

## Prodigies 2851

### Chapter 2851 Changing in Size As One Wishes

On the second day of Lin Xun being trapped, twenty-five participants from the five Immortal Giants of the Fu, Qi, Mu, Zu, and Chi Clans arrived and joined Wang Juehuan, immediately giving his group's a sharp boost in power.

The four Buddha Masters of the Zen Sect in the distance had planned to wait here for a month, but seeing this situation, they wisely decided to withdraw. They knew very well that even if the opportunity to kill Lin Xun presented itself, the four of them still wouldn't be able to compete with the other camp for it.

Yuan Changtian, who had been secretly observing from the shadows, couldn't help but frown at this first variable. He simply had not expected Wang Juehuan to be this ruthless, calling all the participants of the Ten Immortal Giants over.

Under this circumstance, even if the participants of the Shaman Sect got here, they probably would make the same decision as the four Buddha Masters. Sure enough, the five participants of the Shaman Sect led by Divine Son Cang Fufeng arrived on the fifth day of Lin Xun's entrapment, only to turn around and leave shortly after.

Yuan Changtian roughly guessed Cang Fufeng's idea: It wasn't that he thought he would lose, but that he didn't want to compete with Wang Juehuan's group for a mere Lin Xun, because competition would likely lead to a conflict.

Yuan Changtian knew very well the reason why those like Cang Fufeng, Wen Qiaoshui, and Ji Shanhai had gotten involved in this Immortal Dao Battle. They likely had the same goal as he did, which was to seize the greatest fortune birthed in this Ten Directions Demon Realm, one that was most likely linked to a Divine Rank law power!

Furthermore, this fortune was in the Heaven Demon Realm. However, everyone knew they had to wait ten years for that place. This also meant that until then, Cang Fufeng's group would never do anything that could sabotage their strength, nor would they put themselves in danger for anything else.

On the contrary, the participants from the Ten Immortal Giants such as Wang Juehuan were all here with a clear goal: to deal with Lin Xun. That was why they were so aggressive when the Immortal Dao Battle had only just begun.

“Let’s leave as well.” Yuan Changtian’s eyes flickered as he made a decision.

“Why?” Cao Beidou and Yun Tianming were a little unwilling. “Don’t you want to see how Lin Xun dies first?”

Yuan Changtian frowned. “You two, don’t forget that we represent the Origin Sect, meaning our actual task here is hunting Desolate Law Power Beasts and accumulating battle records. Also, even if Lin Xun can leave the Ten Directions Demon Realm alive, do you really think he can still return to the Origin Sect alive?”

After saying that, he turned and left. Cao Beidou and Yun Tianming hurriedly followed.

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“Senior.” On his seventh day in the rut, Lin Xun’s eyes opened from meditation. “I’m about to go out to kill some enemies. Please wait here while I do.”

Li Zhen was stunned. “Don’t need my help?”

“No need.” Lin Xun got up and laughed, “Worst comes to worst, I’ll just escape into this place again.”

With his current control over the Seal of Temporal Restriction, he could only keep it on for half a month at most, which was a far cry from the Eternal Night Divine Emperor who had prolonged it for countless moons. However, half a month was already enough.

“This fellow seems to be making a move.”

A distance away outside the array, Wang Juehuan's group grew restless as they all noticed Lin Xun's movements.

"It seems that he is about to be unable to hold on." Wang Juehuan leapt to his feet. With the pine-grained ancient sword in his left hand and the Time-Space Lightning Pearl in his right, his gaze was frosty as he commanded, "Get ready for battle!"

The other thirty-six people present all rose up and stood ready.

"Sorry to keep you waiting." Lin Xun walked out of the Seal of Temporal Restriction. The Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron floated above his head, bathing his elegant figure in billions of rays of light.

"He actually walked out just like that?" Many were stunned, feeling as though Lin Xun was actively trying to die.

Even Wang Juehuan was surprised for a moment. "What, not gonna keep cowering anymore?"

Lin Xun chuckled as he kept walking forward. "You have quite a naughty mouth."

Boom!

The Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron rumbled, immediately following which Lin Xun stormed up. Seeing this, the other party was finally convinced that he wasn't bluffing but truly intended to fight them seriously.

"Kill him!"

Wang Juehuan's group, who had already accumulated bellies full of anger over these past few days, did not hesitate to use their strongest moves.

Kaboom!

All sorts of treasures and dao arts flew across the sky, striving to blanket Lin Xun like a tidal wave. Their gorgeous, dazzling auras illuminated the whole region. It was sheer horror when over thirty peak Nirvana Spirit experts attacked together. The power that converged seemed close to shattering the heavens and destroying everything in this world.

However, Lin Xun neither retreated nor dodged. Instead, he used the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron to conjure the Gate of Exile.

Boom!

A spacetime portal as wide as ten thousand feet appeared a split second later. Like the mouth of a sky-swallowing beast, it devoured the majority of the attacks and treasures coming at Lin Xun.

“Fall back!” shouted Wang Juehuan, who had once eaten a huge loss from the Gate of Exile. At the same time, he used his secret treasure capable of resisting the power of time and retreated far away.

His group was both shocked and angry. Using such a terrifying ability right off the bat, it was almost as if Lin Xun had gone berserk. Fortunately, though, they had prepared for this and didn’t suffer any casualties.

“Lin Xun, that skill of yours is useless against us now!” shouted Wang Juehuan from the horizon.

“Useful.” As Lin Xun spoke, the massive spacetime portal shrunk many folds in an instant, turning into a speck of light lingering on the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron.

Swish!

Lin Xun then rushed forward with the sword cauldron, his figure flashing as he teleported and appeared before one opponent.

“Die!” Said opponent reacted extremely fast and in an experienced way, directly utilizing his killer weapon.

Buzz!

A mysterious, black talisman suddenly exploded in the void, releasing an unimaginable flood of destructive energy, but as Lin Xun immediately slammed down the sword cauldron, the destructive torrent bizarrely vanished like it had been swallowed in one bite.

This was naturally the wonder of the Gate of Exile. During his nine years of seclusion in the Origin Sect, Lin Xun had long since refined the Gate of Exile to an unprecedented level. It could cover a hundred thousand feet of heaven and earth at its largest and become a speck of light at its smallest, but regardless of size, the power was consistent!

The most marvelous thing was that the smaller the size, the longer the duration; an hour in this case as a speck of light!

“No!” The expression of Lin Xun’s current target drastically sank as they drew back to dodge.

However, it was already too late. The Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron had already come crashing down, so this person had no choice but to try and block with the spear in their hand.

Boom!

The impactful clash they expected did not transpire. As the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron dropped, their spear was immediately swallowed by the Gate of Exile, followed by the entirety of its master who left not a trace behind.

The whole thing had happened so quickly it gave the impression that the person had vaporized into thin air. Such a bizarre scene drained the color from the others’ faces.

“Use your time-power treasures!” shouted Wang Juehuan upon discerning some clues.

Boom!

He himself rushed forth with the Time-Space Lightning Pearl and collided with the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron. A deafening explosion ensued, and violent spacetime energy swept outward.

Without a question, the Time-Space Lightning Pearl was able to withstand the Gate of Exile's power! This lifted everyone's spirits, and they shot toward Lin Xun.

However, as they surrounded him, the Gate of Exile on the sword cauldron instantly expanded to a thousand feet in diameter. Following its owner as he charged forward, it engulfed all attacks with the power to devour heaven and earth.

The most miraculous thing about the Gate of Exile was that it also produced a terrifying suction force during the process. While the opponents were able to escape being dragged in by using time treasures, they were still affected, swaying and staggering, creating an opportunity for Lin Xun! His five dao bodies bolted out, each heading for an enemy.

Poof!

Unable to dodge, a participant exploded to pieces under the strongest force possible from the Green Wood Dao Body. Blood rained in the air.

Almost at the same time, the Yellow Earth, Black Water, Red Flame, and White Metal Dao Bodies killed two and heavily wounded another two! Everything had happened all too quickly. The line between life and death was drawn in the mere blink of an eye.

Meanwhile, the Gate of Exile had been shrunk into a speck of light that attached itself to the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron, which Lin Xun wielded at his opponents. Unable to evade in time, the latter disappeared into nothingness—devoured by the Gate of Exile!

"Kill him!"

Wang Juehuan's murderous intent gushed as he took the lead and swopped at Lin Xun, his Time-Space Lightning Pearl gleaming with a terrifying luster. However, when he and a bunch of other experts approached, Lin Xun once again expanded the Gate of Exile to a thousand feet, and the energy it released suddenly skyrocketed as well...

Despite having an excellent state of mind, Wang Juehuan was so angry by this that he almost stomped his foot. Don't you think that's enough already?!

As angry as he was, though, he had to dodge. While his Time-Space Lightning Pearl could resist the Gate of Exile, the latter would still restrain his mobility to some extent. His companions weren't as lucky. They staggered under the force of the Gate of Exile, creating an opportunity for the five dao bodies who immediately shot up.

Rumble!

Earth-shattering explosions echoed as three more people were blasted to death.

Each of these unfortunate souls had been a top-notch existence, a menace at the peak of the Nirvana Spirit Realm. In the outside world, they were definitely bigwigs who could preside over and command an Immortal Imperial Clan. However, they had been executed one after another by Lin Xun with the help of the Gate of Exile.

Wang Juehuan's group was so irritated they were about to go crazy and so frustrated that they wanted to vomit blood. They had never experienced such a treacherous battle before, where just a natural talent related to time rendered all of them almost powerless!

This was nothing short of unbelievable.

Li Zhen, who had been watching from afar, was flabbergasted, his eyes and mouth agape while his heart was in an upsurge of emotion. Isn't this kind of natural talent a little too heaven-defying?

He had no idea that during the nine years of seclusion, Lin Xun had long since mastered this ability to the point of perfection. It was all to explore the power in the Gate of Exile, to make it change in size as he wished!

Rumble! Rumble!

The world quaked as the battle raged on. The surrounding terrains had long been reduced to ashes. The ground collapsed, and the void was in complete disarray. Terrifying power torrents swept through the nine heavens and ten earths as though a great apocalypse was arriving.

In the battlefield, Lin Xun was alone against a group of opponents, but he showcased an unrestrained attitude of someone who was invincible. Whenever the other party tried to lay a siege on him, he would break their momentum by enlarging the Gate of Exile to a thousand feet.

