is so fast."

Qin Yanyang silently felt for a while and said, "It's not just speed; I feel my power is unprecedentedly strong. Yang Fei, you might not be my match anymore."

Yang Fei pulled a face and said, "What, are you thinking of fighting me?"

Qin Yanyang chuckled, "I'm reminding you to work hard and, also, it's best not to make me mad, or you can't beat me."

Yang Fei embraced her, "Then I should carefully check your body to see if there are any different changes."

"No, it's broad daylight..."

"What are you afraid of? We're cultivating; it wouldn't be shameful even if others hear about it."

"You naughty..."

"Enjoy the wine today, for tomorrow is uncertain; live happily one day at a time."

After an hour of intimate embrace and passion, the two entered a dual cultivation state.

As soon as their True Qi connected, there was a certain level of rejection, in stark contrast to the previously complementary state, almost causing the True Qi to run wild.

"Are you okay?" They looked at each other with concern at the same time.

Then they simultaneously shook their heads, indicating they were fine.

Qin Yanyang said, "Why is this happening?"

Yang Fei said helplessly, "Your internal True Qi has undergone a qualitative change, which cannot perfectly match with my True Qi like before, causing some rejection."

Qin Yanyang nodded silently, worried, "What should we do? Doesn't this mean we can't do dual cultivation anymore?"

The benefits of dual cultivation were truly numerous. If not for the dual cultivation over this time, Qin Yanyang knew she wouldn't have broken through so quickly. Now unable to do dual cultivation, she was very worried and dejected.

Yang Fei was also very worried. After some thought, he said, "Earlier, our True Qi experienced rejection, but it wasn't particularly strong. Shall we try again?"

Qin Yanyang, a bit apprehensive, asked, "Will it be dangerous?"

"You can just use a portion of your True Qi to do dual cultivation with me, and try it out first," Yang Fei suggested.

Seeing his insistence, Qin Yanyang agreed to his suggestion.

The two tried it again.

Indeed, the moment the two strands of True Qi touched, rejection occurred again, but this situation wasn't particularly evident, as Qin Yanyang had only mobilized half of her True Qi.

Although their True Qi couldn't merge, their minds were connected. Yang Fei signaled to hold on, and Qin Yanyang agreed.

The two continued practicing dual cultivation; the two strands of somewhat rejecting True Qi traveled through their meridians, exerting a certain load and pressure on both of their Martial Meridians. But with their advanced realm, the extensively polished and extremely powerful Martial Meridians could endure it.

After circulating for a few Cycles, although the sense of rejection of True Qi still existed, the effect of dual cultivation had appeared.

The power elements from the surrounding heaven and earth continuously gathered towards the room where they were.

This effect was even better than during previous dual cultivation sessions.

However, now during dual cultivation, Qin Yanyang's help to Yang Fei was significantly greater. Of course, she could also feel the internal True Qi being tempered and increasing, although it was growing much slower compared to Yang Fei.

Time flew by, and in the blink of an eye, another month passed.

That afternoon, over the Yunwu Mountain Valley where the clear sky was vast and blue, suddenly clouds gathered densely, night seemed to descend three hours early upon this valley.

The people cultivating within the valley were not aware of the weather change outside, until suddenly, a moment came where everyone felt a sudden shiver, an unprecedented sense of crisis came from above their heads.

Everyone rushed out of their rooms, looking up at the sky.

All thought some commotion had come from the black hole vortex high up.'

However, the vortex on the dome was still hanging there peacefully, with nothing happening.

Instead, a dense cluster of dark clouds loomed over the Yunwu Mountain Valley.

In other distant places, the sky was clear and sunny, with some sunshine visible. Only over this Yunwu Mountain Valley, the clouds were densely packed.

Everyone showed an expression of shock, not knowing what was happening.

Boom!

Rumble!!

In the dense dark clouds, dazzling lightning twisted like silver snakes, and the rumble of thunder rolled down.

As everyone was in doubt and ambiguity, a loud voice sounded, "Everyone evacuate the valley for now, quick!"

Hearing Yang Fei's voice, everyone was greatly surprised, but the majority reacted quickly, immediately flying out of the valley.

