

Primordial 441

Chapter 441 They Are Coming

"The two of you need not be tense, I have no ill intentions; I was merely driven here by pursuers."

Lin Chen, seeing the anxious expression of the purple-robed maiden, immediately began to explain.

Upon hearing his words, Xia Wanxin slowly exhaled in relief, but the purple-robed maiden remained on high alert, her gaze fixed on Lin Chen.

Lin Chen, observing this, did not offer further explanation. Instead, he kept his distance from the two women, found a spot, and began to sit in meditation to recover his spiritual power.

A flash of light appeared, and a Spiritual Puppet at the Ninth Level of the Heaven-reaching Realm materialized to stand guard beside Lin Chen.

In fact, during the previous pursuit by those five individuals, Lin Chen could have brought out his Spiritual Puppet and most likely would have triumphed in battle against them.

However, doing so would cause a huge commotion, attracting who knows how many martial artists to the scene.

Lin Chen had made quite a name for himself in the previous five challenges, and he could guess that he might have incurred the dissatisfaction of many martial artists.

Especially with news of him possessing treasures, Lin Chen had to remain low-key until he could break through to the Heaven-reaching Realm. Otherwise, attracting a large number of martial artists, particularly those of Deng Yu's caliber, would leave Lin Chen with no option but to flee.

However, if the martial artists ambushing Lin Chen were too numerous, reaching a thousand or more, even with the Purple Cloud Wings and the Purple Cloud Flying Wings, Lin Chen might not be able to escape their encirclement.

Lin Chen swallowed an elixir and began to recover his spiritual power in peace.

Seeing the Stone Sculpture Puppet beside Lin Chen, which possessed the cultivation of the Heaven-reaching Realm, Xia Wanxin and the purple-robed maiden could not help but be taken aback. They were already wary of Lin Chen's strength, but what surprised them even more was that he possessed a puppet of such caliber.

And they still did not know how many more of such Stone Sculpture Puppets Lin Chen had. If there were many, just these puppets would be enough trouble for them.

Xia Wanxin didn't harbor any malice toward Lin Chen, but you can't judge a book by its cover. Who knew if Lin Chen might harbor any ill intentions towards them?

After all, while at Baiming Garden, Xia Wanxin had heard of Lin Chen's reputation.

He was relentless in pursuit of treasures. Hundreds, if not thousands, of people who attended the conference had their treasures plundered by Lin Chen, which contributed to his notorious reputation reaching the ears of the two women.

Hu hu—

Half an hour later, Lin Chen opened his eyes, and the purple-robed maiden, who had been guarding Xia Wanxin, instantly became tense.

Xia Wanxin also awoke from her meditation, and both women vigilantly turned their gazes upon Lin Chen.

Lin Chen knew that Xia Wanxin and her companion had found this place first, and it was inappropriate for him to linger any longer.

After all, no one likes to meditate and heal under someone else's watchful eyes, as it is when one is most vulnerable. If attacked, one could easily be inflicted with severe injuries or even death.

"Ladies, I apologize for the intrusion. I have recovered now and will take my leave."

Having said this, Lin Chen turned around to leave the place.

"Wait a moment."

However, just as Lin Chen was about to depart, Xia Wanxin suddenly called out to him.

At her words, Lin Chen slightly furrowed his brows and turned around in confusion to look at Xia Wanxin, wondering if the two women intended to keep him there after all.

Regardless of the Stone Sculpture Puppets he possessed, the two women were injured, and Lin Chen had just restored his spiritual power to its peak. He felt he had a fifty percent chance of overwhelming them.

Even if the two women had some trump cards for saving their own lives, Lin Chen was not afraid. If they had them, was it possible that he did not?

"Do you ladies need something?"

Lin Chen asked indifferently, looking at Xia Wanxin.

While speaking, Lin Chen's spiritual power surged within him, ready for combat at any moment.

Seeing how vigilant Lin Chen was, Xia Wanxin immediately said.

"I stopped Young Master Lin Chen to tell you that we, too, have been driven here by pursuers. Those people are not few in number and even more so, they are strong."

Upon hearing this, Lin Chen slightly frowned.

Xia Wanxin was at the Half-Step Return to Void Realm, and Lin Chen had witnessed her strength during the Trial Tower, second only to Qin Kaifeng. And the purple-robed maiden by her side also possessed no ordinary strength.

Those who could harm the two of them must be extraordinary, and Xia Wanxin mentioned there were not a few of them. Exactly how many were they?

Most importantly, why did Xia Wanxin choose to tell Lin Chen about this matter at this moment?

Could it be...

At this thought, Lin Chen's brows knitted together.

"Miss, you have stopped me to inform me of this, you're not suggesting that they have already pursued us here, are you?"

Lin Chen's eyes fell on Xia Wanxin as he asked outright.

"Young Master Lin Chen is indeed astute; those people have, in fact, pursued us to this place. That's why I stopped you, Young Master Lin Chen. I didn't want you to go out and encounter them now. Those people are murderous by nature and would certainly cause all sorts of trouble for Young Master Lin Chen," Xia Wanxin said, looking at Lin Chen with utmost seriousness.

After hearing this, Lin Chen was momentarily speechless.

He had already been pursued to this place, and now after just having his spiritual power restored, another group had come.

He thought he might as well have fought those five individuals earlier.

Having heard Xia Wanxin's explanation, Lin Chen released his Divine Sense outward from the Outer Sect, and indeed sensed a group of people encircling the valley from all sides.

Leading them were a man in white and another in red, both at the Half-Step Return to Void Realm, indicating they had encountered some fortune in the mystic realm and advanced from the Ninth Level of the Heaven-reaching Realm.

Before entering the mystic realm, Lin Chen had carefully observed the cultivation levels of all participants. Apart from Qin Kaifeng, Xia Wanxin, Ouyang Xuan, Deng Yu, and the Heartless Monk, the cultivation of other martial artists had not reached the Half-Step Return to Void Realm.

At that moment, the two men were leading more than a dozen martial artists towards the valley.

Without guessing, it was clear that these people were also after Xia Wanxin.

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Chapter 442: Space Blockade Great Formation

"Brother Qi, we had an agreement. After we capture those two beauties, you can have all the treasures on them, but I want the women themselves. You can't compete with me for them."

The man dressed in red, with many thumb-sized bumps on his face, looked extremely ugly. At the moment, he wore an evil grin, his lecherous eyes squinting as he spoke.

"Don't worry, Brother Liang. When Qi Tianheng gives his word, he never goes back on it. Both Xia Wanxin and her purple-robed maid are yours."

Qi Tianheng smiled at Liang Shuo as he spoke.

Qi Tianheng was a prince from Tianyu Country, a superior vassal state of the Formation Sect. No woman had ever stirred his heart, not even Xia Wanxin.