Furthermore, every time this happened, some would be unable to retreat in time and got blasted by Lin Xun and his five dao bodies. In just moments, twelve cultivators on the Ten Immortal Giant camp had already fallen with seven being dragged into the Gate of Exile!

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It was also after these short moments that the Gate of Exile dispersed. If Lin Xun had been casting this ability in its smallest form, then it wouldn't have just lasted for this amount of time.

However, it was already enough for him. Out of the thirty-seven peak Nirvana Spirit experts from the Ten Immortal Giants, twelve had been conquered in just moments. Furthermore, the price was only roughly forty percent of his power, making it quite a good deal.

Meanwhile, Wang Juehuan's face had turned livid under the successive deaths of his companions. Frustration and fury were suffocating his heart. As the pride of the Wang Clan, a peerless demon and a divine son whose goal was the Ninth Heaven Domain, he had never suffered such a great loss since he had started cultivating.

He asked himself if their preparation for this operation had been inadequate, but the answer was an absolute no as they had never looked down on or underestimated the enemy. Despite that, they were still facing such a heavy setback. How could he remain calm?

"Attack!"

Wang Juehuan didn't let his rage go to his head. The moment he sensed the disappearance of the Gate of Exile, he took action.

Boom!

In his palm, the Time-Space Lightning Pearl released ghostly blue lightning eels permeated with appalling destructive energy.

The other participants also noticed the change in Lin Xun's aura, and without hesitation, they followed Wang Juehuan to launch a charge.

Each of these peak Nirvana Spirit experts had abundant battle experiences. They were determined not to give their opponent a chance to cast the Gate of Exile again, so they all utilized their strongest moves!

Rumble!

Lin Xun was instantly bombarded to the point he staggered. He indeed intended to cast the Gate of Exile again but was given no opening to do it. Seeing this, Wang Juehuan became laser-focused. His attacking momentum grew more and more vicious, almost as if he was fighting for his life.

"Quick, suppress him! We mustn't give him any chance!" he roared.

"Get him!"

His allies also perked up. Their killing intent surged as they surrounded Lin Xun.

However, Lin Xun revealed a faint smile and said, "Let's call it a day. We'll continue after some rest."

With his voice still drifting around, he had already teleported, leaving the encirclement and appearing atop the large mountain covered by the Seal of Temporal Restriction.

Rumble!

A sea of bombardment flooded the Seal of Temporal Restriction. Violent fluctuations were produced, but the attacks were dissolved one by one without exception, failing to break through the arcane restrictive power.

Seeing that, Wang Juehuan's group was so incensed that they almost coughed up blood, feeling as though they were about to go crazy.

After all that difficulty to find a chance to suppress Lin Xun, the target had actually escaped into that Seal of Temporal Restriction again. Didn't this mean all of their previous efforts had been in vain?

"Damn it!"

"Damn that roach!"

An angry contestant hollered, "Lin Xun, dare you come out and fight?"

"Disgraceful! Fleeing when you're losing, how despicable!"

"How can a hallowed Fangchun disciple be so shameless?"

The region was taken over by a chorus of curses. Watching from inside the array, Li Zhen was amused. The furious looks on their faces were just too interesting.

Lin Xun paid it no heed as he leisurely sat down cross-legged, grabbed a handful of Sun Moon Immortal Pills, and started to recuperate.

Li Zhen, on the other hand, jumped up to his feet with an icy expression. "Despicable? Shameless? Disgraceful? The Ten Immortal Giants had gathered fifty peak Nirvana Spirit powerhouses to besiege one Lin Xun. I'd like to ask, who exactly is the despicable, shameless, and disgraceful one?"

His words were like thunder, reverberating through the air. Wang Juehuan's and the others' expressions became even more unsightly as shame and discomfort filled them.

"What's funny is the fifty of you have been routed by Lin Xun, falling one after another. If word of this were to spread, who would be embarrassed?"

Li Zhen was the quiet and reserved type, but at this moment, his words stabbed like knives and his attitude was so aggressive that it surprised Lin Xun.

Li Zhen expressionlessly continued, "Take a good look. You have only twenty-five people left, that is, half of you died to Lin Xun. What do you even have to make a racket? If I were you, I would have wiped my own neck already, that way you would spare anyone else the trouble of sending you on your way one by one."

The field was silent, barring Li Zhen's voice that echoed between heaven and earth.

Stung by the mockery, Wang Juehuan's group looked mortified, feeling furious but helpless. If they could, they would have killed their way into the Seal of Temporal Restriction and taken down Li Zhen right now.

"If you lot still want to seek death, then behave while you wait out there," Li Zhen concluded and sat back down. Outside the grand array, Wang Juehuan's party exchanged glances among themselves with increasingly unsightly expressions.

Up to this point, over half of them had become casualties. In contrast, Lin Xun had been able to attack and retreat freely, and so far, he was unharmed! Despite the indignation that was driving them mad, they had to consider the next course of action with a clear mind.

Many eyes fell on Wang Juehuan in unison, as this joint operation of the Ten Immortal Giants was led by him.

Wang Juehuan sank into a long silence. Time trickled by, and the pressure in the atmosphere increased by the minute. Anyone could see that he was facing a dilemma and struggling inside.

"Retreat!"

In the end, Wang Juehuan spat out this word through gritted teeth. Everything that had happened so far told him that if they kept staying here, they wouldn't have much of a chance to kill Lin Xun. Instead, he would probably repeat his old tricks and deal unpredictable damage to them.

However, even though Wang Juehuan had made up his mind, his heart was filled with unwillingness. Withdrawing after paying the price of so many lives was undoubtedly a great shame. When the matter spread, he would definitely become a laughingstock.

Meanwhile, the people around Wang Juehuan were inexplicably relieved to hear his decision. Having cooled their heads, they reflected and realized how dangerous the fight just now had been. Recalling the scenes of their companions falling one after another sent the coldest chills up and down their spines.

They asked themselves if they would recklessly risk their lives like that ever again, and the answer was that they would need to seriously weigh the consequences first.

“The forces of the Shaman Sect and the Zen Sect are here in this Ten Directions Demon Realm as well. And there are also other divine juniors like Wen Qiaoshui and Cang Fufeng. I'd like to see how long you can last, Lin Xun!”

After dropping a vicious threat out of pure unwillingness, Wang Juehuan turned and retreated. The rest of his group hurriedly followed.

“They got smart,” commented Li Zhen coldly.

“There's no rush. We still have several years, so there's plenty of opportunity to exterminate them,” said Lin Xun nonchalantly.

It was unwise to press a cornered enemy, not to mention that considering his current cultivation, he would need to pay a decent price to chase after and kill some more of them. The most crucial thing was there might be other hostile forces hiding in the vicinity, such as those four Buddha Masters of the Zen Sect.

Li Zhen agreed, “Indeed. Nine years later, all surviving participants must gather at the Earth Demon Realm. That in itself is also a great opportunity to wipe out our enemies.”

In this battle with the force of the Ten Immortal Giants, Lin Xun had won beautifully, killing twenty-five peak Nirvana Spirit characters. This kind of record was already beyond astonishing.

After all, peak Nirvana Spirit experts were already among the top of the Eighth Heaven Domain's pyramid, second only to Transcendence relics. Even in the Ten Immortal Giants, those of their level were limited in numbers! Therefore, such a huge loss at Lin Xun's hand was an extremely heavy blow to even those giants!

The thought of this put an odd look on Li Zhen's face. I bet even the members of the Origin Sect couldn't have expected such a splendid feat from Lin Xun. This kid is truly a perverse freak!

"Senior, the only thing that concerns me now is who actually leaked our trail," Lin Xun casually said, having no idea about Li Zhen's opinion of him.

Li Zhen's eyes glinted. "The participants from our sect were the first to file into the Ten Directions Demon Realm. According to past experience, we're the only ones who were transported to this eastern part.

"Yet, it was only our third day here when the force of the Ten Immortal Giants got to Myriad Ravines Mountain Range and found us, so there's only one possibility."

Lin Xun sighed, "No matter how strong the enemy is, it's never as scary as having a traitor among our ranks. It's really high time we purged the rotten tumors within our sect one and for all, otherwise, the Origin Sect might just be on the way to become the Ten Immortal Giants' backyard."

A touch of gloom also surfaced on Li Zhen's features as he said, "Cao Beidou and Yun Tianming definitely have a hand in this! The former is backed by Deputy Pavilion Master Fu Wenli, and the latter's clan has always been a subordinate of the Donghuang Clan. Both of their backers have an inextricable relationship with the Ten Immortal Giants."

After a pause, he continued, "I'm afraid that Yuan Changtian also plays a part in this."

Lin Xun said, "Senior, internal conflicts must be handled before moving onto external conflict. Since they dare to be traitors, they cannot blame me for treating them accordingly."

Li Zhen inhaled deeply. "I will help you."

The four words fully asserted his stance.

His brows then furrowed. "Cao Beidou and Yun Tianming aren't a problem, but Yuan Changtian on the other hand... Do you really intend to open fire on him right in the Ten Directions Demon Realm?"

Lin Xun's eyes were deep as he replied, "That depends on his attitude."

The surrounding fields were silent. There was not a single sound across the mountains and rivers.

For the next few days, Lin Xun stayed meditating inside the Seal of Temporal Restriction, even refining the Heaven Rank law he had collected. Currently, he was only a hair's breadth away from the intermediate level of the Nirvana Spirit Realm!

Of note, before entering the Ten Directions Demon Realm, he had been stagnating at the initial Nirvana Spirit Realm with almost no progress. Yet, in less than half a month here, his cultivation had already advanced to such a point. This kind of progress was absolutely astounding!

All of this was naturally thanks to the law powers he had absorbed: One hundred and twenty-nine Earth Rank and three Heaven Rank laws. This amount of law powers was enough for other Nirvana Spirit experts to break through many times over.

That Lin Xun hadn't been able to enter the next level was due to the fact that his foundation was too strong, and the potential of the Eternal Supremacy Path was far from being what anyone else in the same realm could compare. As a result, his breakthroughs required an extraordinary amount of law power.

Today, the power of the Seal of Temporal Restriction completely dissipated. Lin Xun and Li Zhen got up.

"Senior, I'm going to settle the score with the traitors after my cultivation breakthrough," Lin Xun made a decision.

Li Zhen nodded. As he had said, Lin Xun had the lead.

## Chapter 2853 Aftermath

Lin Xun and Li Zhen set off into Myriad Ravines Mountain Range.

