

Prodigies 2311

Chapter 2311 Camping for the Rabbit

Although Big Yellow was anxious, all it could do was wait.

After all, there was nothing else he could do. Without Little Five controlling the Heaven Slaughtering Dao Severing array, it would be almost impossible to conquer a powerful old faction like the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect.

Suddenly, spatial fluctuations soundlessly rippled as Lin Xun appeared out of thin air.

Big Yellow immediately asked, "Has it been resolved?"

Lin Xun nodded and briefly recounted the events that had transpired on Blood Dome Mountain.

Big Yellow sighed, "Yu Kunzi was an amazing individual. Master once said that his future achievements would be limitless if he managed to reach the Emperor Ancestor Stage. I never expected that he would end up being killed by you."

Lin Xun offhandedly asked, "Are you feeling regretful for him?"

He scanned the surroundings and his gaze ultimately paused on the Heaven Illumination Peak in the distance. He could tell that it was likely the mountain entrance to the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect.

Big Yellow grumbled, "How is that possible? Can't you tell that I'm gloating?"

Lin Xun looked at Little Five and asked, "How long will it take for you to recover?"

Little Five, who was panting heavily due to exhaustion, immediately became extremely docile before Lin Xun and answered, "Six hours."

Lin Xun thought for a moment and nodded. His eyes seemed to become impossibly deep as he said, "Even if we fail to eradicate the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect, we will make them pay an unbearable price!"

Big Yellow's emotions surged and it murderously said, "Yes, that's exactly how it should be."

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As time passed, night soon fell.

"Something terrible has happened!"

Suddenly, anxious and shrill voices sounded from afar. A group of figures were hurrying towards Heaven Illumination Peak.

The Holy Illumination Ancient Sect disciples stationed in the vicinity were immediately alerted and emerged one after another. They swiftly identified the approaching group as experts the sect had dispatched to the Ancient Nebula Underworld.

At this moment, however, every one of these experts, regardless of cultivation level, looked panicked and worried.

After a brief correspondence, the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect disciples revealed horrified expressions and hurriedly went to pass on the news.

"Emperor Daoyuan went to the appointment alone and Sect Master Yu Kunzi died atop Blood Dome Mountain!"

"All seven Emperor elders who accompanied them were killed!"

The bad news was like a bolt from the blue. It soon reached the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect and caused quite a stir.

"What's the situation?"

"Spit it out!"

"Quick, inform the Supreme Elder!"

The Holy Illumination Ancient Sect was in chaos. Everyone was in a panic as they looked at each other in terror, deeply shaken by the bad news, resembling lost lambs without their shepherd.

It wasn't until Supreme Elder Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong emerged from seclusion that the chaotic atmosphere began to calm down.

That night.

Holy Illumination Ancient Hall.

Supreme Elder Yuzhong summoned the bigwigs of the sect to discuss what they would do after Yu Kunzi's death.

"Lin Daoyuan must have some kind of secret treasure that is strong enough to resist law power. That's why he doesn't fear Blood Dome Mountain's restriction power."

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong had the appearance of a handsome young man. Dressed in a black robe, he sat on the central throne with cold and indifferent eyes as his voice boomed across the hall.

"Also, the woman accompanying him likely has the power to kill Emperor Ancestors. That will explain why Yu Kunzi and the others, as well as Emperor Ancestor Kusheng of the Earth Treasury Realm died."

The atmosphere in the hall was so stifling that even breathing felt difficult.

The bigwigs wore gloomy and ugly expressions. After all, the death of their sect leader was a terrible blow to the sect.

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong asked in a deep voice, "What does everyone think we should do?"

"Get revenge, of course!"

"Yes, Lin Daoyuan must be killed!"

"If this grudge isn't settled, wouldn't Yu Kunzi and the others have died in vain? How will the Ancient Nebula World view us then?"

The old monsters spoke out at once, their murderous voices brimming with unconcealed hatred.

For countless years, the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect had stood tall in the Ancient Nebula Underworld. When had they ever suffered such a great loss?

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong's eyes hardened and he said, "Lin Daoyuan and that woman are moving together. What kind of force must we dispatch to kill them?"

Everyone fell silent as they looked at each other with uncertain expressions.

By this juncture, they had no choice but to admit that Lin Daoyuan possessed the power to threaten the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect!

It was a difficult pill to swallow.

After all, they had once viewed Lin Xun as a small fry.

Now, he was the Emperor Daoyuan who was famous throughout the Ancient Nebula Road! He was a peerless legend for becoming the first supreme Emperor in nearly a hundred thousand years!

"You all must have realized that unless I personally lead a team of at least two more Emperor Ancestors, there will be no chance to kill Lin Daoyuan and that woman."

With a frosty expression, Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong continued in a deep voice, "But have you all ever considered that if the duo tries to flee, is there anyone in this world who can stop them?"

Everyone's expressions changed indeterminately, and not a single person was able to muster a reply. The atmosphere turned even more stifling, causing a few individuals to begin to feel breathless.

"What's more, those old guys from Copper Sparrow House and the number one general under the Copper Sparrow House lord, Roaring Battle Emperor, have yet to make their move..."

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong sighed deeply.

The severity of the matter made even someone like him find it problematic.

A voice suddenly broke the silence, "Supreme Elder, such a horrible disaster has befallen our sect where even our sect master was killed by the enemy. Are we going to just idly stand by and do nothing?"

"Of course not!" Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong spoke out with absolute certainty as his eyes flashed terrifyingly, "Since Lin Daoyuan did this for Copper Sparrow House, we'll start our revenge with them."

Everyone was initially stunned but they quickly understood.

At present, no one knew Lin Daoyuan's whereabouts and trying to find him would be no different from looking for a needle in a haystack.

So how would they force him to show himself?

It was simple: target Copper Sparrow House!

"Once we force him out into the open, we will set an inescapable net to cut off his retreat. When that time comes, I and the other Emperor Ancestors of our sect will end him together."

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong's eyes glowed with chilling cruelty. "However, our Holy Illumination Ancient Sect shall not act alone in this matter. Because, we will also join forces with Earth Treasury Realm!"

Someone excitedly said, "Since Emperor Ancestor Kusheng and his group also perished on Blood Dome Mountain, how can Earth Treasury Realm remain indifferent?"

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong immediately ordered, "Chiheng, Feiling."

Two Emperors stepped forward. They were seventh realm Emperor, Battle Emperor Chiheng, and fifth realm Emperor, Battle Emperor Feiling.

"Go to the territories under our Holy Illumination Ancient Sect and spread the command to use everything possible to destroy the forces of Copper Sparrow House. In addition, spread the word that if Lin Daoyuan doesn't come to the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect to apologize within ten days, Copper Sparrow House will be exterminated!"

"Understood!" The two Emperors received the order.

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong turned to another two individuals and said, "Qingqu, Zhengbo, the two of you will go to Earth Treasury Realm and convey my will. Tell them to send Emperor Ancestor level experts to the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect within ten days so we can suppress and kill Lin Daoyuan together."

"Understood!"

"Everyone else, stay here, wait for updates, and be ready to move out at any moment. Any negligence will be severely punished!"

"Understood!" The crowd responded with a roar that swept away the oppressive atmosphere in the hall. Everyone seemed reinvigorated as if they had found a pillar of support.

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong inwardly sighed at the sight. If a battle did happen, it would be very difficult to kill Lin Daoyuan and that woman!

Circumstances created heroes. At present, Lin Daoyuan was the most attention-grabbing individual in the world. The weight of being a supreme Emperor alone was enough to make any ancient orthodoxy fear him!

However, Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong couldn't speak these words out loud because it would only help the enemy while destroying their own morale.

"Get to work."

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong waved his hand.

He had already begun to calculate how huge of a price they would have to pay to resolve this huge problem.

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The night was as dark as ink.

Little Five had recovered and was in high spirits. He looked at Lin Xun and asked, "When do we start?"

Lin Xun playfully flicked his forehead and said, "Next time, you'd better remember to address me as Big Brother!"

"Big Brother?" Little Five was taken aback. Unexpectedly, he didn't show any resistance and instead revealed a dazzling smile, "Lin Xun, are you really...willing to let me acknowledge you as my big brother?"

Lin Xun answered without hesitation, "Of course, is there a problem?"

"No!" Little Five hastily shook his head as his smile grew even brighter.

Big Yellow coldly snorted, "You've lived for god knows how many years and now you want to acknowledge someone as your big brother. Don't you have any self respect?"

Little Five rolled his eyes. "What do you understand? This is between me and Big Brother."

Little Five was an array spirit. When he was first subdued, he felt a strong sense of resistance against Lin Xun. In fact, his biggest worry was that he would be forced to acknowledge Lin Xun as his master.

Hence, he never imagined that Lin Xun would treat him as a brother. This went completely beyond his expectations, and it would be a lie to say that he wasn't genuinely touched by it.

It was also at this moment that Little Five's worries and resistance were completely swept away. He no longer objected to following Lin Xun.

"Big Brother, when do we start?"

Little Five raised his little face as he rubbed his hands together. He had decided to use this opportunity to show off his abilities.

"Wait a little longer, it's still not time to activate the array."

Lin Xun's eyes grew unreadable as he cast his gaze at Heaven Illumination Peak, fully aware of those who had just gone to report to the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect.

According to his calculations, those old guys in the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect wouldn't be able to sit still once they learned of Yu Kunzi's death!

"How much longer?"

While Little Five wasn't anxious, Big Yellow clearly was.

Just as Lin Xun was about to answer, he suddenly sensed something and a slight smile emerged on his lips, "In a battle like this, you shouldn't reveal all your cards at the start but should take things step by step. Big Yellow, a few fishes have begun to surface."

As he spoke, he silently rose into the air.

Big Yellow was stunned for a moment before its eyes lit up and it grinned, showing a mouthful of sinister white teeth. "Damnit, I would have hit my limit if they took any longer. Let me make this clear, all of these prey are mine and you're forbidden from taking a single one!"

Chapter 2312 Killing Emperor Ancestors

The night sky was as dark as ink.

After walking out from the mountain entrance, Battle Emperor Chiheng suddenly released a deep sigh and said, "Feiling, with the sect master and the seven Emperor elders dead, our sect has lost forty percent of its Emperor experts from this incident alone..."

Feiling's eyes flickered. "What does Brother Chiheng wish to say?"

Chiheng replied in a thoughtful tone, "The Holy Illumination Ancient Sect is currently leaderless. Although the Supreme Elder has taken charge for now, we will sooner or later have to appoint a new sect leader after dealing with Lin Daoyuan."

Feiling's eyes narrowed slightly. "Do you wish to be the sect master?"

Chiheng chuckled and said, "I lack the qualifications. Never mind, it won't be too late to discuss this matter after we've dealt with that punk Lin Daoyuan."

Feiling sighed. "Now isn't the time to worry about who will become the sect master, but..."

"But what?"

"Our Holy Illumination Ancient Sect suffered heavy losses in the battle on Blood Dome Mountain. Brother Chiheng, do you really think Lin Daoyuan is that easy to deal with?"

"How can he survive with the Supreme Elder in command?"

"It might be possible to kill him, but I feel our Holy Illumination Ancient Sect will have to pay a horrifying price to kill a supreme Emperor like him..."

Chiheng's expression turned cloudy and uncertain. After some time, he forced a smile and said, "Don't worry too much. No matter how powerful Lin Daoyuan is, how can he destroy our Holy Illumination Ancient Sect?"

He took a deep breath, quickly glanced around, and continued, "Even if we take a step back and consider a situation where we somehow reach the end of our rope, we only need to hide in the sect to be safe!"

"Is that so?"

A cold voice suddenly rang out.

Chiheng and Feiling froze in terror. Their hair stood on end as they tried to move but it was already too late.

In the wake of the voice, a dog paw soundlessly arrived.

Thud! Thud!

With two muffled thuds, Chiheng and Feiling convulsed and fainted. Before they could fall from the air, Big Yellow grabbed one with each paw and quickly flew away.

"What was that?"

A surprised shout suddenly rang out from the mountain entrance. Two figures flew out, accompanied by bright dao light which burned like torches in the night.

Big Yellow's eyes narrowed slightly and it abruptly turned to rush at them.

However, a figure hidden in the darkness beat him to the punch, lunging as soon as the two new figures appeared.

Thud! Thud!

Two muffled thuds sounded again and the two Emperors who had just emerged were knocked unconscious.

The one who had taken action was Lin Xun.