To him, women were nothing but playthings. In Tianyu Country, many subordinates and elders would present him with beautiful women to please him, and those beauties far surpassed Xia Wanxin in looks and figure. Therefore, Qi Tianheng had not even the slightest 'male interest' in Xia Wanxin.

If it hadn't been for the encounter with the ugly Liang Shuo, Qi Tianheng might have indulged himself with Xia Wanxin and the purple-robed maid after capturing them. But since he had promised Liang Shuo, he naturally wouldn't break his word.

Looking at Liang Shuo's lustful demeanor, Qi Tianheng was filled with contempt.

While Qi Tianheng was chasing Xia Wanxin, Liang Shuo happened to pass by. Being from the same country, Liang Shuo took a liking to Xia Wanxin's beauty and immediately proposed cooperation with Qi Tianheng. All he required in exchange for his help was for Qi Tianheng to hand over Xia Wanxin and the purple-robed maid to him after retrieving his items, on the condition that neither woman was to be touched by Qi Tianheng—they must be untouched.

Qi Tianheng found such a demand to be an insult to himself.

After all, as a prince of a nation, he was never short of women. It was unthinkable for him to quarrel over Xia Wanxin.

So despite agreeing outwardly with a smile, Qi Tianheng was inwardly full of disdain for Liang Shuo.

Whirr, whirr—

Once Qi Tianheng and Liang Shuo arrived at the mouth of the valley, with just a command from Qi Tianheng, the Martial Artists from Tianyu Country immediately took out an Array Plate. A series of formation flags flew out from the plate and landed around the valley, swiftly raising a Great Formation that enveloped the entire valley.

"Is this a Space-Sealing Great Formation!?"

Lin Chen, seeing the Great Formation manifesting above, his expression changed instantly.

When he sensed the presence of Qi Tianheng and Liang Shuo, Lin Chen knew these people would be big trouble. He didn't want to get involved in the hostilities surrounding Xia Wanxin and others, nor did he want to cause trouble, so he prepared to use the Qiankun Escape Talisman to flee the place.

However, before Lin Chen could use the Qiankun Escape Talisman, the Space-Sealing Great Formation had already formed in the sky.

Once this Formation appeared, it could cut off all communication with the outside world and block any earth-escape techniques, even if they tried to channel Spiritual Power into a Teleportation Jade Slip, they would not be able to be transported out.

The Qiankun Escape Talisman Lin Chen held was merely a low-level Earth-escape Talisman—also restricted by the Space-Sealing Great Formation.

If Lin Chen wanted to escape, he would need to use a superior Qiankun Escape Talisman. However, such Talisman Inscriptions were of the Fifth-grade level, which Lin Chen was unable to refine at the moment.

"Young Master Lin Chen, you're familiar with this Space-Sealing Great Formation as well?"

Xia Wanxin was somewhat surprised to hear Lin Chen's words.

"Why wouldn't I recognize it? The Great Formation has formed, right above our heads. Unless Miss Xia is blind?"

Lin Chen, not having time to waste on Xia Wanxin, immediately voiced his real thoughts.

"You..."

The purple-robed maid, upon hearing Lin Chen's words addressed to their princess, became angry and, with a huff, pointed her finger at Lin Chen.

Xia Wanxin stopped the purple-robed maid. She understood Lin Chen's words were unintentional.

After all, it was Xia Wanxin herself who had made the inappropriate comment, underestimating Lin Chen. She had assumed Lin Chen wouldn't recognize the Great Formation before them, for such a profound array would surely leave any ordinary Martial Artist utterly confused and at a loss.

But Lin Chen recognized it, and by saying so, she inadvertently caused unnecessary trouble.

At this moment, Lin Chen's face was full of seriousness, for the Great Formation had been laid down, making it impossible to escape using the Qiankun Escape Talisman. If escaping was out of the question, the only option left was to confront the situation head-on.

"Young Master Lin Chen, what will you do now?"

Xia Wanxin looked at Lin Chen and asked.

Xia Wanxin had never respected Qi Tianheng's strength, but soon after entering the secret realm, Qi Tianheng had somehow gained a fortunate opportunity within and had broken through to the Half-Step Return to Void Realm.

This put his strength almost on par with Xia Wanxin. With Qi Tianheng well-prepared, bringing his people from Tianyu Country to the Formation Sect's entrance exams, they outnumbered her. Plus, with the added annoyance of Liang Shuo's presence, after being gravely injured, Xia Wanxin had used an Earth-escape Talisman to flee.

Regrettably, it seemed some sort of mark had been made on both Xia Wanxin and the purple-robed maid. Even after fleeing to this location, they were relentlessly pursued by Qi Tianheng and his men.

At this point, Lin Chen heard Xia Wanxin's words but didn't respond; instead, he focused his gaze on the Space-Sealing Great Formation in the sky.

This Formation wasn't laid down by an Array Master, but was reliant on the Array Plates in the Martial Artists' hands. This meant the critical point of the Formation was not overly complex but fixed.

If Lin Chen could locate the Formation's critical point, he might be able to break it.

"Young Master Lin Chen, my mistress is speaking to you," the purple-robed maid interjected, knowing Lin Chen's strong abilities and that he should not be offended lightly. But Lin Chen's direct disregard for Xia Wanxin's question immediately irked the purple-robed maid.

Chapter 443: Kill Two Birds with One Stone

"Are you two sure you want to discuss these things with me right now?"

Lin Chen was speechless about Xia Wanxin and the Purple-robed Maiden behind him.

They were currently surrounded, with enemies about to strike, yet at this crucial moment, they were discussing whether they recognized the Great Formation.

The Purple-robed Maiden, being reprimanded angrily by Lin Chen, instantly became angry and wanted to retort.

"Young Master Lin Chen is right, now is not the time to discuss these things. We should think about how to escape from these people's clutches,"

Xia Wanxin reached out her hand to stop the Purple-robed Maiden from continuing to argue with Lin Chen and turned her gaze towards Qi Tianheng and others in the sky.

Their Teleportation Jade Slip and Earth-escape Talisman were unable to function; the enemy planned to capture them in a trap.

Xia Wanxin felt extremely frustrated. She wanted to settle accounts with Qi Tianheng but lacked the strength to do so, since his numbers and combat power far exceeded hers.

Her only hope lay with Lin Chen; perhaps he could bring a turnaround.

But what if Lin Chen just stood by and watched?

That scenario should be impossible. The moment Lin Chen stepped into this place, he was already on the same front as the two of them.

Given Qi Tianheng's nature, he would never let Lin Chen off.

Not to mention anything else, just the fact that Lin Chen had spread the news of Qi Tianheng's attack was something Qi Tianheng could not tolerate.

After all, if Yanwu Country found out that she had died at the hands of Qi Tianheng, a war between the two countries would be inevitable.