Through refining law powers, Lin Xun had distinctly learned the difference between Earth Rank laws and Heaven Rank laws. Heaven Rank laws were purer and contained better quality energy, making them more helpful to one's cultivation. In comparison, Earth Rank laws appeared mediocre.

Of course, that was only regarding cultivation. To any Nirvana Spirit Immortal, Earth Rank laws were still a treasure.

For the following time, Lin Xun and Li Zhen walked the depths of Myriad Ravines Mountain Range, devoting their whole minds to hunting Desolate Law Power Beasts. With their combat strength, they were not afraid of ordinary Heaven Rank beasts at all.

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As time passed, the defeat of the Ten Immortal Giants' participants led by Wang Juehuan couldn't be concealed. It quickly spread to different parts of the realm.

Deep in a swamp at the Southern Demon Realm...

Poof! The head of a fifth grade Heaven Rank Desolate Law Power Beast shaped like a giant python shattered under a palm strike. Its huge body smashed into the swamp, splashing up waves of blood-colored water.

Cang Fufeng reached out and grabbed. A force that was a fifth grade Heaven Rank law fell into his hand, marking the end of the battle that had lasted merely a few breaths.

Gazing at his slender figure floating above the swamp, fervor glowed in the eyes of the four participants of the Shaman Sect. Their sect believed in strength and honored strength. The more powerful an existence was, the more respected they would be.

During this period of time, they had followed Cang Fufeng around, witnessing how he hunted and killed Desolate Law Power Beasts with devastating force. The respect they had for him had kept growing in the process.

“Young Master, I’ve just gotten news that Wang Juehuan’s group suffered a crushing defeat,” a Shaman Sect participant hurriedly reported as Cang Fufeng walked over.

“A crushing defeat?” Cang Fufeng was stunned. Heaven-incinerating flames danced in his bright eyes. “How were they defeated?”

The other replied, “It’s unclear, but the force of the Ten Immortal Giants only has twenty-five participants left. Their casualties were heavy.”

Cang Fufeng narrowed his eyes. Only after a long silence did he say, “This man Lin Xun...is indeed not simple.”

There were emotions in his comment. Even he was aghast at the fact that Lin Xun had been able to achieve such a bloody feat while under heavy siege, despite being at the initial stage of the Nirvana Spirit Realm at that.

“Yes, Young Master. He is indeed an extremely tricky opponent. If we allow him to absorb more and more law powers in the next several years, his cultivation will soar...” one member reminded.

Cang Fufeng turned to the speaker. “Are you telling me to deal with him now?”

The latter instantly stiffened and broke out into a cold sweat as he hurriedly shook his head, “I’m just worried that he will have become a great threat to us when it’s time to enter the Earth Demon Realm.”

“A great threat...” Cang Fufeng smiled. “Then we’ll discuss it when that time comes.”

His mind was not on killing Lin Xun. His goal for taking part in the Immortal Dao Battle was simple: the greatest fortune in the Ten Directions Demon Realm. It would play a crucial role in helping him break into the Transcendence Stage.

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Northern Demon Realm.

"I already know everything. You guys want to deal with Lin Xun? I won't stop you, but I won't join you. I'm not going against him yet," said Wen Qiaoshui leisurely. He was standing in the clouds, in the middle of finding traces of Desolate Law Power Beasts.

He wore a blue robe. His hair was coiled into a neat bun, revealing handsome and refined features. He looked like the tidy and cool type, so it came as a surprise that his temperament was as calm and unswaying as a mountain. Once he made a decision, he would not change his mind.

Not far away, the four Buddha Masters of the Zen Sect all sighed in their hearts. If Wen Qiaoshui had agreed to join, they would have the confidence to go and kill Lin Xun. He unfortunately didn't have this intention for now, and they didn't dare to force him.

The Ninth Heaven Domain's Divine Wen Clan had produced quite a few earth-shattering characters, and had given the Zen Sect plenty of support in the past years. Since Wen Qiaoshui was one of the Wen Clan's divine sons, they had to respect his decision.[1]

"Don't worry. In the unlikely event that you encounter Lin Xun during this, I won't mind lending you my hand."

These words from Wen Qiaoshui put Ku Xuan, Ku Ji, and the others at ease.

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Western Demon Realm.

A canyon was currently strewn with piles of mangled corpses. Blood covered the ground. It was a repulsing sight to lay eyes on.

Ji Shanhai clapped her hands and ordered, "Sweep the battlefield. When Well Moon returns, we'll move to the next destination."

Her slim and tall figure was clad in a simple, baggy black outfit. Her long, inky black hair was coiled up and fixed by a turquoise hairpin that was inserted in diagonally. Her face was clean and pretty. She was like a lone orchid in an otherwise empty valley, resembling a figure that was untouched by mortal dust and never breathed mortal air.

However, the other disciples of the Spirit Sect were all in a cold sweat, for it was this divine maiden with the title of 'peerless among all, pure and untouched in this world' that had just, very casually, slaughtered a bunch of Desolate Law Power Beasts in this canyon.

Every beast, no matter its strength, had exploded under a slap of her fair and delicate hand, dying in a miserable state. From beginning to end, her companions had gotten zero chance to join in!

Who could have dreamt such a beauty, who appeared as collected and as a deity and as serene as an orchid, would erupt with a mountainous, space-warping might once she started fighting?

"Move." Ji Shanhai's limpid eyes swept at the three Spirit Sect disciples.

Jolted from their trance, they hastily began to collect the loot.

Swish!

A teleportation light swept in from the horizon at that same moment. Upon arriving, it turned into a lean man. His black hair was tied up behind him, revealing an angular face. His gaze was profound and sharp, and his healthy tanned skin glistened in the sunlight.

It was none other than Well Moon!

"What's the situation?" asked Ji Shanhai.

Well Moon smiled, revealing two rows of snow-white teeth. "My little junior brother is unharmed."

Ji Shanhai commented, "He's the disciple your master waited eons for. On top of that, he is so highly valued by those elders of the Origin Sect. It probably would be hard for him to be in real trouble even if he wanted to."

Not far away, someone asked, "Brother Well, even the force of the Ten Immortal Giants didn't even manage to trap your junior brother?"

This time, apart from Well Moon, the other three participants of the Spirit Sect were Pu Songzi, Tan Liuyun, and Le Youfeng. The one who raised the question was Pu Songzi.

"Hahahaha," Well Moon burst into laughter with a proud expression. "Not only did they fail to do so, but they also got routed by my little junior brother. It was an utter wreck that left only twenty-five of them alive at the end."

The other three were dumbstruck, frozen in shock with disbelief on their faces.

Even Ji Shanhai was stunned for a moment before she said in surprise, "Really?"

Well Moon nodded. "Really."

"All by himself?" asked Ji Shanhai.

"Elder Li Zhen of the Origin Sect was also there," replied Well Moon.

Hearing this, Ji Shanhai couldn't help but fall into thought. Pu Songzi and the other two, on the other hand, flew into a discussion.

"I personally have had dealings with Li Zhen before. His battle prowess is nothing the average expert can compare to, but I don't think it's at a level that allows him to accomplish such a feat," Tan Liuyun mused.

“So, the key here is still Lin Xun?” said a startled Pu Songzi.

“That’s something we need to ask Brother Well.” Tan Liuyun looked at Well Moon.

The latter shrugged. “I don’t know much about Youngest Junior Brother except that he is very strong. As for how strong exactly...we’ll have to ask the man himself.”

Le Youfeng joked, “He can’t possibly be stronger than Miss Shanhai?”

At once, something subtle filled the atmosphere. Comparing Ji Shanhai with someone else right in front of her was certainly insensitive and could easily cause misunderstandings.

However, Ji Shanhai flashed a smile that slightly exposed her teeth and said, “I actually hope that’s the case.”

When she wasn’t fighting, she was like an isolated orchid, tranquil, upright, and noncompetitive. However, her response also demonstrated that she had her own pride and confidence.

“It is lonely on the path without a good rival,” lamented Well Moon.

“Let’s head to the next place to hunt.” Ji Shanhai put an end to the topic.

With that, she got up and got moving. Well Moon, Pu Songzi, Tan Liuyun, and Le Youfeng were right behind.

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Eastern Demon Realm.

"It seems that I overestimated Wang Juehuan's ability," sighed Yuan Changtian upon receiving the news. As much as he was taken aback by it, a complicated feeling welled up in his heart.

Is Lin Xun really so difficult to deal with?

He thought he had never underestimated Lin Xun, but now it turned out that this way of thinking in itself was already an underestimation of the other party!

"Those imbeciles!" cursed Cao Beidou, his face gloomy due to anger. "It was such a great opportunity, but they still got routed. Have they been on their high horse for so long they've forgotten that even a lion must use its full strength to fight a rabbit?"

"Watch what you say." Yun Tianming glared at him, "The Ten Immortal Giants are not to be spoken ill of casually. Not to mention, who's the lion and who's the rabbit here? Do you really think a heaven pride like Wang Juehuan is a fool?"

Cao Beidou's expression kept shifting. "I don't dare to bad-mouth them at all; I just can't accept this outcome."

Worry crossed Yun Tianming's face. "What we should be concerned about now is whether Lin Xun knows that it's us who divulged his whereabouts. With his character, he definitely wouldn't let it slide if he knew the truth."

Thinking of Lin Xun's past deeds in the Origin Sect, Cao Beidou also felt chills seeping into his heart. He couldn't help but look at Yuan Changtian.

Yuan Changtian mused, "We're here to represent our sect, so an open internal conflict will tarnish the reputation of the entire Origin Sect. As I see it, Lin Xun won't go so far as dealing with us during the Immortal Dao Battle, no matter how much he hates our guts."

Cao Beidou let out a long sigh. "Let's hope so."

Yuan Changtian frowned. Cao Beidou probably hadn't realized that he now spoke about Lin Xun with apprehension.

Yuan Changtian said, "If you had asked for my opinion before leaking his whereabouts to the Ten Immortal Giants, this probably wouldn't have happened. However, since it has already happened, worrying is pointless. During the following period, stop going beyond your bounds and focus on hunting Desolate Law Power Beasts."

This was a warning to Cao Beidou and Yun Tianming. The two of them had been serving the Ten Immortal Giants, but he, Yuan Changtian, needed people who followed his command!

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Cao Beidou and Yun Tianming nodded in unison as their hearts shuddered.

"Let's go." Yuan Changtian set out.

"Elder Yuan, where are we going?" On the way, Cao Beidou couldn't help but ask.