He stuffed the captives into the Dao Endless Pagoda and glared at Big Yellow, "How can you make a noise while camping for them to appear?"

Big Yellow answered in embarrassment, "I promise it won't happen again next time!"

However, the commotion had already alerted the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect disciples stationed in the vicinity and they began to question, "Which esteemed one is out there?"

As a key area of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect, the area was covered with numerous restrictions and checkpoints which functioned together like an inescapable net. For countless years, no enemy had dared to invade.

Therefore, upon noticing the unusual disturbance, the disciples' first reaction wasn't panic, but suspicion.

"Do I need to report to you lot when I go out?"

Lin Xun's appearance quietly changed, taking on the form of one of the captured Emperors. He even perfectly imitated the voice, displaying the arrogant pressure of a superior.

"Oh, it's Elder Qingqu. Please forgive us for our ignorance!" The Holy Illumination Ancient Sect disciples immediately displayed respectful expressions upon seeing Lin Xun.

"You're dismissed." Lin Xun waved and walked away.

No suspicion was aroused from start to end.

Only after returning to the Heaven Slaughtering Dao Severing Array set up by Little Five did Lin Xun and Big Yellow release the captured prisoners.

Big Yellow personally interrogated them and soon extracted some information from Chiheng, Feiling and the other two.

"To think he intends to destroy Copper Sparrow House to force you out. Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong's methods are vicious indeed!"

Big Yellow's eyes gleamed coldly. "Kid, what should we do next?"

Lin Xun pondered for a moment and said, "We'll continue camping here. Also, it won't hurt to pass on the news to Earth Treasury Realm. Like Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong said, it will be best if they can dispatch some Emperor Ancestors here."

"Excellent idea!"

Big Yellow's eyes shone brightly.

No matter the outcome, the attack on the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect was bound to immediately alarm the Earth Treasury Realm and put them on high alert.

However, if this opportunity was used to lure a few more key individuals from Earth Treasury Realm to Holy Illumination Ancient Sect, Lin Xun could wipe them out in one fell swoop!

Lin Xun instructed, "Big Yellow, I'll leave this task to you. Make sure not to reveal your identity."

Big Yellow readily agreed and set off that same night.

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Time passed and two days quickly went by.

Over these two days, the battle of Blood Dome Mountain spread to every corner of the Ancient Nebula Underworld and caused a huge stir!

Since Copper Sparrow House's decline, Holy Illumination Ancient Sect and Earth Treasury Realm had basically become the supreme rulers of Ancient Nebula Underworld.

Hence, the battle of Blood Dome Mountain felt as shocking as poking a hole in the sky!

Emperor Daoyuan!

He was an existence that was already treated like a legend and had single handedly sent a devastating blow to the two titans!

As the leader of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect, Yu Kunzi's death only served to propel Lin Xun's fame to greater heights, causing countless experts to tremble in fear.

While the world was in turmoil, countless gazes were directed towards Earth Treasury Realm and Holy Illumination Ancient Sect.

After all, wouldn't these two titans retaliate after suffering such a heavy blow?

Sure enough, the news soon spread.

"The Supreme Elder of Holy Illumination Ancient Sect declares that if Emperor Daoyuan doesn't come to Holy Illumination Ancient Sect to atone for his crimes within ten days, Copper Sparrow House will be exterminated!"

"Holy Illumination Ancient Sect also invites the Emperor Ancestors of Earth Treasury Realm to Holy Illumination Ancestral Mountain to discuss how to deal with Emperor Daoyuan!"

These two pieces of earth-shattering news sent shockwaves across the world, stirring up an even greater uproar.

Ten days!

Was this an ultimatum for Emperor Daoyuan?

Everyone had a premonition that a huge battle against Emperor Daoyuan would take place in front of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect's base in ten days!

Not long after, news spread from Earth Treasury Realm that they would send three Emperor Ancestors to visit Holy Illumination Ancient Sect.

Although they said they were visiting, everyone knew that they were there to provide support!

Soon, the identities of these three Emperor Ancestors were also confirmed.

They were Emperor Ancestor Daxu, Kuming and Duchen.

Each of them could be described as a living fossil who had been with Earth Treasury Realm since the ancient era. Although countless years had passed, the rumors about them still elicited utmost respect and awe.

Meanwhile, Lin Xun, who had been hiding near Holy Illumination Ancestral Mountain, observed many Holy Illumination Ancient Sect disciples returning from all over with various reports.

He also saw numerous Holy Illumination Ancient Sect experts exit the mountain gate.

However, not a single Emperor could be found among them.

This left Lin Xun somewhat regretful. After all, only Emperor experts were worth targeting in his eyes.

"They're coming!"

After two days, Big Yellow hurriedly returned with news that the three Earth Treasury Realm Emperor Ancestors, Daxu, Kuming, and Duchen, would arrive at Holy Illumination Ancient Sect today.

"Only three?" Lin Xun frowned.

Big Yellow said, "That's quite a lot already. After all, there are only a handful of Emperor Ancestors among the Three Dark Giants. It's a big deal for Earth Treasury Realm to dispatch three Emperor Ancestors this time."

Lin Xun nodded in understanding.

Come to think of it, while it was true that ancient orthodoxies like Holy Illumination Ancient Sect and Earth Treasury Realm could rule the Ancient Nebula Underworld, there was still a substantial gap between them and factions such as the Four Great Primordial Clans. This disparity was evident from how many Emperor Ancestors each possessed.

"What should we do next?" Big Yellow rubbed its paws together in anticipation.

Lin Xun's eyes gleamed coldly as he said, "Big Yellow, what do you think of killing these three Emperor Ancestors before they get here?"

Big Yellow replied, "I'm afraid I won't be able to stop those three old bald donkeys alone..."

Lin Xun interjected, "Xi will accompany you."

Big Yellow slapped its thighs and grinned, "Then no problem!"

"Okay, let's do that then."

Lin Xun decided.

Soon after, Big Yellow and Xi quietly left.

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Holy Illumination Ancient Sect.

In the main hall, the youthful-looking Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong frowned and asked, "It's been two days, why haven't we heard anything from Chiheng and Feiling?"

The bigwigs looked at each other, also confused.

Someone thoughtfully said, "Perhaps the two elders are busy with the Copper Sparrow House matter?"

"But there's also still no news about how things are going with Copper Sparrow House."

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong's eyes glowed with a chilling light. "Send someone to investigate."

Someone immediately left to carry out his instruction.

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong continued, "If things proceed as scheduled, the three Emperor Ancestors of Earth Treasury Realm will arrive today. Once they're here, we will be more confident in dealing with Lin Daoyuan."

Toward the end, he couldn't help but chuckle.

The bigwigs present also grew excited.

Although Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong was laughing, he knew that the only question now was whether Lin Daoyuan would come after learning the news!

In other words, no matter how many preparations they made, it would all be in vain if the enemy didn't come.

Late at night, the three Emperor Ancestors of Earth Treasury Realm still hadn't arrived.

This made Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong and others who had been waiting frown. The three Emperor Ancestors should have arrived long ago given their speed.

Did something happen on their way here?

Time passed bit by bit. When the light of dawn tore through the night and a new day arrived, a hint of gloom had emerged between the brows of Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong and others.

They had a bad premonition in their hearts.

Sure enough, the bad news quickly arrived.

The three Emperor Ancestors, Daxu, Kuming and Duchen, were ambushed on their way to Holy Illumination Ancient Sect. Not a single one of them managed to escape or survive!

Chapter 2313 Bloody Battle at the Mountain Gate

The Ancient Nebula Underworld was thrown into a tremendous uproar.

"The three Emperor Ancestors have been with Earth Treasury Realm as far back as the ancient era. It's hard to believe that they were killed before they could even reach Holy Illumination Ancient Sect!"

Countless horrified voices rang out.

The battle of Blood Dome Mountain had only ended three days ago, and now, three days later, news that the three Emperor Ancestors, Daxu, Kuming, and Duchen died was already spreading. The shock factor of such successive news was undoubtedly through the roof.

"Who could have done this?"

"It's definitely related to Emperor Daoyuan!"

"Oh my god, what's going to happen to the Ancient Nebula Underworld?"

"What exactly is...Emperor Daoyuan trying to do?"

Various discussions occurred in the many territories of the Ancient Nebula Underworld. Everyone was in shock due to the news.

After learning the news, the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect bigwigs, headed by Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong, were also shocked and could only look at each other in dismay.

"How is that possible?"

Many of them found this unbelievable.

After all, three Emperor Ancestors was a terrifying force that was capable of roaming the world as they pleased while looking down on everyone. Who would ever expect that disaster would befall them?

On that day, the entire Holy Illumination Ancient Sect was deeply shaken and panic began to take root within them.

Three days prior, their sect leader and seven Emperor elders had died in battle atop Blood Dome Mountain.

Now, the three Earth Treasury Realm Emperor Ancestors invited by them had died en route. It was obvious to anyone that even if Lin Daoyuan didn't do it, it must have something to do with him!

One must know that Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong had recently ordered Lin Daoyuan to atone for his sins at Holy Illumination Ancient Sect within ten days.

Now that such a bloody incident had happened, how could anyone not suspect that this was Lin Daoyuan's revenge?

Faced with the sudden disaster, even a powerhouse like Emperor Ancestor Yuchong fell into a long silence as indescribable grief and indignation welled in his heart.

Lin Daoyuan!

Was he intending to overturn the Ancient Nebula Underworld?

He had gone too far!

"Mobilize all our forces to investigate Lin Daoyuan's whereabouts. I want to know where he's hiding as soon as possible!"

After a long silence, Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong erupted like a volcano, his voice filled with boundless rage and savagery.

If possible, he would love to personally wring Lin Xun's neck.

"And you guys." Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong's gaze swept over the bigwigs, "We can no longer passively wait here. All of you will go out and search as well. Report immediately the moment you find any traces of Lin Daoyuan!"

"Understood!" Everyone in the hall acknowledged his orders and departed in rapid succession.

Watching them leave, the furious Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong felt a surge of powerlessness.

He knew that if Lin Daoyuan wasn't captured and killed, the situation would only continue to deteriorate. Soon, even the very foundations of Holy Illumination Ancient Sect might be shaken.

A supreme Emperor was already a heaven-defying existence. To make things worse, he was accompanied by a woman who possessed the power to kill even Emperor Ancestors. Was there anyone who would be able to find them if they wished to be hidden?

If they were determined on vengeance, was there any sect that could withstand their dreadful might?

The Holy Illumination Ancient Sect's forces were spread out over the Ancient Nebula Underworld. Who could guarantee that these forces would not be attacked and eradicated?

As long as they failed to track down Lin Xun, Holy Illumination Ancient Sect would never have peace!

"Lin Daoyuan...Lin Daoyuan...don't let me catch you, or I will make sure you wish you were dead!"

A sinister and chilling expression appeared on Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong's youthful face.

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Heaven Illumination Peak, outside the mountain gate.

"Big Yellow, you're injured?" Lin Xun asked in surprise when he saw Big Yellow return limping as if its leg was broken.

Big Yellow bared its fangs and snarled, "Those bald donkeys were too treacherous. In their final moments, they desperately fought back and that old bastard Kuming managed to take a bite out of me."

The dog groaned as it spoke. A chunk of flesh was clearly missing on its right leg. Even a sizable amount of tendon, muscle, and bone had been bitten off.

Lin Xun chuckled heartlessly. It was common for a dog to bite a person, but it was rare for a person to bite a dog.

However, he was also relieved that Big Yellow's injuries weren't serious.

On the other hand, no injury was visible on Xi. Her graceful figure resembled a celestial woven from light itself.

Come to think of it, with Xi's and Big Yellow's combined combat power, it would be more strange if they failed to kill three Emperor Ancestors from Earth Treasury Realm.

While tending to its wound, Big Yellow asked, "What should we do next?"

Lin Xun answered, "Once this matter gets out, it will definitely shake up Holy Illumination Ancient Sect and Earth Treasury Realm. I predict that they will soon abandon their current passive arrangements. Let's wait and see if any rabbits jump out before making a decision."

They were naturally camping outside the rabbit burrow to wait for rabbits to appear.

At present, Holy Illumination Ancient Sect's mountain gate was already sealed off by the Heaven Slaughtering Dao Severing array. The more rabbits that jumped out, the greater the harvest would be.

Lin Xun and the others didn't have to wait for long. Soon, restriction undulations emerged from the mountain gate as Emperors appeared one after another. The spectacular sight immediately alarmed the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect disciples stationed nearby.