"Young Master Lin Chen, may I ask a favor of you?"

Xia Wanxin looked at Lin Chen and spoke very seriously.

"At this stage, Miss Xia, why hold back?"

Lin Chen spread his hands and began to channel spiritual power, a fireball emerging in his hands with a loud whoosh.

As Lin Chen continued to infuse spiritual power into the fireball, he responded indifferently to Xia Wanxin.

"If I cannot withstand Qi Tianheng and the others later, I want Young Master Lin Chen to kill me."

Xia Wanxin's tone was firm.

She was very clear about the fate that awaited her if she fell into the hands of Qi Tianheng and others.

That was because in the midst of Qi Tianheng and the others, there was an exceedingly ugly individual, Liang Shuo.

Xia Wanxin had also heard of this man's notorious deeds; he had harmed no less than a thousand girls.

The women who fell into his hands suffered torment; even if they were spared by Liang Shuo after his abuse, they would choose to take their own lives, indicating the immense pain they must have endured at his hands.

"Your Highness, this must not be..."

The Purple-robed Maiden's face changed drastically upon hearing Xia Wanxin's request to Lin Chen, and she moved next to Xia Wanxin, watching Lin Chen very warily.

The reason why Xia Wanxin made such a request to Lin Chen was that she knew the maid would never agree to such an act.

"I refuse."

Upon hearing Xia Wanxin's request, Lin Chen immediately refused.

What a joke, Lin Chen knew somewhat of Xia Wanxin's status. Yanwu Country was a First-Class Vassal State under the Western Region Heavenly Fire Divine Sect, with strength no weaker than any other vassal state under the Divine Flame Alliance.

If Lin Chen killed Xia Wanxin, he would surely face the insane retaliation of Yanwu Country, and they would not listen to any explanations from him.

To accept Xia Wanxin's request would be to create a huge problem for himself; how could Lin Chen possibly agree?

"Young Master..."

Xia Wanxin could imagine that if she really fell into the hands of Qi Tianheng and others, her fate would be unspeakably brutal and torturous.

"Miss Xia, before the battle has even started, you speak such disheartening words. Is this your Martial Path?"

Lin Chen turned to look at Xia Wanxin, his eyes filled with a questioning light.

Looking into Lin Chen's clear eyes and hearing his soul-searching words, Xia Wanxin was stunned.

All her life, Xia Wanxin had grown up in the palace, cherished by countless people.

When Xia Wanxin was born, a phoenix flying across the sky signified her extraordinary talent, recognized by everyone in the nation.

From a young age, Xia Wanxin grew up under immense pressure, fearing that she couldn't accomplish something and would disappoint those who regarded her as a Heavenly Pride.

Thus, she was always very diligent, careful in all her endeavors.

Yet, her heart was filled with fear, fearful that one day she would let down her imperial father and her subjects, demonstrating the fragility deep within her.

Therefore, Lin Chen's words stopped her in her tracks, making her realize her own inner fears.

"Go!"

As Xia Wanxin was lost in thought, Lin Chen had completed the arrangement of the Divine Fire Army Descent Formation, sweeping out a dozen formation flags with a swing of his arm. They landed around them, forming a Killing Formation, infused with a strong, intangible intent to kill.

After doing all this, Lin Chen continued to set up formations, preparing to deploy a Defensive Maze Formation outside the Divine Fire Troop Killing Array.

"Young Master Lin Chen, you are truly proficient in formations."

"This... This is comparable to the level of a Fourth Grade Formation Master, right?"

Witnessing the two formations Lin Chen had set up, Xia Wanxin and the Purple-robed Maiden were incredibly shocked.

Facing these revelations, Xia Wanxin finally understood why Lin Chen could recognize the Great Formation sealing space above.

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Chapter 444: Hero Saves the Beauty

"Haha, I didn't expect Lin Chen to be here as well. Today's journey truly is killing two birds with one stone."

Liang Shuo looked down at Lin Chen below, his face beaming with joy.

Lin Chen's infamy was something Liang Shuo had long heard about.

He had originally come here for Xia Wanxin, but to his surprise, he found an unexpected bonus.

During the Trial Tower, Liang Shuo and Qi Tianheng did not encounter Lin Chen, so they were unaware of Lin Chen's true strength.

Although Lin Chen's results were outstanding when announced after the trials, both of them were well aware that the Spiritual Puppets in the Trial Tower could be suppressed by certain special abilities and magic treasures. Therefore, they believed that Lin Chen must possess some special treasure that suppressed those Spiritual Puppets.

Otherwise, how could Lin Chen's strength explain the killing of so many Spiritual Puppets?

After setting up the Formation, Lin Chen lifted his head to look towards the sky. As for Liang Shuo, who had opened his mouth to taunt him, Lin Chen merely glanced at him lightly and then ignored him completely.

Among the nearly one to two thousand martial artists participating in this recruitment competition, all had impressive strength, which Lin Chen found worthy of caution. But once his Cultivation broke through to the Heaven-reaching Realm, he would become the foremost among them.

Thus, Lin Chen naturally wouldn't bother with the other martial artists and only remembered the names of prodigies like Qin Kaifeng and Deng Yu.

"Miss Xia, are you well? The move I used earlier injured you. I hope it's nothing serious. You must know, after hurting you, I felt terrible. Let me see where you are hurt, so I can tend to your wounds."

Liang Shuo's gaze rested tenderly on Xia Wanxin, and the black moles on his face moved as if they were about to burst open at any moment.

Seeing that grotesquely ugly face and hearing his nauseating words, Xia Wanxin felt her stomach churn and could hardly suppress the urge to vomit.

"You ugly freak, shut your mouth. My mistress is not to be defiled by the likes of you."

The Purple-robed Maiden, upon hearing Liang Shuo's words, was so angry she was about to teach Liang Shuo a lesson when Xia Wanxin stopped her.

Because Xia Wanxin was well aware that the Purple-robed Maiden was by no means a match for Liang Shuo.

If they were to fight, the Purple-robed Maiden would inevitably lose within ten exchanges and would surely die. Xia Wanxin did not wish to see her throw her life away in vain.

The Purple-robed Maiden was in fact only six years older than Xia Wanxin but had accompanied her since childhood and served her.

Their relationship had exceeded that of an ordinary mistress and maid, and they were more like sisters.

"Brother Liang, why bother talking to these two? Just make a move and capture them, and they'll belong to you."

Qi Tianheng was almost sick of Liang Shuo's repulsiveness and promptly spoke up.

"My beauty, I'm coming, just surrender."

Hearing Qi Tianheng's words, Liang Shuo hesitated no more. A long whip appeared in his hand, and he leaped toward Xia Wanxin.

Xia Wanxin, seeing this, did not flinch and immediately unleashed her Spiritual Power, charging toward Liang Shuo.