"Out of the Eastern Demon Realm," replied Yuan Changtian casually. "So as to eliminate the possibility of running into Lin Xun. Otherwise, it matters not to me, but surely it won't be good for you two."

The remark stifled Cao Beidou and Yun Tianming, but they had to admit they really didn't want to stumble upon Lin Xun at this time.

Only an hour later, however, Yuan Changtian stopped in his tracks with a frown. Two figures were standing in the air at the horizon, and it was none other than Lin Xun and Li Zhen!

"How..."

Cao Beidou's and Yun Tianming's faces slightly dropped. What they were seeing was unfortunately the last thing they wanted to see.

“What a coincidence to see you two here, Brother Lin and Elder Li,” Yuan Changtian greeted with a hearty laugh.

“Not a coincidence at all, I spent several days trying to find you guys. It's truly lucky that we are finally meeting, or else I fear I wouldn't be able to see you anywhere in the entire Eastern Demon Realm,” said Lin Xun expressionlessly.

His words pushed the hearts of Cao Beidou and Yun Tianming back to the bottom. Lin Xun is really here to exact revenge!

Yuan Changtian sighed, “Brother Lin, we all represent Origin Sect in this dao battle, so can we take a step back from this internal matter for the time being? If we make a fool of ourselves in the Ten Directions Demon Realm, it will be the Origin Sect's face that will be damaged.”

“I didn't see you caring about our sect when they sold me out, Elder Yuan.” Lin Xun laughed coldly. “Or perhaps, you also had a hand in it?”

Cao Beidou admonished, “Lin Xun, you're just a deacon. That's not how you talk to Elder Yuan!”

“A traitor has no place to criticize me.” Lin Xun walked forward, his eyes frighteningly cold. “Let me be blunt, I am here to eradicate the traitors on behalf of our sect!”

Cao Beidou's expression drastically changed. “What nerves! You're not only spitting slander but also planning to use violence on your fellow disciples?”

Yuan Changtian, on the other hand, noticed something that made his pupils dilate. “Intermediate stage Nirvana Spirit Immortal! You broke through a level after only two months here. You're remarkable, Brother Lin, that's truly formidable!”

He was very surprised, and he didn't hide it. Advancing from the initial stage of Nirvana Spirit Realm to the intermediate stage was an unimaginable metamorphosis!

“What!?” Both Cao Beidou and Yun Tianming were appalled.

Lin Xun's fighting power had already been so heaven-defying at just the initial Nirvana Spirit Realm. How terrifying should it be now?

"If you wish to stop me, Elder Yuan, that will make you my enemy. Either you will go down with these two traitors, or you will stay out of what's coming next."

As Lin Xun's indifferent voice echoed, he already teleported toward Cao Beidou and Yun Tianming.

Boom!

The Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron made a grand entrance out of the blue, dropping billions of rays of light as it floated among the vast energy of time. Together with Lin Xun, the treasure came murderously at Cao Beidou.

"Lin Xun, you are committing a crime against a superior. When the sect is informed of this, you will be punished!!!" shouted Cao Beidou with a twisted face. As he spoke, he made no delay summoning a dao sword and hacking it.

Swish!

The sword's energy was monstrous, raging with law power. It was an extremely fierce and domineering strike.

From this, one could see that anyone capable of becoming an elder in the Origin Sect possessed combat strength far exceeding their peers. In fact, they were even more powerful than the average participants from the Ten Immortal Giants.

It was a pity for Cao Beidou that Lin Xun, who had stepped into the intermediate stage of Nirvana Spirit Realm, was nothing his past self could come close to. Without utilizing any natural talents, he directly blasted out his sword cauldron.

In the horrifying collision that ensued, the sword energy was crushed bits, throwing the sky into disarray. Cao Beidou's pupils shrunk. Exhausting his entire cultivation, he controlled his dao sword to attack.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

Each strike was overbearing and ferocious as it hit the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron. Despite that, the series of over a thousand chops was unable to stop the sword cauldron's oppressive momentum. They left nothing but a beautiful rain of chaotically dispersing energy.

Cao Beidou's face was completely distorted. He broke away in an attempt to dodge.

Clang!

A sword swept out from the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron and slashed out with incredible speed.

Crack!

At the critical juncture, Cao Beidou placed his dao sword horizontally before himself. Upon contact, his weapon broke in half whereas Lin Xun's weapon continued with the same momentum as it dropped at his neck.

"Elder Yuan, save..." Cao Beidou roared, his face as white as a sheet in utter terror.

Poof!

His head flew off before he could finish his call. Blood sprayed from his neck, falling like a scarlet waterfall.

Decapitated in one strike!

Such crushing slaughter should come from an invincible deity who was meting out a worldly punishment!

During the fight, Yuan Changtian had felt the urge to step in several times. After all, Cao Beidou had been following his lead. Letting a subordinate get killed right under his nose would cause him to lose face.

However, he had ultimately held back that urge. For one thing, the battle power Lin Xun displayed had shaken him nonstop as well.

For another, it was because he didn't want to completely offend Lin Xun at this time, as it would delay his grand plan and affect his operation to find the great fortune of the Ten Directions Demon Realm in ten years.

As a matter of fact, Yuan Changtian also knew that these were all just excuses. In the end, the reason was that deep down, he was not certain that he could kill Lin Xun! Regardless, Cao Beidou had died before his very eyes, cut down by Lin Xun in a bamboo-splitting fashion!

The bloody scene cast a shadow over Yuan Changtian. As for Yun Tianming, he was so scared that his hairs stood on end, and he ran off at the first opportunity.

Not to mention the little amount of grief he had for the death of an ally, but Yuan Changtian standing idly by also made him realize he could not count on him to resolve this fatal calamity anymore. Therefore, his only chance was to flee!

"You think you can escape?" Lin Xun's eyes flashed with a hint of disdain, and he immediately gave chase.

Watching Lin Xun go after Yun Tianming and disappear from sight, Yuan Changtian ultimately decided against stopping him. However, his hands uncontrollably clenched into fists, anger and shame rising in him.

He was a divine son of the Yuan Clan in the Ninth Heaven Domain, who even had a Transcendence expert like Yuan Xiliu at his side. Even in the Origin Sect, he had been receiving special treatments, and no one dared to disrespect him.

As such, Lin Xun's merciless execution on his companion had deeply hurt his ego. For the first time in his life, he was mortified and lost his composure, to the point that his handsome face had turned slightly purple.

"Elder Yuan, do you think Lin Xun is doing the right thing?" Li Zhen suddenly spoke up.

The question sounded particularly harsh in Yuan Changtian's ears. He took a deep breath and coldly said, "We both know the answer to that deep down, Elder Li. Why do you feel the need to ask it out loud?"

"You don't have to be so angry," said Li Zhen, as if he was deliberately trying to irritate Yuan Changtian. "Lin Xun is only helping our sect eliminate traitors. Speaking of which, you should be happy instead. Because if the sect knew you kept two traitors around, I'm afraid you'd be implicated."

In his mind, Yuan Changtian could already imagine slapping Li Zhen to death, but he endured it and said, "I can't agree with you more, Elder Li."

Yuan Changtian looked like he had just mistakenly eaten a fly. Li Zhen couldn't help but laugh at it, and just as he was about to say something, Lin Xun had returned in the distant void.

Whoosh!

He arrived in a single teleportation with a bloody head in hand. It was precisely Yun Tianming's.

This Second Peak Master, since the time Lin Xun had just entered the Origin Sect, had made no effort to hide his hostility toward him. Now, he had died tragically at Lin Xun's hands, with a final look of shock, rage, and fear plastered all over his face.

"Oh, Brother Lin. How are we to explain this to the sect when we return?" lamented Yuan Changtian.

"Are you implying that I did wrong, Elder Yuan?" Lin Xun's eyes were frosty as they were fixed on Yuan Changtian.

Yuan Changtian's heart flinched when he realized that Lin Xun most likely had the intention to drop all pretense. He smiled wryly, "No, I just think that, even if they are traitors, they should be handed over to the sect to be convicted and punished accordingly. That way, no one would be able to criticize you, Brother Lin."

Lin Xun said calmly, "Don't you worry about that. I captured some enemies alive back at Myriad Ravines Mountain Range, so I have witnesses who can testify that the two of them are indeed traitors."

Yuan Changtian squinted and laughed, "In that case, I'm relieved."

An odd look crossed Li Zhen's eyes. He had never expected Lin Xun to be this good at talking nonsense without batting an eyelash. Living hostages when and where? It was obviously a bluff to deter Yuan Changtian from making a scene!

"What is your next plan, Brother Lin?" asked Yuan Changtian. "Do you want to team up?"

Lin Xun shook his head. "Forget it. I stay true to my words that I would not get others involved in my woes. I wouldn't want you to be targeted by those enemies of mine, Elder Yuan."

The corner of Yuan Changtian's lips twitched. He said, "Since you've made up your mind, I won't stay around. Excuse me."

With that, he turned to leave, worried that the anger and killing intent in him would spin out of control if he stayed any longer.

"Elder Yuan." Lin Xun's voice suddenly came from behind.

Yuan Changtian stopped and asked, "Is there something else, Brother Lin?"

Lin Xun said, "Nothing important. I just want to applaud your endurance and control. However, while there are things you should endure, there are also things you must not endure, or it would only dull your edge and kill your courage, making you look like a coward, don't you think?"

The speech almost triggered the rage in Yuan Changtian that he had been trying so hard to suppress. After some silence, he inhaled deeply and said, "In my opinion, a bit of impatience can foil a big plan, and a determination to act on one's ferocity and aggressiveness makes it extremely easy to die prematurely."

After dropping that, he teleported away and quickly vanished. It was as if one more word from Lin Xun's mouth would cause him to lose control and explode with murderous intent.

"That fellow...is indeed outstanding at enduring... And that makes him terrifying!" Li Zhen couldn't help but comment after watching the whole thing. "Having that kind of temper in spite of being a divine son...we have to watch out for him."

Lin Xun smiled. "Why did he hold back if he was a hundred percent sure he could kill me? In the final analysis, he was scared."

"Then why didn't you kill him?" asked Li Zhen.

Lin Xun placed his hands on his back and casually said, "I only worry that his death would drive some old fogeys completely crazy, which would in turn be unfavorable to my situation. It's better to let him live for now, he's more valuable to us alive than dead."

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Li Zhen quickly understood.

If they killed Yuan Changtian now, Yuan Xiliu who was waiting outside the Ten Directions Demon Realm would definitely not let it slide, and neither would the Divine Yuan Clan in the Ninth Heaven Domain. Even if they got back to the Origin Sect safely, Fu Wenli, Qi Xiaoyun, and their faction would use it to make things difficult for Lin Xun!