"These old rabbits are finally hopping out!" Big Yellow perked up as his eyes shone brightly.

Lin Xun couldn't help but imagine a scene of a dog chasing a rabbit, causing him to display an odd look. He dryly coughed, stood up, and asked, "Big Yellow, can you still fight?"

Big Yellow unhappily retorted, "Of course!"

It raised its leg, showing that the wound had healed completely.

Lin Xun immediately jerked his head away and muttered, "Remember to tighten your clothes more next time."

Although Big Yellow's body was covered in a layer of Emperor armor, when the dog raised its leg, it revealed a rather inappropriate scenery...

Big Yellow turned red with shame and anger. If not for the current situation, it would have lunged forward to bite Lin Xun. This kid was becoming increasingly disrespectful to an elder like him!

"Go!"

After observing a total of nineteen Emperors emerge, Lin Xun moved without hesitation.

Rumble!

The sword cauldron rushed forth. It soared into the air, splashing millions of dao light rays that immediately shattered the peaceful and quiet atmosphere.

"Oh no!"

The Holy Illumination Ancient Sect experts' expressions changed one after another, unable to believe their eyes.

After all, this was the entrance of their sect!

Yet, the enemy had suddenly appeared without anyone noticing. It was a sudden situation that none of them could have anticipated.

When they finally got a clear view of the enemy, the Emperors' eyes almost popped out of their sockets.

"Lin Daoyuan?!"

They had left with the goal of finding Lin Xun's whereabouts. Who could have thought that the very hated enemy they were searching for would appear at their mountain gate?!

This series of unexpected events completely took the Emperor experts by surprise. It was as absurd as expecting a meat pie to suddenly fall from the sky.

It was also far too sudden.

However, Emperor experts like them naturally weren't slow to respond. When Lin Xun rushed at them, they also attacked without hesitation.

Boom!

It was as if the world was flipped upside and even the land rippled wildly.

All kinds of Emperor weapons and dao arts were unleashed like a tsunami, flooding the area as space itself exploded.

However, how could these attacks possibly be any threat to Lin Xun? An ominous pressure emerged from the sword cauldron with a loud rumble and crushed the wave of incoming attacks, stopping them with the ease of a hot knife cutting through butter.

Clang!

A sword appeared as its cry resounded across the nine heavens and ten lands.

Everyone could only watch as vast and blazing sword qi emerged like a flood of a million divine rainbows. They emanated the supreme essence of the dao and rippled with elegance that seemed capable of cutting time itself.

As the sword qi unfurled, several experts who only had fifth realm Emperor cultivation and below were immediately killed on the spot.

A single sword move had killed several Emperors!

The horrific and bloody scene made the other Emperors' scalps tingle wildly. It made them suddenly recall the battle of Blood Dome Mountain and the deaths of Yu Kunzi and the others...

It forced them to remember that the person before them was a legendary supreme Emperor!

Someone roared as he retreated to the mountain gate, "Quickly return to the sect!"

The others' expressions also changed as they hurriedly moved as well. Given their combat power, they would never dare to fight Lin Xun head-on.

"Old rabbits, it's too late to leave!" Big Yellow's excited laughter rang out.

Rumble!

A giant sky-encompassing paw accompanied by endless dao light descended and blocked the fleeing Emperors like a natural chasm.

"Attack!"

The Emperors went crazy and desperately fought. Their Emperor pressure unfurled in all directions, shaking even the land that was covered in restriction power.

They knew that the only way to survive was to escape into the mountain gate!

However, it was obvious that Lin Xun and Big Yellow had zero intention of giving them any chances.

Rumble!

Lin Xun glowed brightly as he murderously directed the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron. His unrivaled might resembled the eternal endless blue sky, boasting power that could look down on even the heavens themselves.

Swords shot forth as the sword cauldron rumbled. In the blink of an eye, a storm of blood rose on the battlefield.

Big Yellow attacked from the other direction. With every swing of his paw, an Emperor was brutally crushed to bloody goo.

As an existence that could face three Emperor Ancestors, these Emperors were all too easy to destroy.

In mere moments, nineteen Emperors were slaughtered. Their blood fell like rain, soaking the entire battlefield.

The Holy Illumination Ancient Sect disciples in the vicinity nearly went crazy as they shrieked in fear and fled in all directions.

However, the aftershocks from the battle swept forth like a storm and devoured their lives one after another.

No one below the Emperor Stage could survive!

However, the massacre and chaos didn't last for long.

"Who dares to cause trouble at my Holy Illumination Ancient Sect?!"

With a furious earth-shaking roar, a mighty Emperor Ancestor rushed out from Holy Illumination Ancient Sect.

It was a dignified-looking man with gray hair and beard who carried an ancient sword on his back. He resembled an immortal from legend as his Emperor Ancestor aura shook the sky and scattered the clouds.

Before he could grasp the situation, however, an incomparably humongous paw appeared out of nowhere, accompanied by blinding dao light and domineering force.

"Finally caught a big fish!" Big Yellow shouted and pounced as if the fat prey it had been waiting for had finally arrived.

Chapter 2314 Contending Law Power

The Emperor Ancestor who emerged from the mountain gate was the Third Supreme Elder of Holy Illumination Ancient Sect, dharma name Ningzhen. He was practically a living fossil, possessing extremely formidable cultivation and unfathomable strength.

When he sensed the giant paw swatting at him, he couldn't help but coldly snort and a wave of dao light blasted from him to meet the attack.

Boom!

The world quaked as light splattered everywhere.

Emperor Ancestor Ningzhen swayed slightly as his pupils shrank in surprise. "Roaring Battle Emperor, you've reached the Emperor Ancestor Stage?"

As he spoke, two golden dragon-like chains whizzed out with a swish of his sleeves. The chains were branded with thick, dazzling ancestral law power and emanated an astonishing aura of destruction.

The Golden Imprisoning Chain!

It was Emperor Ancestor Ningzhen's life bound emperor weapon that had already cultivated a weapon spirit. It was rumored to be capable of turning the world into purgatory, imprisoning all life, and spurning even the dao itself.

"Emperor Ancestor? Why do you have such a look in your eyes? I'm about to crush that cultivation realm with my paw!"

Big Yellow fished out a large white bone staff and swung it with brutal force. With a loud clang, the Golden Imprisoning Chain shook amidst a shower of sparks.

Every inch of Big Yellow drummed with intense dao light as it aggressively attacked, the white bone staff moving with fearless ferocity and tyranny. Emperor Ancestor Ningzhen was one-sidedly suppressed for a time, forced to go on the defensive.

He was utterly shocked.

Since ancient times, Copper Sparrow House had stood amongst the Three Dark Giants of the Ancient Nebula Underworld.

Its core wasn't defined by its numerous powerful Emperor experts nor did it lie in its multitudes of widespread forces, but in the sole existence of the Lord of Copper Sparrow House.

A single individual akin to an invincible sovereign who could hold up the sky alone!

To Emperor Ancestor Ningzhen's knowledge, there were only five truly core generals in Copper Sparrow House, and Roaring Battle Emperor was one of them. In the eyes of the world, the big yellow dog adopted by the Lord of Copper Sparrow House had always been said to be at the peak of the eighth realm Emperor Stage.

However, Emperor Ancestor Ningzhen now realized that these rumors could not be trusted!

This arrogant and treacherous dog clearly possessed a terrifying foundation that could only belong to an Emperor Ancestor!

Rumble~

The battle grew increasingly intense.

On the other battlefield, Lin Xun maintained a position of absolute dominance. He slaughtered Emperor after Emperor with unstoppable momentum, filling the skies with screams and blood.

At present, only three Emperors were left out of the initial nineteen!

"Lin Daoyuan, Roaring Battle Emperor, how dare you cause trouble at my Holy Illumination Ancient Sect?! You must be tired of living!"

Suddenly, an extremely furious and frosty voice resounded across the sky. It was the youthful-looking Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong, who was followed by two other Emperor Ancestors.

Each of them gave off terrifying auras that agitated the wind and clouds.

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong commanded, "Junior Brother Yunjiu, Junior Brother Lerong, help Ningzhen kill Roaring Battle Emperor."

Swish! Swish!

The two mighty Emperor Ancestor Supreme Elders had already moved before his voice fully faded.

One of them was an ancient-looking elder wearing a pine-pattern daoist robe. He wielded a fire thunder dao seal and his dharma name was Emperor Ancestor Yunjiu.

The other had cold eyes that flashed like lightning and wore a set of armor. His beard and hair fluttered in the wind as he brandished a black halberd, resembling a conquering war god who had reaped countless lives. His dharma name was Emperor Ancestor Lerong.

When the two mighty Emperor Ancestors joined the battlefield, Big Yellow found himself facing tremendous pressure, allowing Emperor Ancestor Ningzhen to secretly sigh in relief.

"Lin Daoyuan, you will die today!"

Meanwhile, Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong appeared in front of Lin Xun in a flash as his claw-like fingers grabbed at Lin Xun's throat.

Rumble!

The mere pressure from him caused the void to crack and collapse. Even Lin Xun forgot to breathe at that moment.

Xi's graceful figure immediately appeared, scattering a rain of light that easily neutralized Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong's attack.

An earth-shaking collision occurred as Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong vanished and appeared several thousand feet away. With ice-cold eyes, he stared at Xi and asked, "Are you the woman who killed Emperor Ancestor Kusheng of the Earth Treasury Realm?"

"Kuming and Daxu were also killed by me." Xi's words and tone were cold yet casual.

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong's eyes flickered as he expressionlessly said, "Unfortunately, no matter how powerful you are, this is the territory of my Holy Illumination Ancient Sect and you won't escape unscathed."

Before the final word fully rang out, he waved his sleeve.

Rumble!

A jade ruler appeared out of thin air, with two simple dao runes, dao guider, engraved upon it. As it appeared, taboo law power surged in the sky like a black tribulation cloud before pouring into the jade ruler.

In an instant, Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong's presence abruptly changed as if becoming a supreme god who wielded law power that made the world cower in fear.

Law power!

Through the jade ruler, he drew in and borrowed the taboo law power that covered the heavens!

Lin Xun and Xi exchanged a look. Although there was a little surprise in their eyes, there were no signs of any panic.

If it was before, they would have immediately fled upon facing such a threat. Like how they had been forced to flee the first time they entered the world of the Dragon Palace and faced Ancestor Soul Slaying who wielded law power.

However, neither of them feared it now!

Lin Xun nonchalantly said, "It seems that Heavenly Emperor Shi treats your Holy Illumination Ancient Sect rather well. To think that he even let you borrow the taboo law power."

Xi remarked in a downplaying tone, "It's merely borrowed power. Moreover, judging from this aura, only a limited amount can be borrowed. While it might be able to threaten Emperor Ancestors...it's also rather lacking."

She had already faced taboo law power as early as in the Ancient Wasteland Domain. How could she not know the extent of its prowess?

Lin Xun's and Xi's reactions made Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong frown. They were not afraid, wary, or even the slightest bit flustered!

Was this a bluff, or bravado?

Chi chi!

Taboo law power flowed along the jade ruler, eliciting an unshakable belief that swept away Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong's doubts.

He stared at Lin Xun and Xi with cold, indifferent eyes. "Even the Lord of Copper Sparrow House wouldn't dare to make such boasts if he was here. Moreover, since he's probably already dead by now, what do you guys have to contend against this heaven-encompassing taboo law power?"

His words were filled with contempt.

In truth, he viewed Lin Xun and Xi as his greatest foes from the very beginning. Otherwise, he would not have employed the taboo law power the moment their battle started.

"Contend? Wrong, after today, the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect will no longer exist in the world."

Lin Xun grinned as iciness flooded his eyes. "Additionally, the feud between us will also end today!"

"Ridiculous!" Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong couldn't help but laugh and he waved the jade ruler. In an instant, horrifying taboo law power lashed at Xi like a divine chain fearlessly whipping the human world.

Although the attack appeared simple, no Emperor Ancestor would dare to face it directly. After all, it was the taboo law power that enveloped the heavens and cut off the path to the other side of the cosmos!

How could such power possibly be ordinary?

Since the beginning of time, only Fangchun Mountain's first disciple, Combat Emperor, had managed to defeat this almighty power. Only him and no one else!

However, Xi showed zero indication of avoiding it. A ball of misty gray law power suddenly appeared in her hand and transformed into a spear that emitted a strange aura.

Rumble!