Someone, however, couldn't help but ask with concern, "Brother Yang, what exactly is happening?"

"Is there a problem with the formation?"

Yang Fei rushed out of the room.

Following him out was Qin Yanyang.

Seeing the two, everyone's expression changed, with looks of surprise in their eyes.

They saw that around Yang Fei's body, electric sparks glimmered like tiny electromagnetic sparks, as if he carried a massive amount of electricity.

Around Qin Yanyang's body, there were also some, but compared to Yang Fei, they were much fewer, like scattered sparks jumping around her body.

Were these two electrified? How come they gave people a feeling of sparks bringing electric shocks?

"Boom!"

Just then, a clap of thunder sounded in the sky.

Immediately afterward, a terrifying lightning bolt resembling a silver sword that descended from the heaven slashed directly toward Yang Fei.

Compared to the Thunder Power that Yang Fei had controlled a month ago, this lightning contained a power of thunder and lightning that was more than ten times stronger.

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"Hahaha, come on, I've been waiting for you for a long time."

With a wild laugh, Yang Fei soared into the sky.

Terrifying lightning struck Yang Fei's body.

A dazzling light flashed.

Yang Fei's body was engulfed by the silver lightning.

Tong Yunshu watched with worry, her face filled with terror, and her palms sweating with tension.

Zhuge Cang was utterly stunned, mumbling in fear, "Heavenly Tribulation, this... is he really undergoing a Tribulation Crossing, is there really a Foundation Establishment Thunder Tribulation?"

Rumble!

The response was an even more formidable thunderclap.

Silver lightning descended from the black cloud, as if a peerless strongman within the cloud was wielding a silver whip, fiercely lashing Yang Fei's body.

Just as Yang Fei's body appeared, it was once again wrapped and engulfed by the silver light.

In the blink of an eye, his body reappeared in everyone's sight.

Only to see that the lightning particles around his body had noticeably dissipated significantly after two strikes.

Rumble!

The third thunder strike descended.

This repeated a total of nine strikes, each more terrifying than the last.

Yet Yang Fei withstood them all.

However, after the final thunder strike, Yang Fei's clothes were burnt to ashes, his hair mostly destroyed, and blood covered the corners of his mouth. He looked exceedingly disheveled, yet his eyes were incomparably bright, and a faint golden glow shimmered on his body.

"Hahaha, I've succeeded!"

Yang Fei laughed heartily.

Pointing to the black cloud above, he said, "Foundation Establishment Thunder Tribulation, that's all it is."

Boom!

Just as he finished speaking, the dispersing black cloud condensed again, and a bolt of lightning struck down once more.

Yang Fei was startled, True Qi surged within him, generating a strong Protective Gang Qi, ready to withstand another strike.

However, in the next instant, he realized something was wrong and exclaimed in shock, "Wife, be careful!"

The bolt of lightning was not aimed at him, but at Qin Yanyang.

Qin Yanyang was full of confidence, not only unafraid but also soaring to meet the thunder strike head-on.

The lightning struck Qin Yanyang, and the lightning particles around her were mostly absorbed.

The second strike followed.

A total of three strikes hit Qin Yanyang, and the sparkling lightning around her body completely disappeared.

Both husband and wife felt that all impurities, whether in their flesh and bone or in the True Qi in their meridians, vanished after the strikes.

A month ago, Qin Yanyang had already been purified by lightning generated by Yang Fei, and at that time she felt her body was free of impurities, yet during those three lightning strikes, she still felt impurities within being completely refined and removed.

This feeling made the couple feel incredibly holy, incredibly pure, and their Realm ascended to an unprecedented height.

"Yang Fei, what happened today? Did you summon those lightnings yourself?" Zhu Tianshou returned to the valley and asked Yang Fei.

The black cloud above the valley had already dispersed, making the valley much brighter.

Many people had returned, gathering around Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang.

Yang Fei shook his head and said, "No, it was a heavenly thunder tribulation."

"Heavenly thunder tribulation?"

"This... is this the Taoist legendary thunder tribulation, did you really undergo Tribulation Crossing?"