Lin Chen's gaze fell upon Liang Shuo's whip and discovered that it had been specially refined with a deadly poison.

"Miss Xia, be careful, that man's whip is laced with some kind of potent poison," Lin Chen warned.

Xia Wanxin's expression changed upon hearing this, realizing why she had so easily been defeated by Liang Shuo in their previous fight—it was the poison in his whip.

Upon this realization, Xia Wanxin formed a Seal Decision with both hands, and a powerful Flame power instantly burst forth from her. It shot upward and transformed into a Phoenix engulfed in flames.

"The princess has even resorted to this technique; this man must indeed be a formidable opponent," the Purple-robed Maiden worried as she saw Xia Wanxin's move, her brow deeply furrowed and her small face full of concern.

"Hehe, my beauty, I had no idea you could transform into this form—an eye-opening revelation indeed. But what of it," Liang Shuo sneered evilly and threw his whip toward the Phoenix that Xia Wanxin had become. Then, with a Seal Decision, the black whip turned into a massive drill that plummeted down toward Xia Wanxin.

Boom—

The great pressure of the drill, upon impacting the Flame Phoenix that Xia Wanxin had become, immediately caused her to let out a mournful cry.

Hate glinted in Xia Wanxin's eyes, well aware she was no match for Liang Shuo.

Yet, even if it meant perishing together, she refused to fall into Liang Shuo's hands.

Without hesitation, Xia Wanxin charged into the sky, braving the massive drill's pressure and lunging straight for Liang Shuo.

However, the power of the drill was overwhelming, and Xia Wanxin could not get close to Liang Shuo.

"Hehe, you little wench, you still think about dying together with me. That's quite a character, and I like it," Liang Shuo chuckled.

"Too bad, your wish won't be realized. I'll let you see the gap between us right now," Liang Shuo declared arrogantly as he waved his hand, intensifying the Spiritual Power flowing into the pitch-black whip, making the drill heavier still.

"Not good!" Lin Chen's expression darkened, knowing that Xia Wanxin couldn't withstand this heavy blow. In an instant, his form shifted, and with the use of the Purple Cloud Wing Body Technique, he left an afterimage on the spot. Within two breaths, he had reached Xia Wanxin's side.

Boom—

The overwhelming impact of the drill struck Xia Wanxin, reverting her to her original human form.

Seeing the massive drill descending from the sky, Xia Wanxin slowly closed her eyes. Dying under its assault seemed like a better outcome than falling into the disgusting Liang Shuo's hands.

Just as Xia Wanxin was about to close her eyes, she seemed to slowly see a handsome face approaching her in her vision, wrapping his arms around her.

Thinking it was just a dying illusion, Xia Wanxin, who had never been so close to a man before, bravely reached out and embraced him.

Chapter 445: Unaware of Romance, Seeing Only Treasures

"Thank you, Young Master Lin Chen."

Seeing Xia Wanxin rescued, the girl in purple hurried to Lin Chen's side, with tears in her eyes, she sincerely expressed her gratitude.

"How much longer are you planning to hold on? The strike just now was indeed strong, but it wasn't enough to knock you unconscious, was it?"

Lin Chen looked at Xia Wanxin, who was holding onto him tightly, and said somewhat helplessly.

Upon hearing this, Xia Wanxin opened her eyes, and Lin Chen's face came into her view.

For some reason, at this moment, she thought Lin Chen's appearance was incredibly handsome.

"Alright, if you don't get down now, I'll have to throw you off."

Lin Chen spoke indifferently to the dazed Xia Wanxin.

Upon hearing Lin Chen's words, Xia Wanxin immediately cursed him in her heart. This guy really knew nothing about romance. Couldn't he understand what she was thinking?

Xia Wanxin was no ordinary person—she was the beloved youngest princess of Yanwu Country, treated like a jewel in the palm by her brothers and father.

When had she ever been so close to a man, let alone hugged and held like this?

Yet, there was Lin Chen, actually threatening to throw her to the ground.

"You..."

Xia Wanxin immediately stepped out of Lin Chen's embrace, pouted her lips, and gave Lin Chen a few annoyed glances.

"No need for words of thanks," Lin Chen told Xia Wanxin coolly.

Then, his gaze stayed on Xia Wanxin, sizing her up.

Xia Wanxin thought Lin Chen had finally seen sense and was about to accept her offer of herself, but when she met his eyes and saw the 'greed' contained in them, she remembered his notorious reputation back at Baiming Pavilion.

This guy only cared about cultivation resources and treasures, how could he possibly understand romance!

"If I'm not mistaken, you're eyeing the treasures on me, aren't you?"

Xia Wanxin put away her girlish thoughts. Despite her fondness for Lin Chen, she knew the current situation didn't allow for playful banter with him anymore.

"Although you are a princess, I, Lin Chen, am not one to curry favor through connections. Just take out some treasures casually to show your appreciation, and that's enough," Lin Chen said, smiling awkwardly and waving his hand dismissively at Xia Wanxin.

At his words, Xia Wanxin's face twitched, utterly astonished at Lin Chen's shamelessness.

Hum—

Spiritual Light flashed, and a Seven-Colored Ganoderma appeared in Xia Wanxin's hand, immediately causing Lin Chen's eyes to shine brightly with excitement.

"Seven-Colored Ganoderma!"

Lin Chen looked at the Seven-Colored Spirit Stone in Xia Wanxin's hand, his eager gaze undisguised.

The Seven-Colored Ganoderma contained the Power of the Five Elements and could even randomly produce two other special forces.

This Seven-Colored Ganoderma was among the top Fourth-Grade Spiritual Medicines in value and could even compare with Fifth-Grade Herbal Materials.

If he could obtain this Ganoderma, by refining it, Lin Chen could advance his Scorching Sun Divine Fist Cultivation Technique to the fourth level, significantly enhancing the strength of his Ancient Divine Body physique.

With that, Lin Chen would be able to completely solidify his current cultivation realm and at any time step into the Heaven-reaching Realm.

Watching Lin Chen's eager gaze, Xia Wanxin nodded.

"Naturally, I can give you this Seven-Colored Ganoderma, but I have one condition," Xia Wanxin said as she laid out her terms.

"I want you to find a way to help the two of us escape the pursuit of these people," Xia Wanxin stated her condition.

At this moment, despite being targeted by Qi Tianheng and Liang Shuo in the sky above, Lin Chen remained calm and fearless, evidently having a way to escape from here.

"No problem," Lin Chen immediately agreed to Xia Wanxin's condition.

"You little bastard, how dare you snatch the woman I set my sights on, and you even touched her, who allowed you to embrace her!"

Watching the people below talking, Liang Shuo immediately became enraged.

With a hand gesture, he commanded the giant drill targeting Lin Chen, sending it hurtling down.