The collision between the spear and the jade ruler resembled a clash between two supreme law powers. Law light splattered all over the sky like rain, causing the surrounding world to wail in agony.

Although the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect had set up many restrictions in the area, all of them collapsed without exception at this moment. Mountains crumbled and trees turned to ash as destruction engulfed everything!

The clash between such powers was simply too terrifying!

Lin Xun had long withdrawn far away. Even so, he was still caught in the aftershocks of the dreadful law power, which jolted him until his blood churned wildly. He had no choice but to summon the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron and rely on the Phoenix Flame of Order within it to minimize the impact.

When he looked around again, he found that everything other than Heaven Illumination Peak had been flattened or destroyed!

Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong's shocked and angry voice rang out from the smoke, "To think you are also able to wield law power!"

His expression had become extremely grave.

The borrowed taboo law power had been his greatest source of confidence. However, with the revelation of Xi's mastery over law power, this advantage had completely disappeared!

Xi wasn't one to waste time with words. In the blink of an eye, she directed the law power spear forward again.

Illusory light swam around her, making her appear magnificent and gorgeous like a fairy from the heavens. Additionally, her combat prowess was also as peerless as her beauty.

In an instant, Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong was severely injured!

Even Lin Xun couldn't help but admire her unmatched elegance and power.

In the distance, Big Yellow's frustrated cry sounded, "Kid, stop watching and come help me!"

It was being ganged up on by three Emperor Ancestors and had completely lost the initiative.

Lin Xun immediately moved along with the sword cauldron.

Anyone who saw this scene would probably think that Lin Xun had gone crazy. After all, it was a battle between Emperor Ancestors that was no different from a death zone for a fourth realm Emperor.

In fact, Ningzhen, Yunjiu, and Lerong shared this exact thought and viewed Lin Xun's interference with ridicule and disdain.

However, as Lin Xun released a white misty wave of time light, the world seemed to fall into a moment of stillness.

The Emperor Ancestor trio's movements also slowed to a halt.

Bang!

In that moment, Big Yellow viciously swung his white bone staff downwards. Emperor Yunjiu was brutally smashed into a pulp, destroying both his body and spirit!

The other two Emperor Ancestors involuntarily shuddered and their expressions abruptly changed. What the hell was this?!

"Kill them!"

No longer forced into the defensive, Big Yellow's savagery immediately erupted. He didn't give the enemy any time to recover and ferociously lunged at Ningzhen and Lerong.

Meanwhile, Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong's groan sounded from afar. His battered body was in a sorry state due to being completely suppressed by Xi.

"Run!" At this moment, Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong made a decision. He quickly retreated to save himself.

Ningzhen and Lerong also realized the severity of the situation, already deeply shaken by Emperor Yunjiu's death.

They didn't dare to continue and tried to withdraw.

At this moment, however, Lin Xun shouted, "Little Five, it's your turn!"

Chapter 2315 From Today, the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect Will No Longer Exist

Since the rabbit had come out, how could they let it run?

It was time to close the net!

This was Lin Xun's plan from the start. The Heaven Slaughtering Dao Severing array was the trump card that would catch all the enemies in one fell swoop.

After all, there would be too many potential variables if the other party was allowed to escape into the mountain gate.

Rumble!

The ready and waiting Little Five immediately activated the Heaven Slaughtering Dao Severing array. Dao runes emerged like a tide, rising and spreading throughout the area to cover the sky and land. Countless colorful symbols twinkled and flowed as if they were incarnations of the dao.

In an instant, the entire place changed.

It was as if a cage had formed, blocking off the dao, sky, and sun.

The few remaining Emperors as well as the two Emperor Ancestors, Ningzhen and Lerong, were trapped inside.

To Lin Xun's surprise, at the critical moment, Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong forcibly erupted the taboo law power in the jade ruler and managed to break open an escape route from the Heaven Slaughtering Dao Severing array.

However, the mountain gate had already been sealed while Xi was hot on his heels!

"Doh!"

Little Five pushed the Heaven Slaughtering Dao Severing array's power to its extreme. In an instant, the array flooded with raging wind, thunder, and fire, culminating into all sorts of unbelievable and terrifying streams of destructive energy.

The Emperors were the first to succumb, killed one after another in the array.

The two trapped Emperor Ancestors desperately resisted but rapidly accumulated injuries as time passed.

In mere moments, they were covered in wounds. Their bodies were stained with blood as they screamed, roared, and cursed incessantly.

Lin Xun and Big Yellow stood outside the array, watching with cold and emotionless eyes.

Rumble!

In the end, with a deafening and violent rumble, Emperor Ancestor Ningzhen and Lerong were submerged in an endless torrent of light. They shattered and disintegrated, turning into ashes that scattered in the wind.

Unsatisfied, Little Five said, "Tch, just two old guys, how overkill."

Big Yellow unhappily said, "Don't you know how much precious materials were used to create this array?"

Meanwhile, Lin Xun peered into the distance.

Soon after, a shrill cry was heard from afar, "Heavenly Emperor Shi will never let you off, never—!"

It was Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong. His voice pierced the sky, brimming with unresigned anger.

However, it soon came to a halt.

Xi appeared in the distance, her graceful and misty form resembling interwoven lights. Her otherworldly demeanor seemed to illuminate the devastated terrain.

Lin Xun smiled in relief.

The surroundings were silent. Destruction stretched out around them while the air was filled with the pungent scent of ash and blood.

In the battle, four Emperor Ancestors and nineteen Emperors of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect had been killed!

Countless more disciples had also died in the vicinity.

From what Lin Xun knew, this battle in addition to the battle of Blood Dome Mountain a few days prior had almost wiped out all of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect Emperor experts. In other words, they were no longer any threat!

The thought of this caused a surge of emotions in his heart.

The root of this feud originated from Great Emperor Baqi. After many long years, it had finally ended today!

"Numerous ambushes likely await us inside the mountain gate."

Big Yellow laughed as he said, "But unfortunately, those old rabbits are all dead now and the ambushes are no longer a threat to us."

"Let's go in and slaughter them!"

Big Yellow took the lead.

"Little Five, stay here and control the array. Kill anyone who tries to escape!"

With these parting words, Lin Xun and Xi followed Big Yellow into the mountain gate.

Holy Illumination Ancient Sect's secret realm wasn't inferior to any other ancient orthodoxy's. It was full of blessed dwellings and the air was thick with misty chaos qi. Various spirit birds danced in the sky while auspicious beasts prowled the land, making it resemble a divine paradise.

After countless years of development, the foundations and wealth accumulated by the secret realm had reached an unimaginable level.

A blessed land capable of supporting several Emperor Ancestors was rare even in the vast Ancient Nebula Road.

When Lin Xun and his companions entered, the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect disciples residing within were horrified and chaos soon ensued.

There was no longer anything here that could threaten Lin Xun and his group. Hence, they steamrolled through with unstoppable momentum.

In the mere time it took to brew a pot of tea, the entire Holy Illumination Ancient Sect was crushed!

Only after arriving at the supreme forbidden area of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect and confirming that there were no longer any threats did Lin Xun's heart heave with emotion.

The mighty Holy Illumination Ancient Sect, which had reigned over the Ancient Nebula Underworld for countless years, was destroyed by him today!

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That same day, news of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect's demise spread, causing the Ancient Nebula Underworld to fall into an uproar. Countless people were shocked and terrified, causing them to question in shock, "How can Emperor Daoyuan be so powerful?"

A few days ago, the battle of Blood Dome Mountain elevated Emperor Daoyuan's fame to a new high. He became akin to a sun shining over the Ancient Nebula Underworld and sparked many heated discussions.

With the demise of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect, his fame now engulfed the entire Ancient Nebula Underworld as if he were its sovereign!

"The Holy Illumination Ancient Sect was one of the Ancient Nebula Underworld's three rulers for countless years. Even experts all over the Ancient Nebula World feared its dreadful power. Who would have imagined that such a terrifying faction would become a thing of the past overnight?!"

Shocked voices resounded in the many regions of the Ancient Nebula Underworld.

"Lin Daoyuan...is simply a living legend and the greatest superstar of our era! His name is destined to be passed down through the ages and shake all worlds!"

Everyone realized that, starting today, the balance of power in the Ancient Nebula Underworld would be single handedly rewritten by Lin Xun.

From today, the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect would be erased from the world!

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A hidden place.

When Qing Ying and the Copper Sparrow House elders heard the news, they were stupefied and unable to return to their senses for a time.

In the battle of Blood Dome Mountain, Yu Kunzi, the Emperor elders, and Emperor Ancestor Kusheng were slain!

This was already a rare achievement. Now, even the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect had been destroyed, completely overturning the common sense of Qing Ying and elders.

It was a long while before Qing Ying finally calmed down a little. She immediately issued an order, "It's time for Copper Sparrow House to take action. Everyone, please gather the old members of Copper Sparrow House and take back the territory that originally belonged to us!"

Although the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect was destroyed, its territory and subsidiary factions still existed. However, they were destined to be like loose sand and lambs waiting to be slaughtered!

If not now, when will we act?

On this day, Copper Sparrow House forces hidden all over the Ancient Nebula Underworld moved out one after another, and began to erupt like a volcano that had been suppressed for far too long!

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The impact of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect's destruction naturally wasn't limited to just this.

Before long, people discovered that the Earth Treasury Realm's territories in the Ancient Nebula Underworld were evacuated and their forces had mysteriously disappeared.

At the same time, the mountain gate of Earth Treasury Realm was shut, isolating it from the outside world!

This drew worldwide attention and caused another huge wave.

"Does this mean that the Earth Treasury Realm has also realized the severity of the situation and has decided to hunker down to survive?"

Many people shared similar speculations.

"It is necessary. After the destruction of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect, Emperor Daoyuan's next target will undoubtedly be the Earth Treasury Realm!"

"You should know that on Blood Dome Mountain, nine Emperors, including Emperor Ancestor Kusheng, were slain. Moreover, Emperor Ancestor Daxu, Kuming, and Duchen were also killed recently!"

"Think about it, the Earth Treasury Realm has lost four Emperor Ancestors and many Emperor experts. Given how the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect was destroyed, where would they find the courage to confront Emperor Daoyuan?"

"Hunkering down is undoubtedly the wisest decision."

Discussions about the Earth Treasury Realm's actions swept through the Ancient Nebula Underworld like a storm.

Some people found it disdainful. Given how the powerful Earth Treasury Realm was known to be unafraid of death, it was cowardly of them to retreat without fighting!

Some people sighed and felt that with the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect's demise and the Earth Treasury Realm's withdrawal, the Ancient Nebula Underworld would soon come under Emperor Daoyuan's rule!

Some people had a more long term perspective and believed that when Heavenly Emperor Shi returned from the Kunlun Dominion, all of Emperor Daoyuan's accomplishments would be blown away by the wind and he would definitely be put to death.

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While the outside world was abuzz with discussions, Lin Xun had already tallied all of the wealth accumulated by the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect over the years.

Even he found himself a little dazed when faced with the total wealth of such an ancient orthodoxy.

It was simply too much!

The countless divine materials, elixirs, texts, and treasures could easily form a mountain when piled together!

The dao crystals alone numbered in the billions, while other treasures were too numerous to count...it was impossible to estimate their total value.

"The Holy Illumination Ancient Sect...is rich as hell..." Big Yellow couldn't help but sigh, eyes squinting gleefully as it lay amidst the countless treasures.

In the next moment, it suddenly stood up, rubbed its paws and said, "Let's go to the Earth Treasury Realm. The treasures collected by those old bald donkeys should be no less than the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect!"

It seemed almost fanatical and full of vigor.

Slightly annoyed, Lin Xun replied, "Will the Earth Treasury Realm be unprepared after learning of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect's destruction? There's no need to rush."

He was currently going through the inheritance texts of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect. These texts were recorded in jade slips which could easily pile up into a hill.

In Lin Xun's opinion, the accumulated inheritance collection of such an ancient orthodoxy was more valuable than the other treasures.

"Lin Xun, look at this." Suddenly, Xi spoke up nearby. She was holding an unremarkable gray stone in her hand.

Anything that could catch Xi's eye would naturally not be ordinary.

Lin Xun walked over to receive the object only for Xi to toss it to him as if afraid he would touch her fingers again.

Lin Xun was briefly stunned before he began to take a closer look at the stone.

The black stone was astonishingly heavy, making it feel like he was holding up a mountain. No ordinary person would not be able to bear its weight.

Its surface was as smooth as a mirror, as if it had been polished countless times by extremely sharp objects over endless years. A slight depression was also visible.