By keeping Yuan Changtian alive, none of that would happen. Furthermore, since the enemies would also spend their time and efforts on strengthening Yuan Changtian, it bought time for Lin Xun's rise.

Lin Xun's decision was not out of fear but instead a consideration of pros and cons. The way Li Zhen looked at him instantly became different.

Previously, his impression of Lin Xun had been the latter's terrifying heritage, heaven-defying strength, and shocking courage, as if there was nothing in the world that he was afraid of. However, after having acted alongside him for some time, he realized how far-sighted he was, and that there was wisdom accompanying his courage. Such a thing was hard to achieve.

"Senior, in the following time, I plan to focus on hunting Desolate Law Power Beasts and strive to raise my cultivation to another level before the Earth Demon Realm in nine years," said Lin Xun.

Two months here had allowed his cultivation to achieve a qualitative transformation, stepping into the mid stage of the Nirvana Spirit Realm. As such, he was eager to proceed with the next course.

Without this opportunity to be in the Immortal Dao Battle, who knew how long such a breakthrough would take? The Ten Directions Demon Realm was extraordinary, and Lin Xun was well aware of this.

It had Desolate Law Power Beasts distributed everywhere, which they could hunt forever for law powers. Although virtually all of these law powers were incomplete, they were still a precious cultivation resource for Nirvana Spirit Immortals!

However, Lin Xun noticed that after he had broken through to the mid stage of Nirvana Spirit Realm, law powers below sixth grade Earth Rank barely benefited him anymore. To be specific, they could no longer help his cultivation progress. This was a reality that any cultivator had to face.

When one was in the five lesser realms, any aeth herbs and pills could make their cultivation soar. However, as one advanced step by step, the resources needed also became progressively rarer and more precious.

Furthermore, it was already so difficult in the Eternal True Realm. If Lin Xun had stayed in the Ancient Nebula Road, it would be questionable whether he would have certified immortality by this time! Therefore, he cherished this opportunity.

As for Lin Xun's decision, Li Zhen naturally had no objection.

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In the next period of time, Lin Xun and Li Zhen could be spotted in various parts of Myriad Ravines Mountain Range. They trekked through the different terrains to hunt Desolate Law Power Beasts, meditated when they were tired, and then continued after their strength had recovered...

Each day was extremely fulfilling.

Half a year later, the duo left Myriad Ravines Mountain Range and headed to Black Stone Desert, one of the three most perilous zones in the Eastern Demon Realm.

They had done a thorough sweep in Myriad Ravines Mountain Range, slaying close to five hundred Earth Rank beasts. However, the number of Heaven Rank ones was pitiful, being a total of less than twenty.

From this, one could see how rare Heaven Rank Desolate Law Power Beasts were.

One year later, Lin Xun and Li Zhen left Black Stone Desert.

Their harvest was even smaller than last time, with less than two hundred Earth Rank Desolate Beasts and only six Heaven Rank ones. The reason was that this perilous land had already been swept by Yuan Changtian, Cao Beidou, and Yun Tianming at the start of the Immortal Dao Battle.

While the increase in Lin Xun's cultivation this time wasn't great, a far cry from his previous leap, it was already thousands of times faster than compared to cultivating in the outside world.

According to his estimation, to achieve another leap like before, he would need to refine a large amount of Heaven Rank law powers. As for Earth Rank ones, the role they could play had been getting more and more insignificant. In the end, he simply stored them, saving them for his friends and family.

There was no other way. Even Wushuang didn't want this kind of 'treasure' that everyone in the outside world would see red for...

There were three major perilous zones in the Eastern Demon Realm: Myriad Ravines Mountain Range, Black Stone Desert, and finally a place called Turbulent Demon Sea.

When Lin Xun and Li Zhen arrived at Turbulent Demon Sea, they saw Yuan Changtian walking it, and he had already hunted down quite a number of Desolate Law Power Beasts.

Lin Xun didn't bother stealing the kills from him. He decided to leave the Eastern Demon Realm altogether.

In the Ten Directions Demon Realm, besides the Earth Demon Realm and Heaven Demon Realm, there were eight other demon realms. For this Immortal Dao Battle, the participants from the Four Great Ancestral Courts and the Ten Immortal Giants had been placed in these eight realms.

However, Lin Xun dared to say that there were still many areas in these demonic domains that hadn't been cleared. As long as they seized the time, they could definitely grab more law powers.

It was also now that Lin Xun realized the purpose of the Immortal Dao Battle. Desolate Law Power Beasts were the targets, and it was the law powers in them that the participants competed over.

This could not only be used to decide the rankings for the Immortal Dao Battle but also be considered a great fortune. After all, who would mind having too many law powers?

"Let's go to the Southeastern Demon Realm." Lin Xun made a decision.

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Year after year passed.

After the Eastern Demon Realm, Lin Xun and Li Zhen left their footprints all over the Southeastern Demon Realm, Southern Demon Realm... During this, they had also run into some enemies.

One of those encounters happened in the Southeastern Demon Realm. They came across the group of participants from the Ten Immortal Giants including Wang Juehuan. When enemies came face to face, eyes blazed with hatred, so a fight was usually unavoidable.

It was a pity, though. Having learned from the costly lesson last time, Wang Juehuan had decided to withdraw the moment he sighted Lin Xun's and Li Zhen's silhouettes, leading his companions to escape when they had still been a great distance away.

It made them look like wimps. However, Lin Xun was sure that Wang Juehuan's group had not given up. They had chosen to retreat solely because it was not the right opportunity for their side.

According to Li Zhen, in the entire Eternal True Realm, the only one who could force the Ten Immortal Giants' members to flee was Lin Xun!

This was by no means an exaggerated compliment. If it had been anyone else? They probably would have been hacked to death under a casual bombardment of Wang Juehuan's group.

Another time in the Southern Demon Realm, Lin Xun and Li Zhen had been ambushed by a group of Shaman Sect fighters. At that time, the other party, led by Cang Fufeng, had suddenly attacked them while they were hunting a Heaven Rank beast. The situation could be described as dire.

At the critical juncture, Lin Xun had executed the Seal of Temporal Restriction to block their attack, and only then had the deadly calamity been resolved.

The failure of the ambush also showed Cang Fufeng's group the power of the Seal of Temporal Restriction. After many ineffective attempts, they had pulled back. Lin Xun hadn't countered or pursued them, for he had detected the four Buddha Masters of the Zen Sect hiding in the shadows.

In the end, this whole experience made Lin Xun quite vigilant.

In the sixth year in the Ten Directions Demon Realm, above a blood-red wilderness in the Southwestern Demon Realm...

“Senior, I’m going to go into secluded meditation for a while,” said Lin Xun, who had just gone through a big battle and killed over ten Desolate Law Power Beasts.

“Close to breaking through?” asked Li Zhen.

Over the past six years, he and Lin Xun had trekked through different demon realms. The number of Earth Rank Desolate Law Power Beasts they had slain amounted to five thousand. Even that number of Heaven Rank beasts was more than a hundred.

Lin Xun had been absorbing these Heaven Rank law powers over the past several days. By now, he had already reached the perfection of the Nirvana Spirit intermediate stage, and was only one step away from the advanced stage.

“Yes.” Lin Xun nodded with a look of anticipation in his eyes.

Compared to the last time where he had spent only two months to reach the intermediate stage, this breakthrough had taken close to six years. It all came down to the rarity of Heaven Rank Desolate Law Power Beasts, while Earth Rank ones could no longer satisfy his breakthrough needs.

Lin Xun still found this speed satisfactory nonetheless. If it hadn't been for this Immortal Dao Battle, he wouldn't dare to imagine how long it would have taken him to reach the advanced Nirvana Spirit Realm.

In that scenario, a thousand years could already be considered quick!

“I have to say, in all my life, you are definitely the fastest one I’ve ever seen break through at the Nirvana Spirit, bar none,” Li Zhen lamented, unable to hide the shock he was feeling.

In the outside world, such an advancement speed was definitely a miracle. It was enough to create a record that no one could break!

“Who made it so that I happened to be at the initial Nirvana Spirit Realm when I got into the Immortal Dao Battle?” Lin Xun laughed with glee.

Almost all the powerhouses taking part in this Immortal Dao Battle were at the peak of the Nirvana Spirit Realm. Any more law power they acquired wouldn’t be of much help to their own cultivation.

Just like Li Zhen, who had told Lin Xun from the very beginning that these law powers were useless to him.

The same was true for the other participants, thus making Lin Xun stand out for how rapid his progress was. In other words, he was catching up with the other participants in the Ten Directions Demon Realm in terms of cultivation with the law powers he had hunted!

Regarding battle prowess, it was another story.

At the initial stage of the Nirvana Spirit Realm, Lin Xun had been able to kill quite a few participants. One could only imagine his combat strength now that he was about to go from the intermediate stage to the advanced stage!

On that day, Lin Xun found a secluded place and set up a Seal of Temporal Restriction. Then, he took out the recently collected Heaven Rank laws from the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron and started meditating.

Meanwhile, Li Zhen stayed nearby to guard him.

Five days later, a heavy noise suddenly echoed through space, shaking the ground and rattling the sky. Immediately following it, bursts of roars and growls of beasts resounded from somewhere very far, constantly exploding like thunder.

Rumble! Rumble!

The commotion was so loud that Li Zhen's heart jumped. He hurriedly got up to see a long, black line stretching through the horizon, and it was moving toward him at an appalling speed.

Countless Desolate Law Power Beasts had formed the black line. They were rushing like sky-blotting tidal waves. Their hisses and roars formed sonic torrents that swept through the terrains, taking color from everything and taking lights from the planets above. The ground quaked like it was about to crumble.

Such a momentum drained color from even Li Zhen's face.

Beast tide!

It was a heavenly scourge stemming from the convergence of innumerable Desolate Law Power Beasts!

Chapter 2856 Blue Separation World Cleansing Spear

In the six years since he was here, this was the first time that Li Zhen had seen a beast tide of such monstrous magnitude. It covered the sky and the ground. It blasted through mountains and rivers!

This was not an ordinary beast tide. It resembled a pack of countless law powers whose collective goal was to scourge the world.

RUMBLE!

The earth shook, and the terrains collapsed one after another as terrifying law power energy approached at extreme speed.