Previously, even Xia Wanxin's transformation into the Fire Phoenix Body couldn't withstand his attack. Given that Lin Chen's strength was only at the Melding Earth Realm Peak, Liang Shuo believed that Lin Chen would undoubtedly die under this move.

"Get lost!"

Lin Chen, looking up at Liang Shuo, who made a move against him from the sky, bellowed, and with a sweep of his hand,

the Divine Fire Army Descent Formation that had been set up around them suddenly released a fireball, crashing towards the giant drill above.

Chapter 446: Whatever you want, I'll give it to you

Boom—

Rumble—

With the fireballs released by the Divine Fire Army Descent Formation striking the giant drill, bursts of explosions erupted in the sky.

Following that, the giant drill was blasted back into its original form, turning into a huge, pitch-dark whip.

After this attack, a trace of fresh blood trailed from the corner of Lin Chen's mouth. He had not expected Liang Shuo's strength to be so formidable.

"I didn't expect that these guys had actually concealed their strength."

At this moment, Lin Chen finally understood that Liang Shuo and the others must have hidden their strength during the previous assessments; otherwise, Lin Chen would not have failed to notice him.

If this person had concealed his strength, what about Qin Kaifeng, Ouyang Xuan, and the others?

It seemed that this assessment was more difficult than imagined, especially the final ranking battle.

Lin Chen didn't think too much; the urgent matter at hand was to resolve the trouble before him.

Pfft—

At this moment, Liang Shuo was more severely injured than Lin Chen, directly spitting out a mouthful of blood.

Who would have thought that Lin Chen's strength would be so strong? It seemed that his performance in the Trial Tower was indeed traceable.

"Little bastard, you stole my woman and dared to injure me, I'll make sure you die!" Liang Shuo angrily shouted at Lin Chen.

He immediately cast a spell, causing his huge black whip to enlarge again, like a giant pillar, and smashed it down towards Lin Chen's Great Formation.

"So that's it, this person possesses the Gravity of Gold, and this whip is a magic treasure of the Metal Property, only because of the material it was made into a whip."

Lin Chen, watching the enlarging treasure in the sky, finally saw the clue.

"Even if it's a Metal Property, do you really think gold fears fire refine?"

Lin Chen spoke indifferently, looking at the giant pillar in the sky. With a wave of his hand, he released ten Stone Sculpture Puppets.

After the appearance of the ten Stone Sculpture Puppets, they immediately assembled into a Formation, and each one unleashed a Sword Qi.

Ten beams of Sword Qi, bolstered by the Divine Fire Army Descent Formation, instantly burst forth with tremendous power and bombarded the giant pillar in the sky.

Boom—

Rumble—

After a loud noise, the ten beams of Sword Qi actually severed the pillar in the sky.

Following the breaking of the pillar, it turned into an extremely fine whip, falling from the sky.

"Pfft—"

With the magic treasure destroyed, Liang Shuo spouted another mouthful of blood, his complexion instantly turning pale.

"My precious treasure!"

"You destroyed my precious artifact, I'll make sure you have nowhere to bury your dead body."

"What are you all standing around for, don't join in attacking, take him down."

At this moment, Liang Shuo's killing intent towards Lin Chen had reached its peak. He got his fame largely by relying on his Life-bound Magic Treasure.

Now it had been destroyed by Lin Chen's hand.

Moreover, with his Life-bound Magic Treasure destroyed, Liang Shuo had also suffered a backlash.

Hearing Liang Shuo's words, Qi Tianheng and the others snapped out of it.

It wasn't that they were really in a daze before but were shocked by the sudden change of events.

Among this group of Martial Artists, including Qi Tianheng, the strongest was clearly Liang Shuo.

So when Liang Shuo brought out his Life-bound Magic Treasure, everyone thought he could defeat Lin Chen.

But who could have anticipated that Liang Shuo, the strongest among them, would be defeated by Lin Chen, and even had his Life-bound Magic Treasure destroyed?

Liang Shuo's words woke everyone up, and they immediately pulled out their various Weapons, diving down from above.

"This guy's strength isn't that great; it's mainly his Formation."

"If we want to take him down, we must first destroy his Great Formation."

After exchanging blows with Lin Chen twice, Liang Shuo realized that Lin Chen didn't dare to face him head-on, that's why he set up this mysterious Formation.

"All together, break the Formation!"

Boom—

Rumble—

Countless attacks fell, and Lin Chen kept casting spells, with the ten Stone Sculpture Puppets constantly changing positions, allowing the Divine Fire Army Descent Formation to exert its maximum power in resisting everyone.

The Defensive Array previously set up on the perimeter had already been breached by the crowd.

With his own power and the Formation he deployed, Lin Chen was now coping with everybody. His Spiritual Power was being consumed massively, and he gradually began to struggle.

"Young Master Lin Chen, are you alright?"

Xia Wanxin watched the numerous Martial Artists in the sky attack in unison, her face immediately filled with intense worry.

She did not want Lin Chen to fall; otherwise, her and the Purple-robed Maiden's fate would not be a good one.

"Young Master Lin Chen, if you have any other tricks, please use them all."

"As long as you can help me through this calamity, you can take all the Treasures on me. If there's nothing you need, I can write to Yanwu Country to have them bring it to you."

"Miss Xia, those are your words, whatever I want, you will give it to me."

Lin Chen's mouth couldn't help but reveal a wicked smile; he had been waiting for Xia Wanxin to say that.

After constantly observing with his Soul Power, Lin Chen had already found the eye of the spatial sealing Formation in the sky. Destroying one of them would create a gap, and then the Qiankun Escape Talisman could be activated.

Chapter 447: Breaking the Formation, Escaping

"I, Xia Wanxin, swear on my royal blood that I will never break my word."

Xia Wanxin watched as the Great Formation Lin Chen had set above the sky was about to shatter; she immediately stretched her hand above her head and swore a Blood Oath.

Hearing this, Lin Chen grinned, his heart racing with excitement.

Now that she had even sworn a Blood Oath, a large number of Treasures were assured.

Suddenly, just as the Divine Fire Army Descent Formation was about to be broken through by the crowd, Spiritual Light flickered in Lin Chen's hand, and the Blazing Fire Divine Bow along with ten Flash Arrow Feathers appeared in his grip.

Lin Chen then placed the ten arrows onto the bowstring.

"Go!"

Pulling the Blazing Fire Divine Bow to full draw, Lin Chen let out a loud shout, and the ten Arrow Feathers shot towards the sky.

Whirling—

Each of these ten Arrow Feathers contained the powers of the True Meaning of the Wind, the Thunder Pursuit Strike, and the force of the Explosive Flame Talisman.

"This guy, he actually has such Exotic Treasures!"