On its back, several ancient characters were engraved: Sharpen your heart like a blade.

Chapter 2316 Faceless Buddha

Sharpen your heart like a blade.

The sword-like words seemed to be filled with an extreme sense of pride. It wasn't the ostentatious kind, but rather the type that was restrained to the extreme.

At closer inspection, Lin Xun couldn't help but narrow his eyes, feeling a slight prickly pain from the words.

When he used his heart to feel the words, he found them akin to stars hidden deep within the abyss, or pearls sealed in a box. They gave off a sensation of ethereal profoundness that was both unfathomable and ungraspable.

Lin Xun couldn't help reveal a surprised expression.

The words were completely different when viewed with the eye and the heart. It made him feel as if he was seeing a peerless sword Emperor who was full of fierce pride.

Despite this, his heart was as laid back as the clouds in sky, ethereal, free, and unchained from any prejudice.

"It's a sword whetstone."

Xi said from the side, "From the words on it, you can tell that its owner must have unparalleled attainments in sword dao. His heart is also accepting and free as the wind like a sword immortal."

There was also a hint of surprise in her voice.

Lin Xun deeply agreed.

To sharpen one's heart like a blade meant to make one's heart as sharp as a sword.

From how the sword whetstone still retained such an extraordinary aura despite being left aside for only god who knew how long, one could easily imagine how transcendent its owner was.

At the end of the day, however, it was just a sword whetstone. There was nothing else special about it apart from its material.

After some thought, Lin Xun kept the whetstone. The words on it faintly resonated with him as if he had met a close friend of the dao, separated only by countless years.

It made him very happy.

Xi picked out a few more treasures and didn't look at the mountain of treasures again.

Although there were many treasures, there was no point if they didn't meet a certain standard.

Lin Xun also carefully sieved through the treasures for a long time before selecting some divine materials, elixirs, and texts that would be beneficial to him.

He then collected some Emperor-grade treasures for Wuque and Yezi.

Likewise, Little Five and Big Yellow obtained quite a number of beneficial treasures.

This was the wealth accumulated over countless years by the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect after all. Even Emperors would go crazy at the sight of it, let alone ordinary cultivators.

In the end, Lin Xun kept the rest of the riches. He planned to give them to Qing Ying who would then distribute it among the Copper Sparrow House disciples.

After spending another day in the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect, Lin Xun arrived at a decision. Big Yellow would stay here to deal with the aftermath, while he and Xi would go to the Earth Treasury Realm to scout the situation.

Although there were still many disciples in the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect, Lin Xun and his companions couldn't be bothered with such small fries and would leave them to the Copper Sparrow House.

There were also numerous other follow-up matters that required the Copper Sparrow House's help.

After all, the fall of a behemoth like the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect would leave behind many subsidiary factions, treasures, territories, etc. It would take a long time to deal with the entire aftermath.

Lin Xun had no intention of delving into these affairs.

Big Yellow would stay behind to liaison with the Copper Sparrow House experts and make arrangements to swallow the 'legacy' left by the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect.

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Two days later.

Brahma Cloud Region.

For a long time, the Brahma Cloud Region was a territory under the Earth Treasury Realm. It was a Buddhist country where ascetics wearing black robes could be found everywhere.

Recently, however, the Brahma Cloud Region was greatly shaken by the news of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect's demise. Countless Buddhist cultivators affiliated to the Earth Treasury Realm fled in panic, causing the vast territory to become rather desolate.

"It seems that the Earth Treasury Realm has indeed sensed the severity of the situation and withdrawn like the outside world said."

Lin Xun and Xi appeared in the Brahma Cloud Region. Along the way, apart from seeing some small fries in hiding, they didn't even meet a single noteworthy disciple from the Earth Treasury Realm.

Xi nonchalantly remarked, "As long as there are no surprises, the two of us shouldn't have trouble invading the Earth Treasury Realm and overthrowing them."

After all, at this juncture, the Earth Treasury Realm had lost four Emperor Ancestors and eight Emperors.

Based on their information, there should only be a single Emperor Ancestor left in the Earth Treasury Realm.

As for the head of the Earth Treasury Realm, Buddha Emperor Xufeng, he was only at the peak eighth realm Emperor Stage like Yu Kunzi of the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect.

Lin Xun's black eyes turned deep and unfathomable as he calmly said, "Let's scout the situation first. It's about time we settle this grudge."

He would never forget that as early as in the Ancient Wasteland Domain, he had been branded as a 'heretic' by the Earth Treasury Realm and was frequently targeted.

The grudge between them had long been irreconcilable, and it was about time to settle this debt!

Star Sacred Mountain.

The entrance to the Earth Treasury Realm was regarded as their 'sacred mountain.' In the past, it had been a supreme holy land in the hearts of countless devout believers.

Lin Xun and Xi appeared in front of Star Sacred Mountain and gazed into the distance. The mountain was shaped like a blooming lotus that supported the sky, appearing incomparably majestic and grand.

Under Lin Xun's and Xi's spirit sense, the mountain was revealed to be covered in countless restrictions exuding heart palpitating auras, akin to layers of deadly disasters.

Lin Xun's eyebrows raised. "The entrance to the Earth Treasury Realm has been completely sealed from the inside. It won't be easy to sneak in and even ordinary Emperor Ancestors would have a tough time trying to break in."

Toward the end, he grinned and said, "Of course, breaking such arrays is merely a matter of time for someone like me."

Xi glanced at him. "Then why are you wasting time talking?"

Lin Xun rubbed his nose and smiled bitterly, "Just chatting a little since there's nothing else to do."

As he spoke, he walked forward and stood in the air. He began to inspect the Star Sacred Mountain that was covered by countless restrictions.

After a long period of time passed, he swished his sleeves.

Rumble!

Dao light rapidly filled the sky, transforming into row after row of strange and obscure runes which rushed to different locations on the Star Sacred Mountain.

The entire mountain suddenly began to shake. Divine radiance surged like pillars of light rushing into the skies as thousands upon thousands of restrictions emerged, releasing seemingly endless and terrifying power.

Lin Xun's black eyes shone brightly as his gaze continuously darted back and forth. Meanwhile, his hand gestures changed as various mystical dao patterns and runes were sent into the Star Sacred Mountain.

Rumble~

The shaking intensified, causing the nearby terrain to tremble as well.

In Xi's eyes, the chain-like layers of restriction power covering Star Sacred Mountain was being broken by Lin Xun one after another.

She had no choice but to acknowledge that in the field of dao runes, Lin Xun was currently unrivaled in the world.

Time passed little by little.

After nearly an hour, Lin Xun flipped his hands and pressed downwards.

Rumble!

It was as if the entire Star Sacred Mountain was being flattened by a giant hand. The numerous restrictions covering it abruptly collapsed layer by layer, splattering countless torrents of light.

Even the most gorgeous fireworks in the world were probably not even a thousandth as spectacular as this scene.

Lin Xun squinted and observed for quite some time before he said, "The arrays covering the mountain aren't that powerful. The problem is that there are too many so it becomes cumbersome to break them layer by layer."

He then added, "Let's go."

He led the way. The true appearance of Star Sacred Mountain was now exposed. Halfway up the mountain, they discovered an ancient altar in a state of disrepair.

Atop the altar stood a black Buddha statue with three heads, six arms, and a large lotus sprouting under its feet. Its face was blank, without any of the five main facial features.

It was like a faceless Buddha.

There was only a single eye lacking a pupil on its forehead, creating a strange sight that anyone would shudder at.

Lin Xun was taken aback. According to his knowledge, the statue depicted the founder of the Earth Treasury Realm, Earth Treasury Emperor.

However, the sight before him clashed with what he knew.

He clearly recalled that in the vast territory controlled by Earth Treasury Realm, every city had a temple containing a statue of a certain mythical beast.

It was rumored that this mythical beast was the true form of Earth Treasury Emperor, the founder of the Earth Treasury Realm.

When he first entered the Ancient Nebula Underworld, Lin Xun once ventured into an Earth Treasury temple and saw the appearance of Earth Treasury Emperor.

It was a Buddhist niche that stood a hundred feet tall.

On both sides of the niche sat stone statues of lions, tigers, elephants, qilins, xiezhis, blood phoenixes and other animals. There were more than three thousand statues in total. [1]

Each lifelike statue exuded a different majesty as if it could wake up at any moment.

The niche also contained an animal-like statue. However, its appearance was extremely bizarre.

Its head resembled that of a lion or a tiger, its mouth was like a crocodile's, its eyes were like a python's, its ears were like those of an ox or a horse, it had scales like a fish or a snake, its feet were like a bird's, its horns were like those of an ox or a deer, its whiskers were like a dragon's, and its tail and back were like a dog's!

It was basically an amalgamation of animals!

Shrouded in misty darkness, it sat in the niche like a mountain with its eyes closed, resembling a god from the darkness whose majestic aura overlooked the land.

It was so strange and frightening that anyone who saw it couldn't help but feel intimidated!

Even Lin Xun had felt an inexplicable chill when he first saw the strange statue. He never imagined that the Earth Treasury Realm's founder would possess such an appearance.

Back in the present, the statue on the altar with three heads, six arms, a single eye on its forehead, and no face was equally strange and creepy.

One was a statue with animal-like features, while the other was a faceless one-eyed Buddha. Which of them was the true appearance of Earth Treasury Emperor?

Lin Xun fell into deep thought, vaguely feeling that something was amiss but unable to pinpoint exactly what it was.

Xi asked from the side, "What is it?"

"I suddenly remembered something from the past."

Lin Xun told Xi about what he saw and heard when he entered the Earth Treasury temple long ago.

After listening to his recount, Xi thought for a while before she said, "It's normal for someone like Earth Treasury Emperor to have countless forms and incarnations."

Lin Xun softly asked, "Do you know why every Earth Treasury temple in the Earth Treasury Realm's territory has such a strange statue? What is their purpose?"

Chapter 2317 Faith Creates a God

Without waiting for Xi's reply, Lin Xun answered his own question, "To plunder dao wishpower!"

Xi's eyes narrowed slightly, seemingly also realizing the seriousness of the issue.

The Earth Treasury Realm had been spreading their roots in the Ancient Nebula Underworld for countless years. They controlled vast territories and built temples in each of their innumerable cities.

If this was done to collect dao wishpower...how much dao wishpower had the Earth Treasury Realm accumulated after so many years?

What was the purpose of collecting so much dao wishpower?

"There are two kinds of dao wishpower. One originates from the grand aspiration of proving one's dao against the ten thousand daos of the world and establishing one's own unprecedented path. This dao wishpower cannot be plundered by others."

Xi slowly said, "The other is the wishpower of the living. When one gains faith from living beings, one will gain the blessing of their wishpower. Through such wishpower one can wield almighty power and even create a golden body of virtue which is immortal and eternal."

"From what I've seen, the Earth Treasury Realm is likely gathering the wishpower of the living to create a golden body of virtue for a certain powerhouse."

"When one possesses a golden body of virtue, one will become akin to a god. As long as these people live, the one they believe in will be eternal."

Lin Xun was briefly taken aback. It was the first time he had heard about the golden body of virtue and becoming a god through faith.

Xi explained, "It might sound like a mysterious and wondrous cultivation method, but in the eyes of a true Emperor Ancestor, it isn't the proper path. Instead, it is an unorthodox and evil means."

Throughout the ages, there were only two known ways for an Emperor Ancestor to achieve a cultivation breakthrough and seek a higher cultivation realm.

One was to go to the other side of the cosmos and seek new dao power.

The other was to collect the wishpower of the living and use the power of faith to evolve one's cultivation, thus crossing past the Emperor Ancestor Stage.

However, the second method had a huge flaw.

Those who sought a breakthrough through the wishpower of the living would be shackled by them!

On one hand, the wishpower of the living could allow one to ascend to the Emperor Ancestor Stage and wield inconceivable power, becoming akin to an eternal god in the hearts of the worshippers.

At the same time, it would also mark the end of one's cultivation path. As long as one's 'worshippers' continued to exist, one's cultivation would never be able to ascend!

Xi's voice turned cold as she continued, "The reason why this path is considered unorthodox and even evil is that those who rely on wishpower of the living to ascend will often replace the wills of the 'worshippers' with their will, replacing the likes and dislikes of their 'believers' with their own! Even the lives and deaths of these people will hinge upon a single thought of their 'god!'"

"Isn't that no different from enslaving them?" Lin Xun inwardly shivered.