Just as Li Zhen was about to issue a warning, Lin Xun rose from meditation. There was gravity in his eyes as he said, "Senior, quickly retreat."

His voice still drifted around when both he and Li Zhen had teleported far away.

Looking down from high above, the two gasped. Those Desolate Law Power Beasts were simply a black storm wreaking havoc everywhere. There were tens of thousands of them, and wherever they passed, things looked like they were being rubbed to shreds, leaving nothing but devastation.

Lin Xun and Li Zhen didn't dare to linger around. They retreated from far away in order to avoid a head-on clash. However, what surprised them was that the tide of beasts was not coming for them. Instead, they were charging wildly all the way from east to west.

Rumble!

Right beneath the blue dome were crowds of ferocious birds, and all over the earth were endless beasts. They tore the sky and trampled the land as they sped right past their noses.

"Where are they going?" Lin Xun frowned, somewhat bewildered.

In his spirit sense, this massive beast tide comprised several tens of thousands, with over ninety percent being Earth Rank beasts and only a handful of them being Heaven Rank.

Li Zhen said, "Rumor has it that before the barrier over the Earth Demon Realm opens, all the Desolate Law Power Beasts scattered in these eight demon realms will suddenly get this desire that leads them to gather into packs and head to the 'Earth Demon Abyss.'"

Lin Xun was stunned, and he immediately recalled that the Earth Demon Realm was located in the deepest part of the Earth Demon Abyss!

Li Zhen continued, "These beasts achieve evolution by devouring and absorbing law power. The more they devour, the more powerful they grow. Meanwhile, there is an unimaginable amount of law power buried beneath the Earth Demon Abyss.

"The forming beast packs must have sensed some kind of change in the barrier of the Earth Demon Realm, that's why they are full on rushing toward the Earth Demon Abyss.

“Similar occurrences have also happened during past Immortal Dao Battles. If my guess is correct, then in the next three years, tides like this one will keep appearing.”

Lin Xun’s eyes gleamed. “But I’ve heard another rumor about the existence of a Law Power Beast King in the Earth Demon Abyss, that its summon is the reason why all Desolate Law Power Beasts come running.

“And after they arrive at the abyss, they will all become the Law Power Beast King’s food. It will eat them to accumulate enough law power to barge into the Earth Demon Realm, because only there can it accomplish further evolution in strength.”

After hearing this, Li Zhen nodded. “There is indeed such a statement. One thing for certain is a Law Power Beast King does exist in the Earth Demon Realm. It carries a complete ninth grade Heaven Rank law power, which makes it completely different from the rest of its kind.”

Lin Xun gazed into the distance and suddenly laughed, “Senior, there are so many Desolate Law Power Beasts in sight. We can’t just let them slip away like this.”

That huge tide of beasts was about to disappear into the horizon.

“As long as we don’t stand directly in their way, this is indeed a good opportunity to fish in troubled waters.” Li Zhen was also eager to try.

“Let’s catch up.” Lin Xun took the lead and shot out.

It was also this moment that Li Zhen sensed the cultivation improvement that Lin Xun had achieved quietly in his five days of meditation!

He was now at the Nirvana Spirit advanced stage!

Although Li Zhen had been sure that Lin Xun’s breakthrough would go without a hitch, verifying with his own eyes still gave him a shock.

In just over six years, Lin Xun had steadily gone from the initial stage to the advanced stage of the Nirvana Spirit Realm! Who in history and present had ever been able to match this speed?

Rumble! Rumble!

The distant beast tide was razing the land. The whole world trembled violently. Gradually, Lin Xun and Li Zhen caught up from the rear. Before they could do anything, however, a blue streak of light suddenly flashed at the other end and expanded in the air like a hazy drizzle.

Poof poof poof!

With a series of muffled sounds, the light blanketed more than thirty Desolate Law Power Beasts. In the blink of an eye, these beasts turned to ashes in what seemed like incineration.

Swish!

Fiercely, another blue light swept out and sprinkled down like a large net, once again burning over twenty Desolate Law Power Beasts into oblivion.

The most terrifying part was that those beasts had perceived the danger and launched counterattacks, but the first and slightest contact with the blue radiance burned them to a crisp like moths in a flame.

Lin Xun and Li Zhen's eyes constricted at the domineering slaughter, and they quietly raised their guard.

Lin Xun also finally had a clear look at the caster of the blue light. It was a tall and slender woman. With plain garments with wide sleeves, inky hair hanging down to her waist, a fair and clean face, and an ethereal beauty of a desolate orchid...it was none other than Ji Shanhai!

At the moment, she was holding a twenty-foot long spear with a crystalline, light-blue pole. When swung, it would release a blue haze as gentle as a drizzle but filled with boundless burning power. The deaths of those beasts had been its wielder's work.

“The Ji Clan’s Blue Separation World Cleansing Spear!” exclaimed Li Zhen.

Blue Separation World Cleansing Spear!

This was the legendary divine weapon of the Ji Clan that held the power to burn universes and purify worlds. The blacksmith who had forged it was a supreme figure who did not belong to this era, known as the ‘Emperor of Weapons.’

To craft this spear, the Emperor of Weapons had searched far and wide to collect the essences of a hundred thousand divine flames, and use them to temper a great variety of immortal metals in one furnace. In the refining process, the weapon had undergone a bizarre and taboo tribulation consisting of nine layers. Upon completion, it had outshone even masterpieces of nature.

It was said that this spear had intelligence and was impossible to be subdued. Only the one who had its approval could become its master.

Rumors had it that upon Ji Shanhai’s birth, the Blue Separation World Cleansing Spear, which had been confined in the Ji Clan, had produced a shocking chant and directly broken free. Then, it had flown to Ji Shanhai, turning into a blue strand and wrapping itself around her little finger while she was still in swaddling clothes.

It had also written a magical tale that people often talked about.

While studying the other participants before the Immortal Dao Battle, Lin Xun had read about Ji Shanhai and the Blue Separation World Cleansing Spear, and he had been quite surprised. Now that he was seeing the might of this spear in person, his emotions were stirred...because he sensed the power of time from it!

To have the respect of both Yuan Changtian and Cang Fufeng, and to be in possession of such a supreme treasure, this woman truly isn’t simple...

Lin Xun mused, recalling the unusual look in Yuan Changtian’s eyes when he had mentioned Ji Shanhai—a look of fervor and also apprehension.

He also remembered that time in the Shaman Sect when Ji Shanhai, upon appearing, had become the focal of attention in one fell swoop. All of this was enough to prove that she was no simple character.

“Wanna have a match with me?”

As Lin Xun pondered, a gentle voice suddenly sounded from the far distance. At the same time, he noticed that Ji Shanhai was looking at him, her clear phoenix eyes sparkling like stars.

“How?” Lin Xun raised a brow.

Ji Shanhai pointed the blue spear at the beast tide and said, “Starting from this moment, all the way to the Earth Demon Abyss, we’ll compare who hunts more Desolate Law Power Beasts regardless of grade, only in terms of quantity. If you win, I’ll let you in on a secret.”

Lin Xun’s interest was piqued. “A secret?”

“If you want to know, beat me,” Ji Shanhai concluded and instantly launched into action. A sweep of her spear filled the sky with blue light. It was like a dream, a fleeting illusion, and it was as indistinct as the scenery described in poems.

Kaboom!

In the distant beast tide, over ten Desolate Law Power Beasts went up in flames. Ji Shanhai stepped in the air, appearing slow but catching up with the beast tide in an instant. In combat, she displayed outstanding elegance and a world-class momentum!

“Then I look forward to what kind of a secret it will be.”

While Lin Xun didn’t understand Ji Shanhai’s purpose in initiating this, he admitted that it had successfully captured his interest. With a hearty laugh, he summoned the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron and strode forth.

Boom!

His cultivation that had entered Nirvana Spirit advanced stage sprang into motion, and his entire aura changed. His handsome figure steamed with billions of dao lights that were derived into a profound abyss.

The Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron, on the other hand, was the first thing he hurled out. From afar, the treasure looked like a fast dropping ancient mountain, ruthlessly smashing onto the beast tide. A group of beasts immediately burst, and the earth underneath was blasted into a huge crater filled with their blood.

The strike had slain twenty-nine Desolate Law Power Beasts! The overbearing and gory scene made Li Zhen's eyelids twitch. In the advanced stage of the Nirvana Spirit Realm, Lin Xun's battle prowess was so much more heaven-defying than before.

"Nirvana Spirit advanced stage?"

On the other side, Ji Shanhai also revealed a trace of surprise, but she quickly withdrew her gaze, shook the Blue Separation World Cleansing Spear in her grip, and fiercely charged up.

Beauty like jade, might like a comet!

Caught in the swarm of beasts that was galloping like crazy, anyone would have been in fatal danger. Moreover, these Desolate Law Power Beasts would be enraged and madly fight back when under attack. Their combined power wasn't something just anyone dared face.

However, both Lin Xun and Ji Shanhai were presently unafraid of that. As the beast tide headed from east to west, they were positioned on the north and south sides, chasing after the beasts while deploying continuous strikes.

For a while, one could see patches after patches of beasts falling in the tide, either burned to ashes or smashed into paste, leaving behind a trail of blood. Li Zhen, who had been chasing behind, had developed immunity to the shock as he collected the spoils along the way.

“Hahaha, Li Zhen, when did you get put in charge of the dirty work?” rang a loud, teasing laugh before long.

Accompanying the voice was the arrival of Spirit Sect’s Pu Songzi, Tan Liuyun, and Le Youfeng. The teasing remark came from Tan Liuyun. He had gotten acquainted with Li Zhen very long ago, and their friendship had begun with a fight.

“Cut the nonsense. If your Spirit Sect doesn’t want Ji Shanhai's battle merits, we will gladly take them,” grunted Li Zhen as he moved even faster, collecting many loots that were Ji Shanhai's fruits of labor.

Tan Liuyun instantly grew anxious and snapped, “Old boy, stop at once!”

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Tan Liuyun shot out as he shouted, “Get on it, everyone. We can't let this old timer claim our sect’s battle merits.”

How could Pu Songzi and Le Youfeng dare to be slow? They rushed to join the looting crew.

Li Zhen snorted, “And you said I was doing the dirty work. Look at yourself now.”

Tan Liuyun was mortified, but he defiantly retorted, “Still better than letting your Origin Sect take advantage of us. Speaking of which, is it true your guy Lin Xun really broke into the advanced Nirvana Spirit Stage in these six years?”

Li Zhen’s voice was definite and proud as he said, “Of course.”