Observing the ten Arrow Feathers shooting from below, Qi Tianheng and the others noticed the formidable power on the Arrow Feathers, marveling internally as they each used their movement techniques to dodge.

Boom—

However, what they didn't know was that Lin Chen's target was not them, but the Array Nodes behind them.

"Something's not right, these Arrow Feathers are heading for the Great Formation behind us."

Liang Shuo watched the Arrow Feathers pass by him and immediately understood Lin Chen's intention.

"Hehe, this space lockdown Great Formation can not only seal the space but also prevent all Divine Sense transmission, and its defensive power is astounding; even Reverting Void Realm powerhouses are unable to break through it. What's the point of him attacking the Formation? How naïve."

"Unless he can find the Array Node, his attacks will surely be futile."

Qi Tianheng was extremely confident in the Great Formation he had brought, but as he finished his last sentence, his expression suddenly changed.

The array mastery that Lin Chen had previously shown was obviously extraordinary; there might be a real possibility that he could locate the Array Node, after all, the Array Plates that everyone brought out to set up the Great Formation had fixed and unchanging Array Nodes.

"This isn't good!"

Qi Tianheng realized his mistake, but it was already too late.

Lin Chen beckoned with a large hand, recalling the ten Stone Sculpture Puppets; at the same time, he flashed to the sides of Xia Wanxin and the Purple-robed Maiden, hugging them both and using a small Qiankun Escape Talisman. The three of them disappeared from their spot in an instant.

Before Lin Chen left, he directly triggered the Divine Fire Army Descent Formation that was set up around the area.

Boom—

After the Divine Fire Troop Killing Array was detonated, countless blazing flames erupted within the valley, and a colossal mushroom cloud rose promptly.

Qi Tianheng, Liang Shuo, and others, witnessing the fierce flames bursting below, had their faces change drastically, displaying immense shock and terror.

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A hundred miles away, Lin Chen appeared out of thin air at the edge of a pond, holding Xia Wanxin and the Purple-robed Maiden.

At this moment, Lin Chen was gasping for breath heavily, and numerous cracks had appeared on his body, as if he were about to split apart.

"Young Master Lin Chen, you..."

Being held by Lin Chen was a very blissful matter, but Xia Wanxin noticed that something was amiss, sensing that Lin Chen's breath was rather weak.

Seeing Lin Chen's body riddled with wounds, Xia Wanxin couldn't help but feel heartache.

She wanted to reach out and touch Lin Chen's injuries but was hastily stopped by Lin Chen's voice.

"Don't touch me; I need some time to heal now. Please, both of you, act as my protectors."

Lin Chen spoke calmly.

"Okay, you heal properly. I won't let anyone come close to you."

Xia Wanxin saw Lin Chen's body possibly about to break apart and her eyes grew moist involuntarily.

The grave injuries Lin Chen suffered were all for her sake.

Otherwise, Lin Chen could have escaped first during the detonation of the Killing Formation.

At this moment, without saying much, Lin Chen took a large amount of elixirs and started to operate the Primordial Transformation Art to heal his injuries.

As the effect of the Healing Pills took hold, Lin Chen's injuries healed quickly, and his shattered body was visibly mending itself.

This action left Xia Wanxin and the Purple-robed Maiden dumbfounded.

The speed at which Lin Chen was recovering was something they had only seen in their entire lives.

Watching Lin Chen, Xia Wanxin clenched her fists tightly, a hint of fear arising in her heart.

It was fortunate that she was not an enemy of Lin Chen's. With such a frightening Talent, becoming Lin Chen's enemy meant no one could ever sleep soundly.

The Heavenly Prides Xia Wanxin had met before couldn't compare to Lin Chen.

Xia Wanxin was certain that in the near future, Lin Chen's great name would resound through the Eastern Domain, the Wuji Divine Continent, and even the entire Mysterious Heaven Continent.

Chapter 448: Don't Follow Me

In the valley, corpses were strewn about haphazardly, filling the entire space.

At this moment, the surviving Qi Tianheng and Liang Shuo were also grievously injured, their tattered clothes revealing glimpses of bare bone that were shocking to behold.

"Damn Lin Chen, don't let me run into you again, otherwise, I will surely tear you to pieces."

Qi Tianheng bellowed upwards in unbridled fury.

Liang Shuo's expression was also extremely unsightly, as he had never imagined that taking down Lin Chen and his companions with so many people would be a piece of cake, but now, not only had the enemy escaped unscathed, but they had also inflicted near-total casualties on their Martial Artists.

As for the Martial Artists that Qi Tianheng had brought, besides himself and Liang Shuo, only three others were left alive.

What's more, the Array Plate they brought had been destroyed by the Killing Formation triggered by Lin Chen, and that Array Plate was worth as much as a Fifth-grade Array. Now everything had been ruined by Lin Chen.

Qi Tianheng and Liang Shuo looked at each other, hatred for Lin Chen brimming in their eyes.

Now, they needed to find a place to hide and heal their wounds.

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A hundred miles away from where Qi Tianheng and others were, by the poolside.

Spiritual Light flickered on Lin Chen's body, and his injuries had mostly healed, with the traces of his body's ruptures fully restored to normal.

"Miss Xia, per our agreement, please hand over the Seven-Colored Ganoderma to me."

Lin Chen opened his eyes and looked at Xia Wanxin, who was acting as his protector, and spoke.

"You, I haven't even had the chance to heal my own wounds because I've been protecting you. I haven't slept for three days and nights, and the first thing you ask for when you wake up is the Herbal Materials; this really breaks my heart," said Xia Wanxin indignantly as she looked at Lin Chen.

Hearing Xia Wanxin's words, Lin Chen's gaze fell on Xia Wanxin and the Purple-robed Maiden, only to discover that their wounds had indeed not healed in the slightest.

It seemed that during the time he had been recovering, the two women had not rested for a moment, remaining vigilant and protecting him.

Even Lin Chen himself did not realize that his healing had taken a full three days, indicating the severity of his injuries.

This also further proved the power of the Divine Fire Army Descent Formation when it self-destructed. If the materials used at the time of the Formation's deployment had been upgraded from Fourth-Grade Material to Fifth-Grade Material, it might have been enough to injure or even kill a Reverting Void Realm expert.

An idea dawned on Lin Chen, and he realized he had discovered another card up his sleeve.

However, this card should not be used unless absolutely necessary, as it was significantly resource-intensive.

Lin Chen was still inwardly bleeding over initiating the Killing Formation; those were countless Treasures, after all.

"Here you go, I don't want to owe you anything," Xia Wanxin said as she looked at Lin Chen, whose apathy was clear. She felt a trace of disappointment and tossed the Seven-Colored Ganoderma to him.

Lin Chen caught it without a word and felt the medicinal power within the Seven-Colored Ganoderma. He thought to himself that it was indeed the Seven-Colored Ganoderma—this would take his practice of the Scorching Sun Divine Fist another step forward.