Xi said, "The scariest part is that opposing someone who possesses a golden body of virtue will also set yourself against all of their believers. You will be cursed and scolded by thousands of people. Even after you die, you will be vilified in the history books and be blamed by generation after generation.

"On the other hand, if you manage to kill such a 'god,' it will also kill the hearts of countless living beings!

"That's why it's called an evil path."

Lin Xun couldn't help but be taken aback as a chilling sensation filled his heart. He had never heard of such a cultivation path before.

If the Earth Treasury Realm was indeed collecting the wishpower of the living just to make a 'god,' it was easy to imagine how terrifying it would be if they succeeded.

"However, don't worry too much because this evil path isn't that easy to walk. Even the slightest mistake will result in a deadly backlash that will destroy the user and their cultivation."

Xi continued, "As far as I know, while the ten thousand daos of the world each have their own paths with deep history, only this evil path is destroyed whenever it appears. After all, all sentient beings and countless cultivators will never willingly be controlled or enslaved by another."

Lin Xun nodded in relief.

He began to understand that the Earth Treasury Realm only dared to openly collect the wishpower of the living because of the Ancient Nebula Underworld's lawless nature.

Secondly, the wishpower of the living had other miraculous functions. For example, most cultivators could use the wishpower of the living during their ascent to the Saint Stage.

The Dao Ruleless Bell also had close ties with wishpower and used to store an astonishing amount of wishpower of the living.

The Seal of All Beings wielded by Lin Xun's Yellow Earth Dao Body was also a type of method to control the wishpower of the living.

Given such context, no one in the world believed that Earth Treasury Realm would dare risk going against the world and embark on such an evil path.

"If the Earth Treasury Realm isn't eliminated, they will eventually become a disaster."

Lin Xun's voice was calm. Since long ago, he had instinctively felt a certain repulsion and rejection towards the Earth Treasury Realm, which had only grown even until today.

With that, he reached out and pressed his hand downward.

An entrance emerged at the feet of the faceless Buddha statue on the altar amidst a sprinkle of light.

To enter, one would have to walk under the feet of the faceless Buddha statue as if prostrating oneself.

Xi snorted coldly and waved her hand, unleashing a dazzling wave of dao light.

With a loud boom, the faceless Buddha statue that had stood here countless years suddenly turned into powder and disappeared.

Only then did Xi and Lin Xun enter.

The Earth Treasury Realm was at the end of the path.

It was a secret realm resembling the holy land of Buddhism. Misty auspicious clouds floated in the sky, sacred black Buddha light flowed between the mountains and rivers, and ancient and solemn temples were built almost everywhere.

Waves of Buddhist chants drifted in the air, making it seem as if a Buddhist rhythm was dyed into the very fabric of reality here.

As soon as Lin Xun and Xi appeared, they were besieged from all sides.

"Kill them!"

"Purify the two heretics!"

Authoritative roars rang out like thunder as figures rushed over like a tsunami. Each person was dressed in a black monk robe, their bodies surrounded by swirling black Buddha light as they stared with indifferent eyes.

From their hands emerged alms bowls, staffs, rulers, whisks, lamps, Buddhist seals, prayer wheels, wooden fish, or secret Buddhist arts, making them resemble raging world-destroying Buddhas.

It was a magnificent scene of hundreds and thousands attacking together. In an instant, the land descended into roaring chaos, filled with flowing treasure light and countless Buddha arts.

However, how could any of this possibly pose a threat to Lin Xun and Xi?

Xi wasn't even needed. Lin Xun spread out his arms.

Countless dazzling Taixuan sword qi unfurled like wind and rain on a stormy sea.

Boom!

Eight million sword qi swept across the nine heavens.

In a split second, the land in every direction was crushed and compacted while the countless Earth Treasury Realm disciples scattered across the area were instantly shredded to bits by the brilliant sword qi. A thick rain of blood poured from the sky, practically drowning the surroundings.

Light wove gracefully around Xi, making her look ethereal and holy amidst the bloody world. "How cruel of the Earth Treasury Realm to send these small fry below the Emperor Stage to die."

Lin Xun looked into the distance and said, "The people of the Earth Treasury Realm are said to be unafraid of death. Perhaps...this is their tradition."

As soon as the words fell, another wave of murderous earth-shaking shouts rang out from afar.

Countless monks in black robes donning indifferent and resolute expressions emerged in the distance like surging black clouds.

There were so many of them that it was impossible to see the end at a glance!

Given how horrifying the earlier massacre had been, any ordinary cultivator would not have dared to plunge into such danger.

However, the hordes of Earth Treasury Realm disciples blindly rushed in as life was no longer important to them.

Lin Xun narrowed his eyes and said, "It seems that they have already noticed our arrival, but isn't this foolish? Are they not worried that we will kill all their disciples?"

"Look." Xi said as she reached out and grasped a wisp of obscure wishpower from the blood-soaked air.

Lin Xun immediately understood. "It's not that they are unafraid of death, but their wills and minds have long been enslaved by the wishpower of the living!"

"Yes, while there is no shortage of people in this world who do not fear death, it is impossible for everyone in a sect to be unafraid of death."

Xi said, "After you killed those Earth Treasury Realm disciples, the wishpower of the living attached to them will be absorbed into this secret realm and refined.

"This means that the more disciples we kill, the more wishpower this realm will absorb."

A chill spread in Lin Xun's heart. Could they be deliberately sending their disciples to die?

"Kill them!"

While they were talking, countless black-robed monks swarmed over. Not a single one seemed to be afraid of death.

"Let's head to their nest first and kill the Earth Treasury Realm Sect Master, Buddha Emperor Xufeng!"

Lin Xun didn't care about these small fries. As such, he and Xi swiftly rose into the air.

Given their strength, there was simply no stopping them. They dove straight into the swarm and broke through in the blink of an eye.

A sacred mountain towered in the distance, bathed in eternal-night-like darkness while emitting billowing black Buddha light.

Shaped like a closed pupil, an altar rose atop the mountain as if peering down from the sky above!

Bronze lamps circled the mountaintop like a ribbon, burning brightly as they sprinkled waves of light.

At present, a group of figures were standing on the altar. Regardless of age, all of them exuded the terrifying aura of an Emperor.

Their leader was a skinny man with a face as harsh and sharp as a mountain. A string of black prayer beads hung from his hand, and his eyes were filled with a heart-palpating indifference.

Buddha Emperor Xufeng!

The sect master of the Earth Treasury Realm was also an influential powerhouse who was akin to a ruler in the Ancient Nebula Underworld.

The figures behind him belonged to the Emperor elders of the Earth Treasury Realm.

Upon catching sight of Lin Xun's and Xi's figures approaching from a distance, neither Buddha Emperor Xufeng nor the Emperor elders showed any sign of panic.

Instead, everyone's expressions and auras gave off a sensation of extreme indifference.

Buddha Emperor Xufeng spoke in an emotionless voice, "If I don't go to hell, who will? It will be a highly virtuous achievement to kill the heretic, Lin Daoyuan, at this critical life or death juncture."

Chapter 2318 Eloquence

Black Buddha light covered the sky like a curtain of the eternal night.

Buddha Emperor Xufeng and his entourage solemnly stood atop the sacred mountain. There was no sign of panic, nervousness, or even the slightest emotional fluctuation on any of them.

In the distance, Lin Xun and Xi stopped at the sight of the group and exchanged a look as a slight tremor vibrated through the duo's hearts.

It was a strange atmosphere, as if they were waiting to die.

"Just you guys? If memory serves me right, there should be one more Emperor Ancestor who is still alive, right?"

Lin Xun's nonchalant voice resounded across the sky.

His clothes and long hair fluttered in the wind, appearing confident and arrogant.

"None of that matters anymore."

Buddha Emperor Xufeng looked at Lin Xun. "Lin Daoyuan, aren't you curious to know why you were regarded as a heretic by our Earth Treasury Realm since long ago?"

Lin Xun's eyes flickered. "Is it because of the Great Treasury Silent Scripture created by Saint Monk Duji and the Black Phoenix Saint Queen?"

Buddha Emperor Xufeng shook his head. "Senior Uncle Duji was a brilliant cultivator who invested his entire life to create a dao scripture the world has never seen before. Although he did betray the Earth Treasury Realm, it is unrelated to you being branded a heretic."

"Then why?" Lin Xun raised an eyebrow.

Buddha Emperor Xufeng smiled. Although it was a smile, it still gave off a sensation of indifference. "Because you are the greatest scourge of this world. Due to your cultivation path, you will bring calamity wherever you go.

"If you aren't exterminated, the Ancient Nebula Road will be destroyed beyond imagination because of you alone."

Lin Xun laughed. "How did you know?"

A strange gleam surged in the eyes of Buddha Emperor Xufeng. "Whether it is the primeval era's Dao War of Ten Directions or the ancient era's Dao War of Emperors, both are inextricably linked to you. You should also know why the taboo law power covering the cosmos appeared, right?"

Lin Xun frowned and sneered, "I have only cultivated for a hundred years, yet you blame me for all these things that happened far in the past. Don't you feel any shame?"

Buddha Emperor Xufeng expressionlessly said, "You might not be the only one who has awakened the Grand Abyss Heaven Devourer, but you are the only person who has inherited the Omega Secret-Realm left by the Omega Lord. That is the core reason.

"Although your mother, Luo Qingxun, and your uncle, Luo Qinghe, are both descendants of the Omega Lord and have also awakened the Grand Abyss Heaven Devourer, they...were not acknowledged by the Omega Secret-Realm.

"If not for this, do you think the eternal Luo Clan would have spent countless years sealing off the Ancient Nebula Road?"

Buddha Emperor Xufeng stared at Lin Xun and said, "Whether you admit it or not, it is your existence that has caused all these disasters in the Ancient Nebula Road!"

Lin Xun's eyes didn't waver and his heart remained rippleless like a calm lake. He said, "Everyone says that those who practice Buddhist cultivation are eloquent and have unmatched tongues. Today, I finally got to witness it for myself."

It was always possible to find a pretext if one wanted to accuse someone.

How absurd and deranged was it for Buddha Emperor Xufeng to blame Lin Xun for every major disaster that had occurred since ancient times?

"I am merely saying it as it is."

Buddha Emperor Xufeng remained the very picture of calm. "Whether it is the ninth elder of the Luo Clan, known as the Nameless Esteemed Emperor, or the sixth elder of the Luo Clan, Heavenly Emperor Shi, they came here to capture you, the seed of calamity."

Lin Xun strongly felt that this old bald donkey was really good at coming up with nonsense. His ability of somehow rationalizing all sorts of blame on Lin Xun was honestly quite something.

Lin Xun frostily asked, "Why not say that the Luo Clan is the biggest culprit that caused all these disasters instead?"

His heart was already surging with murderous intent. The reasons why the Earth Treasury Realm viewed him as a heretic were so absurd and nonsensical that anyone who heard them would be triggered.

Buddha Emperor Xufeng acted as if everything he said was simply fact. "If it weren't for you, the Luo Clan would never have come to the Ancient Nebula Road."

"Alright, I understand. You guys have probably gotten used to being dogs for the Luo Clan. It's now so embedded into you being that your every word and action seek only to lick your master's feet. It's understandable."

Lin Xun couldn't be bothered to listen any further.

From the side, Xi coldly said, "This old man is stalling for time. Let's kill them quickly then find Emperor Ancestor Niejin."

Emperor Ancestor Niejin was the only remaining Emperor Ancestor in the Earth Treasury Realm. However, he wasn't with Buddha Emperor Xufeng at the moment.

This was clearly very odd.

"Sure!"

Lin Xun nodded.

Buddha Emperor Xufeng opened his mouth to speak again, "Heretic, could it be that you..."

Swish!

However, Xi had already made her move. A sphere of law power light suddenly appeared in her palm and transformed into a spear. She raised it into the air and swung.

A blindingly sharp light ripped through the sky.

"Go!"

Buddha Emperor Xufeng's pupils shrank as channeled his power into the string of black prayer beads in his hand. With a hum, it drew taboo law power from all over the sky.

Evidently, the black rosary was similar to Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong's dao guiding ruler and could borrow the taboo law power covering the heavens.

Unfortunately, even with the help of such power, Emperor Ancestor Yuzhong still wasn't Xi's match, let alone Buddha Emperor Xufeng who had only reached the peak eighth realm Emperor Stage.

In an instant, an explosion shook the world. Amidst the colliding law power light, Buddha Emperor Xufeng was thrown backwards, bleeding from his seven orifices.