“Keep bragging!” Tan Liuyun threw a glance at him. “He is strong, but as far as I'm concerned, he still isn't a match for Ji Shanhai. We're talking about a renowned divine maiden of the Ninth Heaven Domain who can purify a world on her own here, no one can even come close.”

Li Zhen simply asked, “Is Ji Shanhai a disciple of your sect?”

The simple remark stumped Tan Liuyun. Despite feeling frustrated half to death, he was unable to retort because no matter how stunning Ji Shanhai was, she wasn't a disciple of the Spirit Sect, whereas Lin Xun was an actual disciple of the Origin Sect.

Only after what seemed like half a day did Tan Liuyun argue, "Brother Li, if I remember correctly, Lin Xun is a disciple of Fangchun Mountain first. He only joined your sect later."

Li Zhen said, "Since he joined the Origin Sect, he is one of us. What's the problem here?"

Tan Liuyun was speechless, for that was indeed an irrefutable fact.

While they bantered and collected the loot, Lin Xun and Ji Shanhai at the front were engaging in a fierce competition, which was a disaster for the tide of beasts. They were blown to bits patch by patch, leaving behind a field of limbs and blood.

This was simply incredible.

The other participants would have been utterly overwhelmed in this situation. While they might be able to blast dozens of Desolate Law Power Beasts to death at once using their strongest killing moves, it was impossible for them to keep it up for a long period of time.

However, Lin Xun and Ji Shanhai were each more domineering than the other. They kept going while each strike could kill at least over ten beasts and as many as dozens!

Of course, most of those were Earth Rank Desolate Law Power Beasts since there were very few Heaven Rank ones. Nevertheless, it was already enough to make the other participants feel inferior.

Feeling this most keenly was Li Zhen's group at the back. While gathering the spoils of war, they also learned the levels and number of beasts hunted by Lin Xun and Ji Shanhai. The results shocked them.

"How long has this competition gone on?" asked Tan Liuyun.

"Fifteen minutes," replied Li Zhen.

"How many has Lin Xun killed?"

"It broke six hundred just now. What about Ji Shanhai?"

"Well, a bit more than Lin Xun, just over seven hundred." Tan Liuyun laughed as he shared the honor.

Li Zhen frowned. "It's far from over yet, so don't get ahead of yourself."

Tan Liuyun commented sentimentally, "Hey, even if Lin Xun loses in the end, he's already made our generation feel ashamed. After all, even our old bones are hard-pressed to accomplish this."

It sounded like praise, but Li Zhen cringed. "I'd like to see if you can still laugh when Ji Shanhai loses."

Tan Liuyun chortled, "I knew you'd be indignant, so we can only wait and see."

Kaboom!

Bursts of intense battle noises resounded. There were rumbles of a sword cauldron, and there were dancing blue lights. Every scene was thrilling.

However, that beast tide looked as if it was endless, with tens of thousands of them. Even though Lin Xun and Ji Shanhai slaughtered without stopping, their victims were only a small portion.

Ji Shanhai's voice suddenly rang in the middle of battle. Clearly, she had been keeping an eye on Lin Xun's situation while she fought.

"You aren't either, no?" replied Lin Xun casually.

Ji Shanhai's pink lips curled up. "I didn't know you were so cocky. On another note, my cultivation is higher than yours, so I won't think you're taking unfair advantage if you use your natural abilities."

Her statement exuded a generous air.

"I don't think the level of cultivation represents the actual battle process," Lin Xun calmly commented.

"Is that so? Then I won't hold back."

With this declaration, Ji Shanhai's figure flashed. The next second, she appeared among the beasts and charged murderously about with the Blue Separation World Cleansing Spear.

Lin Xun's eyes flickered, then he chuckled. "As you should."

Boom!

He stretched his limbs and glided out alongside the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron. His entire aura suddenly climbed to a pinnacle, while from the cauldron, the dao sword swept out and made its first appearance in this battle with a resounding clang.

Swish!

The sword swung up across the sky and chopped down.

Visible to the naked eye, a long, scarlet tear appeared in the middle of the beast tide. It was a spatial crack created by the sword strike, and under the spread of the sword energy it diffused, all Desolate Law Power Beasts on both sides exploded.

The single slash had cut down fifty-four Earth Rank Desolate Law Power Beasts!

In response to this, Ji Shanhai's eyes took on a hint of a smile. Without some provocation, it'd have been impossible to force out your full power.

Swish!

She leapt forth. The Blue Separation World Cleansing Spear in her fair, delicate hand glowed brightly, releasing an overwhelmingly sharp blue flame. Every Desolate Law Power Beast in its unstoppable wake was instantly reduced to ashes!

Her cultivation really isn't simple.

Lin Xun was secretly surprised as well.

It was worth reminding that he was now at the Nirvana Spirit advanced stage, which was a whole other height compared to when he had just entered the Ten Directions Demon Realm. If he were to face Wang Juehuan's group now, he was confident that he could dominate them with ease.

However, if the opponent was this divine maiden from the Ninth Heaven Domain, then he did not have such certainty.

He had been observing her fight so far and had long since realized how powerful Ji Shanhai was. What he couldn't figure out no matter what was why she hadn't utilized her natural talent.

From what he already knew, her natural talent was very unique and mysterious, something related to the natural cycle of worldly affairs and the alternation of life and death. It was extremely well known in Ninth Heaven Domain by the name 'Superficial Splendor of Chaotic Times.'

It was said that upon the execution of this divine art, the opponent would be trapped in a catastrophic world where their own fate was out of their control, and their cultivation would diminish in the calamity until there was nothing left!

However, Ji Shanhai had not used anything like that so far. Apparently, she had no intention to show all of her cards in this little competition.

Great minds thought alike because he was the same.

Next, Lin Xun cleared his thoughts and attacked with all his might. The Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron roared, and its dao sword whistled. Subjected to their crushing momentum, the number of perishing Desolate Law Power Beasts rapidly climbed.

Not far away, Ji Shanhai registered it all without a comment, only her aura grew even more piercing.

Noticing the changes in them, Li Zhen's group tensed up. The clean up crew could tell that the competition was now in full swing, and the sharp increase in battle merits was also proof.

Time passed...until the horizon suddenly darkened before everyone's eyes. Right there was a seemingly boundless abyss, presenting a color so black that one would think of a big mouth sucking in the night, causing the surrounding heaven and earth to dim as well.

It was the Earth Demon Abyss!

The packs of beasts at the front, after rushing to that zone, emitted shocking bellows and jumped into the abyssal depths without any hesitation.

From a bird's eye view, the tide of beasts had become a waterfall pouring down into the abyss, quickly vanishing therein.

That was what Lin Xun and Ji Shanhai were seeing at the moment.

"By the looks of it, you are about to lose."

Even while Ji Shanhai was saying this, her onslaught didn't stop for a split second. She obviously wouldn't slack off until the last moment.

Lin Xun suddenly laughed, "Not necessarily."

Swish!

From him, five dao bodies whistled out and got moving at an incredible speed. Like a barrier, they inserted themselves into the beast tide.

In the face of an obstacle, the speeding beasts seemed to go berserk, launching a furious attack. The five dao bodies naturally wouldn't fold their arms and wait to be killed. They started attacking left and right.

At the back, Lin Xun's true form was also killing his way towards them.

It was similar to a huge boulder lodged in a river, impossible to be shaken by the water flow. Still, there was no doubt about how risky this tactic was.

The previous slaughter had been launched from behind. The unaffected Desolate Law Power Beasts at the front, too busy traveling to the Earth Demon Abyss, naturally wouldn't turn back to deal with Lin Xun.

Currently, however, his five dao bodies were blocking the path of many Desolate Law Power Beasts by standing in their way, meaning the most terrifying kind of impact was being dealt.

Rumble!

The sky and earth shook. The roars of beasts thundered. Blood splattered everywhere, and chaos reigned over the region.

Such a scene stunned Ji Shanhai for a good moment. She hadn't expected Lin Xun to resort to such a ferocious fighting style for the sake of victory.

Very far away, Tan Liuyun, Pu Songzi, and Le Youfeng were staring, wide-eyed and screaming in their hearts that the situation wasn't good.

How could they not see that the longer Lin Xun's five-dao-body wall held on, the more Desolate Law Power Beasts he would slay? And this most likely would allow him to turn the tables!

"What a menace!" Tan Liuyun gritted his teeth.

Pu Songzi and Le Youfeng were anxious as well. Ji Shanhai losing was something all of them would find hard to accept.

Li Zhen teased, "Old Tan, how come you're not laughing anymore?"

Tan Liuyun glared at him, about to say something when he saw Ji Shanhai suddenly change direction. Wielding the Blue Separation World Cleansing Spear, she started charging at the beasts on Lin Xun's side.

With his five dao bodies blocking in front while she killed up from the back as if she was teaming up with Lin Xun's true form, it immediately yielded miraculous results.

Of course, the accurate name for this was kill-stealing.

Lin Xun himself was dumbfounded, caught between laughter and tears, but there was nothing that could be done on his part to stop her because there was no rule in their competition that forbade this act.

In the end, the over one thousand beasts blocked by the five dao bodies were killed to the last one. The rest rushed into the Earth Demon Abyss.

"Senior, please make a record of the results and see who got more between me and Miss Shanhai." Lin Xun turned his head to ask as he stood at the edge of the abyss.

"No need" said Ji Shanhai who put away the Blue Separation World Cleansing Spear and gently rubbed her hands.

She then turned to Lin Xun, looking at him with her crystal clear eyes, and casually said, "Since the moment you agreed to the competition, I have decided that no matter what the result will be, I will tell you that secret."

Chapter 2858 Her Past

Lin Xun was dumbfounded, and only after half a second did he say, "Works for me."

He also had a vague idea why Ji Shanhai would challenge him to such a competition. It was not about winning or losing but instead to test his strength.

A distance away, Tan Liuyun, Pu Songzi, and Le Youfeng were secretly relieved. They had been making an inventory of the loot along the way, and if they really had to calculate the final exact number of kills and make a comparison, then it was hard to say who the winner was.

The truth was that after Lin Xun had utilized his five dao bodies at the last minute, the number of Desolate Law Power Beasts that he had killed had instantly skyrocketed.

Li Zhen also quietly sighed in relief. No one knew better than him about Lin Xun's battle result as his loot picker all the way here, but even he wasn't sure if it was a victory over Ji Shanhai. Fortunately, none of that mattered anymore.