Xia Wanxin, observing Lin Chen's treasure-obsessed behavior, felt extremely irritated on the inside.

You'd say he's fixated on treasure without a grand vision, but Lin Chen was both brave and strategic, with a strength that was truly fearsome.

In actuality, the Seven-Colored Ganoderma Xia Wanxin had was not considered a high-value Treasure, at least not in her eyes, as this Ganoderma was only a thousand years old, merely a Fourth-Grade Herbal Material.

Compared to the Flash Arrow Feathers that Lin Chen used and the Killing Formation he detonated, the value of the Seven-Colored Ganoderma could not compare.

Thus, Lin Chen had really lost out in saving her this time.

"Miss Xia, we agreed that after I saved you, you would give me any Treasures I needed from your possession," said Lin Chen, shamelessly.

Seeing Xia Wanxin's expression change as if she were reluctant to agree, Lin Chen hurriedly began to lament how much of the Heavenly and Earthly Treasures he had used up in his rescue effort.

Xia Wanxin, realizing she had somewhat wronged Lin Chen, understood that the cost to him had been too great.

Helplessly, Xia Wanxin took out some Treasures and handed them to Lin Chen, which included Fourth-Grade Elixirs, some Earth-grade magical treasures, and some Fourth-Grade Talisman Inscriptions.

Seeing these resources, Lin Chen's bleeding heart was somewhat soothed.

"Thank you for your compensation, Miss Xia. With this, our transaction is complete. It's time we go our separate ways," said Lin Chen indifferently to Xia Wanxin. He then surveyed the area around the pool, picked a direction, and began to walk upstream alongside the pool.

However, no matter where Lin Chen went, Xia Wanxin and the Purple-robed Maiden followed him.

"Miss Xia, our deal is settled. There's no need to follow me anymore."

Chapter 449: Pretending Too Well

"Young Master Lin Chen, between us, is it really just a matter of transaction?"

Upon hearing Lin Chen's words, Xia Wanxin felt an immense sense of loss.

She had hoped, deep down, that Lin Chen might harbor some special feelings for her, after all, she was exceedingly confident in her appearance and figure.

"Of course it's just a transaction, what else could it be? Our transaction is completed now, and from this moment on, we should part ways. There's no need for Miss Xia to follow me any longer."

Lin Chen certainly didn't want Xia Wanxin following him around anymore, after all, who knew when it might result in a bad deal for Lin Chen.

"Young Master Lin Chen, we are both injured at this moment, why act alone? It would be better to move together and look out for each other."

Xia Wanxin fluttered her large eyes, looking at Lin Chen and made the suggestion.

Xia Wanxin had already witnessed Lin Chen's strength, and in the hidden realm currently, sticking with Lin Chen was definitely better than her and the purple-robed maid wandering alone.

"Miss Xia, to be honest, if it weren't for the two of you, I'd be able to take better care of myself alone."

Lin Chen looked at Xia Wanxin with a hint of treating her and the maid as burdens in his words.

Upon hearing this, Xia Wanxin brought her jade hands together, her fingers inadvertently starting to twirl.

In fact, Lin Chen was right, with Lin Chen's strength, she and the purple-robed maid following him might actually hold him back.

"How about this, you said we have a transactional relationship, right? Then I'll pay you to take us with you. You don't have to go out of your way to look after us, just let us follow you. Everything else, you do your own thing, and we will do ours."

Xia Wanxin looked at Lin Chen and said lightly.

After speaking, Xia Wanxin threw over a spatial ring to Lin Chen, which surprisingly contained some valuable heavenly and earthly treasures.

Lin Chen accepted it, glanced at the treasures inside, and eventually consented to let Xia Wanxin and the purple-robed maid follow him.

After all, this was no loss to Lin Chen.

Thus, following behind Lin Chen, the two women and their companion began making their way upstream above the pool.

"Young Master Lin Chen, where are we headed to at this moment?"

Seeing Lin Chen leading them deeper into the pool, Xia Wanxin asked.

"We're looking for a hidden place to heal and break through. We've arrived."

Lin Chen replied indifferently and couldn't help stopping in his tracks.

Whoosh—

Immediately after, Lin Chen moved and headed towards the water curtain behind the pool.

Seeing this, the two women followed Lin Chen's actions and entered the waterfall behind the pool.

Who would have known that behind the waterfall of this pool, there would be such a hidden cave?

This place was perfect in every way except that it was too cold.

Lin Chen circulated his spiritual power to instantly dry the wet clothes on his body, then took out several blocks of huge Red Sun Stones, instantly raising the temperature inside the cave considerably.

Then Lin Chen sat down cross-legged, taking out some heavenly and earthly treasures and formation flags, and began setting up a formation.

With more than a month left until the secret realm trial ended, Lin Chen hadn't grabbed a single command token yet. So, if he wanted to seize others' tokens in the time remaining, he needed to enhance his cultivation to the Heaven-reaching Realm.

Seeing Lin Chen start setting up formation again, and using even higher-grade materials than he had in the valley—including some fifth-grade materials—

"This guy is terrifying."

Xia Wanxin saw that Lin Chen had set up the Divine Fire Troop Killing Array in mere moments, moreover, he released ten stone sculpture puppets and another ten puppets made entirely of cold iron.

Unlike the stone sculpture puppets, those ten cold iron puppets started patrolling around, acting as if they possessed spiritual wisdom.

Xia Wanxin looked at Lin Chen in utter amazement, truly unable to fathom how many secrets Lin Chen held.

And now, should they encounter another attack from people like Qi Tianheng, if he activated the formation Lin Chen had set up, it would likely obliterate them on the spot.

Even a martial artist in the Half-Step Return to Void Realm like Qi Tianheng might be killed, let alone the possibility that its power could even eradicate Heavenly Human Realm experts—how terrifying would that be?

After setting up the killing array, Lin Chen had some stone sculpture puppets and cold iron puppets stand guard around him, acting as protectors.

Although Lin Chen felt that Xia Wanxin and the purple-robed maid probably wouldn't backstab him, it's better to be cautious. Plus, with the stone sculpture puppets at his disposal, it was natural to utilize them.

Then, Lin Chen took out a Bone-Transforming Pill, adjusted his condition, and prepared to make a breakthrough.

Just one day later, Lin Chen's aura had returned to peak condition.

Meanwhile, Xia Wanxin and the purple-robed maid were using Lin Chen's Scorching Sunstone to dry their clothes.

Behind the huge Scorching Sunstone, the two women didn't worry about Lin Chen peeping at them.

But after Lin Chen recovered, with his strong Divine Soul, he had already sensed the revealing scene of the two women. For Lin Chen, this was the first time he saw such an enticing display from women.