The sacred mountain was also severed and collapsed with a loud rumble. If not for the defensive array power covering it, the mountain would have been completely flattened!

“Stop them!”

As soon as he steadied himself, Buddha Emperor Xufeng turned and fled into the distance.

"So he was up to something. You deal with these guys while I go after him." Xi's clear eyes gleamed coldly as she brandished her spear and rushed forward.

Rumble!

The group of Emperors also rushed forth to meet her. Without any regard for their lives, they crazily attacked with Emperor-grade weapons and powerful techniques.

There were sixteen of them in total, and their cultivation levels ranged from the third to eighth realm Emperor Stage. Together, they were quite a fear-inducing force.

However, their fates were sealed as Xi swung her spear.

Plop plop plop!

The three Emperors blocking her way were cut down like paper as their bodies and spirits shattered into pieces.

She destroyed her enemies with a single strike and advanced with ease.

However, this didn't scare the other Emperors who continued to lunge at her as if truly unafraid of death.

How could Lin Xun let them do as they wished?

Omm!

The Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron unleashed rumbling dao sounds as millions of light rays flowed forth. They crushed through the void, churning with boundless power.

In the blink of an eye, an Emperor was crushed into bloody foam.

"Attack!"

Lin Xun's clothes fluttered as a domineering pressure spread from him. The sword cauldron shot forth with a clang, leaving a rainbow-like trail in the sky.

He took on the group of Emperors alone!

The Earth Treasury Realm Emperors didn't show any fear as if they were unemotional robots. They activated their treasures and fearlessly besieged Lin Xun.

Rumble!

The area descended into chaos. Mountains and rivers crumbled as everything was destroyed.

Lin Xun's presence resembled a giant moving abyss as he plunged into the fray. A ferocious attack was crushed with every rumble from the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron, making it feel as if it was unbreakable, indestructible, and impervious to all attacks.

As the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron rampaged, Emperors were killed from time to time. Bright red blood rain fell like a steaming torrent, drowning the devastated landscape around them.

In less than eight minutes, not a single Emperor remained!

Anyone who witnessed these scenes would be terrified out of their wits. After all, these were Emperors!

Yet, Lin Xun had slaughtered them all alone!

On the other hand, Lin Xun had long grown accustomed to this. He had already lost track of how many Emperors had died by his hands over the years!

Spotless and unharmed, he didn't bother to even glance at the bloody mess of a battlefield as he shot off, transforming into a dazzling streak of light.

The sudden withdrawal of Buddha Emperor Xufeng not only made Xi realize that something was amiss, but also filled Lin Xun with trepidation. Hence, he did not dare to tarry a single second.

Soon after, a black Buddhist niche appeared in the range of Lin Xun's spirit sense.

The black Buddhist niche was extremely tall, measuring over ten thousand feet as it reached deep into the clouds. It was entirely pitch-black and seemed to be made from some sort of mysterious divine material.

Boundless wishpower of the living surged like a vast ocean around the niche as it poured inside.

Enshrined within was a thousand-foot-tall statue seated cross-legged on a lotus platform. It had three heads, six arms, no face, and a single closed pupil on its forehead.

The statue was shrouded in misty darkness, making it resemble a god emerging from the darkness, exuding majesty that overlooked the land.

The wishpower of the living was being absorbed by the faceless Buddha statue!

It was an incredibly bizarre sight.

Despite this, Lin Xun merely gave it a single glance before looking away as his heart shivered.

Nearby, Xi was fighting with a ginormous creature. The battle was incredibly intense, each aftershock violently shaking the surrounding terrain.

At closer inspection, the beast had the head of a tiger, the mouth of a crocodile, the eyes of a snake, the ears of a cow, the scales of a fish, the feet of a phoenix, the horns of a deer, the whiskers of dragon, and the tail of a dog.

It was the statue Lin Xun had seen before which was enshrined in every Earth Treasury temple!

However, this was no statue, but a living beast!

Its body was incomparably huge and its roar boomed across the nine heavens like thunder. Black Buddha light shot from it like law power, as if seeking to overturn the sky and trample it under its feet.

Its power surprised Lin Xun. Xi was already strong enough to kill Emperor Ancestors before. Now, she was also armed with law power, making her a completely different beast from before.

Yet, the creature was blocking all of Xi's attacks!

"Lin Daoyuan, you're late."

Buddha Emperor Xufeng's voice suddenly rang out. He stood before the tall and majestic black Buddha niche with cold, indifferent eyes.

"See? That's the divine beast, Cangzhe, condensed from the wishpower of the living!"

"Supreme Elder Emperor Ancestor Niejin sacrificed his life and cultivation to awaken Cangzhe. However, it will all be worth it as long as we manage to eradicate you two heretics today!"

Chapter 2319 Earth Treasury Emperor

Cangzhe.

This was a divine beast created from the wishpower of the living, which was awakened by the sacrifice of an Emperor Ancestor's life and cultivation...

Lin Xun couldn't help but inwardly shiver at this bizarre and incomprehensible notion.

"Emperor Ancestor Niejin might appear to have died, but isn't this also a form of rebirth since his spirit has merged with the divine beast Cangzhe? It is exactly what he has always been seeking: an opportunity to ascend past the Emperor Ancestor Stage!"

In the distance, Buddha Emperor Xufeng murmured as his eyes shone with fanaticism.

"Lin Xun, destroy that black Buddhist niche! Otherwise, even if I kill this evil creature, its power will be absorbed by the statue of Earth Treasury Emperor, which will highly likely allow him to complete the golden body of virtue and come back to life!"

Xi's transmission made Lin Xun's heart shudder. It turned out that the faceless Buddha statue was truly made in the image of the Earth Treasury Realm's founder!

Earth Treasury Realm had been collecting the wishpower of the living for countless years to allow Earth Treasury Emperor to create a golden body of virtue and be reborn as a 'god!'

Lin Xun immediately swooped towards the black Buddhist niche in the distance.

"Subdue!"

Buddha Emperor Xufeng raised his hand. The black rosary floated into the air, drawing the surging taboo law power towards it as it rushed down at Lin Xun.

In front of Lin Xun, the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron glowed with the gorgeous aura of the Phoenix Flame of Order, ready to meet the incoming foe.

Boom~

The collision between rosary and sword cauldron was akin to a clash between two different law powers, and produced numerous torrents of destructive energies.

"You're also capable of wielding law power?" Buddha Emperor Xufeng's eyes narrowed slightly as if surprised. A hint of graveness soon surfaced on his cold and indifferent expression.

Previously, he thought that Xi was the key reason why Lin Xun had managed to crush the Holy Illumination Ancient Sect.

Otherwise, it would be wishful thinking for a mere fourth realm supreme Emperor to destroy the mighty Holy Illumination Ancient Sect.

Only now did Buddha Emperor Xufeng realize that he had focused too much on Xi and ended up underestimating Lin Xun's strength!

"Attack!"

Without hesitation, Buddha Emperor Xufeng launched an all-out attack, now regarding Lin Xun as a formidable foe.

Rumble!

Buddha phantasms emerged around him. Some sat in the sky, some smiled while holding a flower, some glared with angry eyes, some only revealed their backs...

Buddha Emperor Xufeng's aura rocketed to its peak in an instant, making him resemble the ruler of the holy land of Buddhism. He displayed supreme Buddhist arts as he directed the taboo law power, painting an extremely terrifying sight.

"To overcome adversity is the way. Those who refuse to repent will be doomed to destruction!"

He chanted as taboo law power transformed into divine chains and wrapped around the black Buddha phantasms. Space caved-in and collapsed under their endlessly terrifying pressure, producing deafening explosions.

Lin Xun faced it head-on with the sword cauldron. Brilliant and boundless sword qi furiously unfurled and filled the sky, as the faint cry of a phoenix resounded across the nine heavens and ten lands.

The Phoenix Flame of Order's power was released to its fullest at this moment.

Rumble!

The two clashed with unmatched intensity, exchanging hundreds of blows in an instant. They fought until the sky turned dark and dusky while the sun and moon lost their light, leaving horrifying scenes of destruction everywhere.

This made Buddha Emperor Xufeng's expression grow increasingly grave. He never imagined that he would fail to defeat a mere fourth realm supreme Emperor like Lin Xun even after unleashing the full might of his cultivation and the taboo law power.

At the same time, Lin Xun couldn't help but frown.

If not for the taboo law power, the likes of Buddha Emperor Xufeng would never be able to withstand his attacks.

"Open!"

With a loud shout, Lin Xun circulated his cultivation to the limit. He began to boil like a raging abyss as a terrifying aura engulfed the nine heavens and ten lands.

Under his control, the Limitless Abyss Dao Sword poured its entire essence into executing 'No Return.'

Buddha Emperor Xufeng's pupils shrank upon sensing the horrifying power of the sword. He immediately prepared to defend with everything he had.

However, a blinding wave of misty white light suddenly burst from Lin Xun, causing the surroundings to pause for a moment.

Plop!

A muffled groan was heard.

Buddha Emperor Xufeng struggled to raise his head and gather his focus as he bitterly spat out, "So the second stage of the Grand Abyss Heaven Devourer does exist..."

Before he could vocalize the next word, a line of blood spread from the top of his head to the bridge of his nose, lips, chin, throat, chest... Next, his body split into two and fell apart.

Before any blood could flow out, he turned into dust inch by inch and scattered with the wind.

Tak!

A string of black beads fell to the ground, creating a small dust cloud. The beads scattered across the ground, now dim and without any spirituality.

Lin Xun took a deep breath. Without looking back, he headed straight towards the black Buddhist niche in the distance.

"ROAR!"

While locked in battle with Xi, divine beast Cangzhe suddenly unleashed an earth-shaking roar as if something had triggered it and tried to stop Lin Xun.

However, how could Xi let it do what it wanted? She attacked with her full power, her law power spear raining down like a torrential downpour to suppress Cangzhe.

For a time, Cangzhe could only roar incessantly, unable to extricate itself.

Meanwhile, Lin Xun had already arrived in front of the black Buddhist niche. His gaze swept across the statue of Earth Treasury Emperor as he suddenly took a step and sent forth the sword cauldron.

Rumble!

Torrential dao radiance unfurled from the sword cauldron as it clanged loudly, churning with an unprecedented amount of power.

However, a strange scene occurred at this moment.

In the black Buddhist niche, the closed eye on the forehead of the faceless Buddha statue suddenly opened.

It was as if a blazing sun had suddenly appeared in the night sky, releasing infinite light that could cover the nine heavens and ten lands.

Rumble!

In a flash, Lin Xun felt a sharp pain in his spirit as he seemed to fall into a vast, dark world.

Inside this vast world, a faceless Buddha towered like a pillar supporting the sky. It felt as if even the endless expanse of the cosmos could not hide the entirety of his being.

He was simply too majestic and humongous. He seemed to overlook the heavens like the lord of the universe: an existence that was eternal, indestructible, and immeasurable.

On his forehead, a lone eye shone like the sun, illuminating the entire world!

When compared to it, everything else in the world seemed as insignificant as a mere drop in the ocean.

Anyone who saw this sight would likely prostrate themselves on the ground in complete awe and worship.

After the initial shock, Emperor light rapidly grew in Lin Xun's heart, dispelling shock and other influences.

His pupils contracted as he looked at the faceless Buddha in the sky and indifferently said, "If my guess is correct, this is an illusory world created from the wishpower of the living. It can be seen by the spirit and felt by the heart, but it is still ultimately just an illusion."

"This young friend's heart is forever illuminated by Emperor light and untainted by the world. How rare and precious."

A voice sounded like a Buddhist chant that reached straight into the heart, "If you convert, you will one day attain eternity and enjoy infinite freedom forever."

Every word rang out with kindness and compassion. The words shook and stirred Lin Xun's heart. For an instant, he was almost convinced and wanted to fully surrender himself and submit.

However, that only lasted for an instant.

As Lin Xun circulated his cultivation, his heart became as stable as a boulder. All ripples were suppressed as his thoughts returned to unwavering calmness.

"For countless years, you've been using such methods to bewitch people to manipulate the wishpower of the living. That's why generations of the Earth Treasury Realm disciples have been so firmly under your control, right?"

Lin Xun sneered, "An ordinary Emperor might have been taken over by you and enslaved, but such methods do not work on me."

He stood tall and straight with clear black eyes and an even clearer mind and heart, growing increasingly composed by the moment.

After a brief silence, countless figures suddenly emerged in the dark world, spreading endlessly from the darkness.