Cui Wanbang exclaimed in astonishment.

A month ago, Qin Yanyang was purified by the lightning condensed by Yang Fei, and her Realm ascended to a new height.

That didn't count as a real Tribulation Crossing.

But today, Yang Fei had actually attracted a heavenly thunder tribulation, and the power of those lightnings just now was terrifying, far beyond what Yang Fei could control with the Cloud Mist Mountain Array.

Moreover, Qin Yanyang was struck by the thunder tribulation three times at the end.

Everyone looked at Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang with eyes full of doubts but couldn't discern any abnormalities.

Yang Fei said, "This should be what the Taoists refer to as Tribulation Crossing. But this was my first time experiencing it, and according to Taoist cultivation records, this is considered the Foundation Establishment Thunder Tribulation."

Everyone took a deep breath.

Today's thunder tribulation was heavenly, and compared to the lightning purification Qin Yanyang underwent a month ago, this thunder tribulation shook all the cultivators much more.

"This... this isn't scientific," Xiang Yunfei murmured, unable to believe it was real.

Yang Fei was amused: "Hahaha, if you believe in science, you shouldn't be cultivating here."

Xiang Yunfei blushed at the comment.

Hu Lihong said, "It can actually be explained scientifically. Previously, Brother Yang and Minister Qin were surrounded by a large amount of lightning elements, which should be the accumulation of Heaven and Earth Elemental Power in their bodies reaching a point of transformation, and this transformation requires the purification of Thunder Power. So when both were surrounded by a large amount of lightning elements, it attracted the thunder strikes, resulting in the effect of a thunder tribulation. Now that they have crossed the thunder tribulation, their True Qi has transformed, impurities have been removed, and their disposition has changed, they are now truly cultivators."

Yang Fei twitched his mouth and gave Hu Lizhong a thumbs up: "Old Hu, you're amazing, you managed to explain it like that."

Hu Lizhong replied with a self-deprecating smile: "Xiang Yunfei wanted a scientific explanation, so I gave him one."

Yet other powerful individuals silently nodded, finding Hu Lizhong's explanation reasonable.

Yang Fei looked at everyone and said, "Seniors, Yanyang and I have taken the first step, exploring the path to the next Realm for everyone. Whether this is the Foundation Establishment Thunder Tribulation from Taoist cultivation legends requires more verification. I hope all the seniors can reach this stage soon, so we can all validate and progress together."

Everyone nodded, eyes flashing with excitement.

If this truly was Tribulation Crossing, then passing this stage could significantly increase one's lifespan.

We have caught up with a great era, poised to become the initial generation of strong ones in the era of Spiritual Energy resurgence!

Tong Yunshu approached, carefully observing Yang Fei, her eyes showing a hint of infatuation.

She loved Yang Fei, never wavering even when he lost all his power and became a 'useless person.'

Now watching Yang Fei before her, she only felt that his disposition was outstanding, making her even more captivated.

She knew it was because Yang Fei's entire personality had changed after just undergoing the Tribulation Crossing.

"Yang Fei, your Realm has advanced, would you like to test if your understanding of Rune Tao has improved?" Tong Yunshu suggested.

Yang Fei's heart was moved upon hearing this.

He pondered for a moment and then uttered two extremely strange phonetics.

Tong Yunshu was overjoyed.

Zhuge Cang's expression also changed.

This kid wasn't able to pronounce these two rune sounds before, how did he suddenly manage it, and the feeling was that his pronunciation was incredibly accurate.

Buzz!

The void trembled for a moment.

As Yang Fei uttered those strange and awkward phonetics, his body instantly vanished from its original place, as if swallowed by a deeper layer of space.

Everyone immediately scanned around to search.

Yet Yang Fei's trace remained unseen.

Suddenly, his body reappeared, a thousand meters high in the sky.

His clothes, already burnt by the lightning, were now torn into rags, barely covering him.

At this moment, his head buzzed, he felt nauseous, had a ringing in his ears, and his vision was filled with blurry, twinkling stars.

"Wow!"

Finally, unable to hold back, he opened his mouth and vomited.

Subsequently, his whole body lost control and plummeted from the void.