Even when he was with Mu Qingxue, Lin Chen hadn't indulged in carnal desires, so it could be said he was quite clueless about such matters.

At this moment, Lin Chen only felt a blaze of desire rising within him.

Whoosh—

Suddenly, Lin Chen's figure flashed, and in the next moment, he appeared beside Xia Wanxin and the purple-robed maiden, swiftly forming a seal and imposing restrictions on both women.

Seeing Lin Chen instantly appear before them, the women hadn't reacted yet when they found themselves bound by the restrictions he had placed, rendering them immobile.

At that moment, both women were dressed very thinly. As Lin Chen appeared, Xia Wanxin's cheeks instantly flared with heat, whereas the purple-robed maiden was somewhat unfazed, being a servant she had heard about such matters of men and women in the palace.

"Young Master Lin Chen, what do you want to do!?"

Xia Wanxin was incredibly frightened at this moment, her mind immediately jumping to the conclusion that Lin Chen was about to take liberties with her and the purple-robed maid.

She had never expected Lin Chen to be such a master of disguise, to think that she had unwittingly given her heart to him.

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"What are you doing!?"

Lin Chen looked at Xia Wanxin, a wicked smile emerging at the corner of his mouth.

Then, Lin Chen slowly reached out his hand, moving towards Xia Wanxin's clothes...

Afterward, Lin Chen draped the clothes that had been dried by Xia Wanxin and the Purple-robed Maiden over the two women.

"Next, I will go into seclusion to cultivate. You'll have to put up with it here for the time being, as the noise you two have been making is too distracting."

After draping the clothes over the two women, Lin Chen's figure flashed, and he was back in his place.

In the time to come, Lin Chen planned to seclude himself for cultivation, taking the Seven-Colored Ganoderma to practice the Scorching Sun Divine Fist, while also seeking to break through to the Heaven-reaching Realm.

During this process, Lin Chen couldn't afford the slightest disturbance.

As for Xia Wanxin, this woman was just too troublesome, alternating between asking this and that, truly giving Lin Chen a headache.

Thus, Lin Chen simply cast restrictions on the two women, depriving them of their ability to move for these few days, enabling him to cultivate in peace.

With everything in place, Lin Chen opened his mouth wide and swallowed the Seven-Colored Ganoderma directly.

Perhaps intentionally, when Lin Chen returned to his original spot, he purposely moved the Scorching Sunstone a position. He could now clearly see Xia Wanxin and the Purple-robed Maiden, making it easy to observe their every movement.

Similarly, the two women could also see all of Lin Chen's actions.

"So, he is planning to go into cultivation seclusion, but he didn't have to place restrictions on us. Really, he doesn't trust us at all. Once this princess regains her strength, I must teach him a lesson,"

"This guy is really perverted, actually swallowing the Seven-Colored Ganoderma whole. Doesn't he know that it contains the Power of the Five Elements and two other special powers?"

"Swallowing it like that, isn't he afraid his body will explode?"

Xia Wanxin watched Lin Chen's actions and couldn't help but make snide comments.

However, her concern was completely unnecessary, as it took only half an hour for Lin Chen to fully refine the Seven-Colored Ganoderma.

This action once again shocked Xia Wanxin and the Purple-robed Maiden.

Having refined the Seven-Colored Ganoderma, Lin Chen began to practice the Scorching Sun Divine Fist. A reddish-yellow glow constantly radiated from Lin Chen's skin, releasing an extremely high temperature that even burned his clothes to ash.

"Shameless hooligan!"

Xia Wanxin looked at Lin Chen's robust body and cursed under her breath, but although she inwardly hurled insults, her eyes were fixed unwaveringly on him.

Three days passed, and the glow from Lin Chen's body was dazzling. He looked entirely like a little golden man.

Hu—

Opening his eyes, Lin Chen exhaled a deep breath of black, murky air.

Dang—

Then, Lin Chen pulled out a sharp sword and directly chopped towards his own body.

This action left Xia Wanxin and the Purple-robed Maiden completely stunned; they could not understand what madness had taken over Lin Chen, to the point where he was even hacking at himself.

However, when the sword in Lin Chen's hand landed on his body, it emitted a clear, sharp sound, and the sword directed at him snapped in two.

Afterward, Lin Chen picked up the broken blade, held it in his hand and twisted it forcefully, turning it into a twisted screw shape.

Witnessing this scene, Xia Wanxin and the Purple-robed Maiden were astonished. In just three days, what on earth had happened to Lin Chen's body that made it so formidably strong?

This was truly impervious to sword and spear, to the extent that not even a Profound Grade High-Grade magic treasure could harm him in the slightest.

Had Lin Chen now become immune to all the attacks of a Warrior of the Heaven-reaching Realm?

"The Cultivation Technique he has been practicing must be some kind of Body Refinement Technique. At this moment, it must have reached Great Success. Could it be..."

"...that it needs treasures of the Five Elements Attribute to cultivate?"

Xia Wanxin's gaze rested on Lin Chen, and she couldn't help but think to herself.

She finally understood why Lin Chen had saved her—not because she was some princess or for her beauty, but for that Seven-Colored Ganoderma she had brought out.

"Scorching Sun Divine Fist has finally reached the Fourth Stage."

"With my physique now so strong, it seems that I should be able to refine this thing."

Lin Chen spoke calmly, Spiritual Light flashing in his hand, and a black bead infused with the Power of Thunder and Lightning appeared in Lin Chen's palm.

This item was the Heavenly Thunder Pearl, discovered by Lin Chen's Second Soul Division in the residence of the Redflame Python on Black Cloud Mountain.

The Second Soul Division had acquired the Blue Lotus Divine Flame, possessing the ultimate power of Flame, so the Thunder Pearl was kept with the original body of Lin Chen.

After all, refining this Thunder Pearl would undoubtedly bring tremendous benefits to the Ancient Divine Body, perhaps even allowing it to awaken the Ancient Force ahead of schedule.

The so-called Ancient Force was the inherent power of the Ancient Divine Body, such as the ability to break all laws with a single force, but Lin Chen was not yet powerful enough to have awakened such a heaven-defying power; the Ancient Divine Body was still in its nascent form and hadn't awakened those kinds of abilities.

"This guy can't be planning to absorb that bead, can he?"

Xia Wanxin looked at the Thunder Pearl in Lin Chen's hand, feeling uneasy.

She didn't recognize what the Thunder Pearl in Lin Chen's hand was, but it must be a Supreme Grade treasure of the Lightning Attribute above the Fifth Grade.

Lin Chen was merely at the Melding Earth Realm; trying to refine the Thunder Pearl was akin to courting death.

Even a Warrior of the Reverting Void Realm might have to weigh their own strength carefully before attempting to refine that pearl, how could Lin Chen succeed?

Yet, Lin Chen just swallowed the Thunder Pearl directly.