A hundred thousand.

A million.

Ten million.

...there were ordinary people, men and women, young and old, rich and poor, kings and generals, and others from all walks of life.

There were also cultivators ranging from the lesser five cultivation realms to the King Stage, Saint Stage, Quasi-Emperor Stage, and Emperor Stage...

In the end, the entirety of heaven and earth was filled to the brim with countless figures. They numbered in the billions and seemed to crowd the whole cosmos!

When the figures appeared, they knelt down, kowtowed devoutly, and chanted, "Wherever Earth Treasury shines is the eternal kingdom of our Emperor."

Their uniformed voices resounded across the world!

"See? These are the 'living beings' who follow me. Their will is my will, and their lives are my life. Even if you do have the power to kill me, if I die, all of them will also perish."

The grand and ethereal voice sounded again, "This means that you will slaughter billions of living beings! I doubt that you, Lin Daoyuan, can bear the burden of such a heavy and bloody crime!"

Swish!

Countless gazes looked at Lin Xun.

Although he knew it was an illusion, Lin Xun still couldn't help but narrow his eyes. The figures before him must belong to owners of the wishpower of the living collected by Earth Treasury Realm over countless years.

These were billions and billions of lives, a number so huge that it was impossible to imagine.

Although Lin Xun had fought for many years and killed countless enemies, his total kill count was nowhere near even one ten-thousandth of the people here.

"Collect the wishpower of the living to build a golden body of virtue. In this way, one can replace their wills with one's own, thus enslaving them. While this method may allow one to revive or perhaps even step beyond the Emperor Ancestor Stage..."

Lin Xun sighed, his eyes as calm as an old rippleless well. "At the end of the day, it's still not a proper path."

The grand voice sounded again, "Those who refuse to change their ways are heretics. The people of this world will never forgive you."

As soon as the words fell, the billions of figures simultaneously stood up, glared at Lin Xun as if he was their hated enemy, and rushed at him without any hesitation.

Boom!

The world rippled violently as billions of people charged together. It was a scene that would make anyone despair, making one feel as if the entire world was against them.

Lin Xun nonchalantly said as he walked forward, "All I know is that you have yet to complete the golden body of virtue."

Ethereal dao light flowed around him as his clothes fluttered. He was calm and composed as if the endless figures swarming towards him didn't exist.

In this manner, he walked towards the faceless Buddha who overlooked the heavens.

Along the way, multitudes of people flooded in from all directions like an endless dark sea, seeking to drown and swallow the lone tiny duckweed swimming against the flow.

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Duckweed would rise and fall with the waves and could easily be drowned within them.

However, Lin Xun was no duckweed.

He marched straight ahead despite the massive mob surging towards him from every direction. Wishpower of the living furiously assaulted him like raging waves, but was unable to touch even the hem of his clothes.

After all, this was merely an illusionary world made from wishpower.

At the end of the day, Earth Treasury Emperor hadn't succeeded in constructing a golden body of virtue, making it impossible for him to properly revive.

Otherwise, why would he need to use an illusory world against Lin Xun?

It was nothing but a joke.

High above the heavens, the majestic Earth Treasury Emperor seemed to have finally realized that something was wrong. With a deep sigh, he reached out his arm and swatted at Lin Xun.

Rumble!

The arm stretched across the void like a heavenly pillar, making the sun, moon, and stars appear incomparably small.

From a distance, it looked as if the hand of god was descending upon the mortal realm.

Lin Xun's footsteps didn't stop. A blade as bright as blinding snow coalesced in the air, rapidly expanding to a length of ten thousand feet as it slashed at the heavens.

My heart is a blade that can cut down the sun, moon, ghosts, and gods!

In an instant, that giant hand was chopped down by the blade and dissipated into a rain of illusory light.

"If you kill my grand self, billions of lives will be snuffed out because of you!" bellowed the magnificent voice, causing the heavens to tremble.

However, Lin Xun merely raised his head as his expression grew increasingly mocking. "Pretending you're real when you're not, what will you fight me with since you can't revive?"

Omm!

With a thought, he shot into the sky.

Since it was an illusory world made from the wishpower of the living, he should naturally face it with his own dao wishpower.

This was the very dao wishpower that had triggered a bizarre and incomparably terrifying tribulation all those years ago!

The dark world suddenly blazed with light as an inconceivable transformation occurred.

When my dao is realized, I will be crowned by eternity, immortality shall clothe me, fortune shall become my boots as I tread my way...

My heart is the heart of the heavens.

My dao is the great dao.[1]

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The grand aspiration Lin Xun had made back then was akin to a brand that had been imprinted into his very essence. In this moment, it manifested from him in the form of a corporeal force.

The darkness was chased away as Lin Xun transformed into the most dazzling of lights.

His imposing figure towered high above the heavens, surrounded by billions of eternal divine lights as ten thousand daos flowed from him like waterfalls. He was like the brightest light guarded by even the sun, moon, and stars.

Every living being couldn't help but pause in place as they trembled at this sight.

Far in the distance, Earth Treasury Emperor looked as if he had seen a ghost and involuntarily cried out, "What kind of dao wishpower is this? How...how can it..."

However, Lin Xun ignored him and instead looked down at the endless masses of people. "My generation will not kneel to the heavens above nor the lands below. We do not fear demons or gods or Buddhas. If our heads are taken, it will be nothing more than death, but if our knees are shattered, we will never be able to stand up again."

His words resounded throughout the heavens as if they were the sound of the dao itself, causing everyone to tremble, especially the cultivators, who revealed struggling looks in their eyes.

Earth Treasury Emperor realized the situation was rapidly taking a turn for the worse and bellowed, "I've protected all of you until now. My will is the will of the heavens. If anyone dares to disobey, you will be abandoned by the world and fall for eternity!"

His voice shook the heavens, causing billions of people to shiver.

Lin Xun nonchalantly said, "Although the vast majority of them have converted to the Earth Treasury Realm, they might not have gone willingly. Once they begin to resist, the wishpower of the living will naturally crumble on its own. What will you, Earth Treasury Emperor, use to enslave them then? What right do you have to talk about reviving?"

With that, Lin Xun spread his arms and legs outward. As he raised his hand, dao light rushed throughout heaven and earth and enveloped billions of living beings.

"I, Lin Daoyuan, will give you a chance to decide again. If you didn't willingly convert to the Earth Treasury Realm, enter this bottle now!"

Dao wishpower rumbled as it coalesced into the shape of the Dao Immeasurable Bottle and hovered in the air.

"Who dares!?"

Earth Treasury Emperor was furious.

Despite this, countless cultivators rose from the endless mass of people and rushed into the Dao Immeasurable Bottle without hesitation.

When someone took the lead, the others would naturally follow. For a time, billions of living beings swarmed towards the Dao Immeasurable Bottle like a great river.

Earth Treasury Emperor roared, "I will kill all of you!"

His three heads and six arms began to dance, making hand seals, fists, and palms to slaughter the masses. "Lin Dao yuan, you did this, they will all die because of you!"

Lin Xun responded with a wave of his hand.

Rumble!

Endless dao light surged and molded into the shape of a sword cauldron. In the blink of an eye, it severed all six of Earth Treasury Emperor's arms.

Immediately after, Earth Treasury Emperor began to crumble and disintegrate.

Lin Xun quietly watched.

Like Xi had said, the wishpower of the living was an evil path that would forever shackle its user.

With the wishpower of the living under Earth Treasury Emperor's control continuing to drain away and pour into that Dao Immeasurable Bottle, Earth Treasury Emperor was destined to perish. Revival was completely out of the cards.

"Lin! Dao! Yuan!"

Earth Treasury Emperor's towering figure ultimately dissipated like smoke. In his final moment, he could only let out a roar filled with incomparable hatred and reluctance.

Every word dripped with monstrous hatred as if it were a curse that had forcibly crossed over from more than ten thousand years in the past.

However, Lin Xun's heart remained a rippleless lake from start to end.

Rumble!

Soon, the dark world also collapsed and was destroyed.

The scenery before his eyes began to change as his consciousness returned to his body. He found himself still inside the Earth Treasury Realm.

The black Buddhist niche that had reached into the clouds began to crack at this moment. Spider-web-like cracks also spread on the faceless Buddha statue enshrined within it before they collapsed together with a loud rumble.

Smoke and dust filled the air as a tidal wave of wishpower of the living surged across the land. It was the faith of billions and billions of people that had been accumulated by the Earth Treasury Realm over countless years.

With the destruction of Earth Treasury Emperor's divine statue, the immense and incomparable wishpower of the living was now ownerless.

Omm!

Lin Xun summoned the sword cauldron. Immediately, the wishpower of the living poured into it like a raging tsunami.

"After I destroy the Earth Treasury Realm, I will set all of you free..." Lin Xun promised with clear eyes.

For cultivators, such wishpower was absolutely a deeply coveted treasure that would make even Emperors salivate.

However, Lin Xun had never once entertained even the thought of cultivating with the wishpower of the living. As such, it was easy for him to let it go.

When Lin Xun put the sword cauldron away, a sudden terrifying rumble rang out from the distance.

He immediately turned around.

Far away, the divine beast Cangzhe's enormous body was pierced by Xi's spear and exploded with a loud bang.

The explosion also sent Xi flying. She staggered unstably in the air as if about to fall at any moment.

Lin Xun's heart tightened as he immediately dashed over and reached out to catch Xi by the waist.

Her slender body abruptly tensed as she instinctively swung an arm to strike him away.

When she saw who it was, her fair and soft hand barely managed to stop an inch from his face.

"Let go!" Xi was mortified.

In the past, she was as cold as snow and as ethereal as a celestial fairy from the heavens. She was usually surrounded by dreamy rain-like light that made it impossible to clearly see her features.

Even so, anyone could tell that she was a beauty who should never be desecrated.

It was the first time Lin Xun had seen her show an embarrassed and angry expression, and he couldn't help but be stunned by the sight of it.

However, he quickly cast aside such thoughts and said, "Don't move, elder. Your injuries are quite serious."

The clothes across Xi's chest were stained with blood, and bone was visible from the deep gashes on her shoulder. Strangely enough, strands of what appeared to be taboo law power seemed to be growing around the wound, and was constantly eroding her delicate, snow-white skin.

These were only the wounds visible on the surface.

Lin Xun also noticed that Xi's breathing was erratic, a sign that she had suffered extremely severe internal injuries.

This made him slightly narrow his eyes, realizing that Cangzhe was far more terrifying than he had imagined.

While Lin Xun was intently examining her body for injuries, Xi felt uncomfortable as if ants were crawling all over her.

It was the first time in her life that she was being held by a man. Although he was only concerned about her injuries, the strange sensation made it impossible for her to feel at ease for a time.

Just as she was about to struggle again, Lin Xun brought her to the ground and said with a serious expression, "Elder, I'll tend to your wounds first."

"I..."

Before Xi could refuse, Lin Xun had already torn off the cloth covering her shoulder, exposing a section of her supple jade-like shoulder. The contrast of her delicate collar bone only made the bloody gashes on her shoulder stick out even more.

Xi was inwardly mortified. If it weren't for her grave injuries and depleted qi, she would already be smacking around the young man whom she had watched grow up since he was a boy.

However, the sight of Lin Xun's serious and worried expression made Xi hold herself back. She inwardly reminded herself that he was only concerned about her injuries and did not mean to offend...

While Xi's mind drifted, Lin Xun began cleaning her wounds with careful and gentle movements.

"Elder, the taboo law power has soaked the wound. You'll have to neutralize it yourself." While speaking, Lin Xun bandaged the cleaned wounds.

Xi vaguely hummed in response.

A split second later, however.

Her eyes snapped wide open as she shouted, "Stop!"

Lin Xun was just about to clean the blood on her chest area, causing Xi to tense up as if she was about to explode.

Lin Xun was taken aback and hastily withdrew his hand as he tried to explain, "I almost forgot, elder, you..."

Before he could finish, Xi clenched her teeth and spat out two words, "Get lost!"

Lin Xun smiled bitterly. He had been too worried earlier and forgot about the difference between men and women. He had absolutely no intention of trying to take advantage.

However, it was clear that Xi had misunderstood and was very angry.

Lin Xun wisely turned around and walked away. "Elder, you focus on recovering while I go check out the battlefield. This is the Earth Treasury Realm after all, and there might be..."

He quickly drifted away as he spoke.

When Lin Xun finally disappeared from view, Xi coldly grunted and retracted her gaze. This brat...did he forget the warning she had given him recently?