"Give us some room to talk privately," said Ji Shanhai as she walked to the edge of the Earth Demon Abyss. The skirt of her plain-colored, wide-sleeved dress fluttered in the wind, while she looked as serene as an orchid.

Li Zhen exchanged glances with Tan Liuyun's trio before both parties tactfully left the area to Lin Xun and Ji Shanhai. This made Lin Xun more and more curious about the secret Ji Shanhai wanted to tell him.

After a while of silence, Ji Shanhai started to speak, "A long time ago, in our clan once existed a woman whose aptitude was more outstanding, whose foundation was stronger, and whose intelligence was more striking than mine. The elders regarded her as an heir capable of shouldering the responsibilities of a future leader, and every member took pride in her."

Lin Xun was a bit surprised, but he patiently listened on.

“When a tree rises above the forest, the wind seeks to destroy it. Similar things have happened countless times since the beginning of humanity, and that woman was not exempted. Perhaps, it was because she was so perfect that she had to face unexpected distress.”

“What kind of distress?” Lin Xun was surprised.

With the power of the Divine Ji Clan, how could they possibly not be able to protect a woman who had the qualifications to inherit the position of clan leader?

The corners of Ji Shanhai’s lips rose into a mocking arc. “It’s a rotten cliché that takes place on a daily basis, and every clan has it.”

Rotten cliché!

Such a description instantly informed Lin Xun that this distress, while sounding like nothing earth-shattering, was destined to be something quite special and rare.

Ji Shanhai’s voice was melodious and clear as a spring, “There are thirty-six divine clans in the Ninth Heaven Domain: twelve Eternal Divine Clans and twenty-four Immortal Divine Clans. My clan is one of the twelve Eternal Divine Clans.

“And since the Ji Clan produced such an extraordinary, eye-catching woman, the other Eternal Divine Clans naturally would know about her existence as well.

“During those years, many old things came to our door to propose marriage, hoping that their clan’s divine sons could marry her. To compete for her, the Eternal Divine Clans behind them even came forward and fought each other.

“It became a sensation in the Ninth Heaven Domain, bringing the matter to the attention of the whole world. The marriage competition fiasco also spread the woman’s name far and wide, and everyone wondered how beautiful and dazzling she must be to make all the big Eternal Divine Clans go out of their way to compete for her.”

At this part, the look in Ji Shanhai's eyes became complicated. Immediately, she lamented, "But no one knows that it also sowed serious discord within the Ji Clan."

"Some hoped that she would marry into another Eternal Divine Clan, thus further consolidating the status of the Ji Clan. Others were unwilling to do so, even accusing the opposite party of harboring ill intentions, that they wanted to kick her out of the clan so that they could plot for the position of future clan head."

"Amusingly, those clansmen who wished to marry her off also faced internal conflicts: some wanted her to marry into the Eternal Divine Ye Clan, some the Jue Clan, some the Taihao Clan... The list goes on. For this reason, they heatedly disputed and made a ruckus."

When Lin Xun heard this, he couldn't help but frown. "In that case, your clan must have been a real mess at the time. Why wasn't there anyone to quench it?"

Ji Shanhai said, "When it comes to the core interests of the clan, even the Eternal relics have differences in opinion, so how could anyone possibly suppress all of this? What's more, that woman is ultimately a woman, and since forever, there has never been a female clan head in the twelve Eternal Divine Clans."

"Although that woman had the support of many elders who viewed her as the next clan leader, it's not as if there weren't voices of opposition."

Lin Xun sighed softly and asked, "And what did she think of it?"

The question seemed to deeply touch Ji Shanhai. She looked straight at him and said, "That's the saddest thing right there. From start to end, all of them had been imposing their own wills and ideas on her in the name of doing what's good for her, but no one had ever asked a single question about how she thought..."

"Even her father, patriarch of the Ji Clan, only told her that no matter what the outcome was, she should accept it because the greater good of the clan comes first."

Ji Shanhai's lips curled into a sneer. "Over a woman, the entire Ji Clan refused to have a moment of peace and even fell into infighting. Don't you think that's funny?"

“There has been an age-old saying that a woman who is too beautiful is the root of disasters. But if that woman hasn’t done a thing, is she at fault?”

Lin Xun didn't have to think. “Of course not. On the contrary, those old timers in your clan...are too disappointing.”

Ji Shanhai continued, “If none of it had happened, she would still be the clan’s brightest star and pride. But it did, so she was nothing more than a pawn. For the sake of the so-called big picture and the collective interests, she could only be at the mercy of others.”

“What happened after?” asked Lin Xun.

Ji Shanhai said, “She left, alone. The chess piece left the board, leaving those old ‘players’ on both sides dumbfounded.

“Those who wanted for her to marry out rebuked her for ignoring the big picture and wasting their efforts. Those who pushed for her to be the future head were enraged, believing that she wasn't qualified for this great responsibility, that she was a disappointment for being unable to withstand the hard time.

“In short, the whole clan dumped all their grievances on her. Those Eternal Divine Clans who wanted her to marry into them also stopped mentioning it.

“After all that fuss, those old relics’ calculations fell through one by one, and even more so, they lost face in front of the world. The matter was regarded as the Ji Clan’s shame, and it's now rarely brought up.

“Regarding that woman, she became a taboo for the Ji Clan. To this day, there are still some old timers brooding over her actions.”

As Lin Xun listened, his emotions were stirred. Only after a long time did he comment, “In this matter, it was like your clan tried to scoop water using a wicker basket. That woman’s departure instead benefited

the other Eternal Divine Clans. After all, she was so famous and dazzling that she was destined to become an unfathomable existence in the future. They're naturally happy to see your clan lose her."

Ji Shanhai said, "That's right. That's what the Ji Clan also understood after they all reflected on it, but things were already irreparable."

Lin Xun shook his head. "Even if there is a chance of redemption, history will just repeat itself and such a woman is destined to remain just a pawn."

Ji Shanhai was stunned. "You...also think so?"

Lin Xun said, "It's not that I think so, it's just the reality. In your clan, a woman like that will block the path of those who have ideas about the position of patriarchy, while the other Eternal Divine Clans will take advantage of that to propose a marriage, ostensibly to establish a relationship with the Ji Clan, but in reality, it's to take away your most dazzling pearl. If these two issues are not resolved, don't talk about trying to salvage anything."

Ji Shanhai sighed deeply, "Many elders came to realize this as well, but trying to resolve it is another story. It isn't easy at all."

Lin Xun asked, "I'm sorry but, is this the secret you wanted to tell me?"

Ji Shanhai said, "Aren't you curious who that woman is and where she went after leaving the Ji Clan?"

Lin Xun raised his brows. Something then dawned on him. "She's someone I know?"

"Correct." Ji Shanhai didn't deny it. "Worried about being found and dragged back after leaving the clan, she used a forbidden art to seal her cultivation and memories, and then snuck into the Fortune Dominion in a way that let no one notice."

"All because she knew that while the world is big, the Ji Clan could easily find her, and the only way to avoid such a possibility was to enter the Fortune Dominion."

Hearing this, Lin Xun's heart trembled, and something struck through his mind. "Are you talking about...Xi?"

Ji Shanhai said, "Her name is Ji Xi, and she is my older sister."

An inexplicable wave of emotions surged within Lin Xun. He never knew any of that.

Xi actually came from the Eternal Divine Ji Clan. She had once been renowned throughout the Ninth Heaven Domain. She had been seen as the heir to the position of leader and the pride of the entire clan. Many Eternal Divine Clans proposed a marriage and fought over her...

How dazzling should she have been back in those days? Unfortunately, such a peerless woman had been reduced to a mere pawn in a storm, her fate put at the mercy of others!

How frustrated and disappointed should she have been to leave her clan so decisively? Sadly, what she got in return for her departure was her kins' angry accusations and disappointment in her!

How ridiculous that was. Countless moons had passed, and her name was still a taboo in the Ji Clan, rarely mentioned, and many old timers still held a grudge over it even!

All of this made Lin Xun angry and feel pity for her. After a long silence, he said, "If I had known all this, I would have paid everything I had to stop Jun Fenglie from taking her away!"

Back in the Kunlun Dominion, Jun Fenglie had arrived across the sea of stars and taken Xi away. Even now, his appearance was still vivid in Lin Xun's memory: verdant armor, a silver spear slung across his back, and long, snow-white hair tied into a topknot that framed his incomparably handsome face.

Jun Fenglie was the first Immortal expert Lin Xun had ever seen, but in front of Xi, he had acted like a servant, showing absolute respect in his every word. At that time, Lin Xun had figured that Xi's identity was bound to be extremely extraordinary, but he had never thought that her past would be so rough and heartbreaking.

Chapter 2859 News of Senior Brothers and Sisters

The air was gloomy at the Earth Demon Abyss's edge.

Ji Shanhai looked at Lin Xun, whose anger was unconcealable on his face, and said, "Any member of the Ji Clan, once their cultivation realizes or recovers to the Immortal Stage, will be sensed by the Divine Stele of the Ancestral Shrine."

After a brief pause, she continued, "This also means that someone from our clan would find her, whether it was Jun Fenglie or anyone else."

Lin Xun asked, "How...is she doing?"

Ji Shanhai replied, "Grounded."

Lin Xun frowned. "Grounded?"

Ji Shanhai said, "The clan demands she makes a decision."

"What decision?"

"To marry the Taihao Clan's divine son, Taihao Zhi."

"She cannot refuse?"

"Refusing would mean spending the rest of her life grounded."

A chill seeped into Lin Xun's heart. "Isn't your father the patriarch? He can bear to do that to his own daughter?"

Ji Shanhai said, "Don't misunderstand him. Back then...it was him who had quietly helped my big sister leave the clan. It's just that nowadays, his authority has been claimed by the other old timers. He's not so much a patriarch as a puppet."

Lin Xun was taken aback. After a long silence, he uttered, "I really shouldn't have let Jun Fenglie take Xi away like that!"

There was hatred in his voice.

Ji Shanhai said, "I'm only telling you this because when I was chatting with her, I learned that you were always companions in the Ancient Nebula Road. Don't mistake it as I'm encouraging you to go rescue her. In fact, it would be a death sentence at your current level."

Lin Xun exhaled a long breath. "You may be right, but it's not necessarily an impossible task in the future."

Ji Shanhai gazed at Lin Xun for a while before she asked, "Can I trust you?"

Lin Xun declared, "Even if you don't, I will still do it."

He had only been a teenager when he had first entered the Omega Secret-Realm and gotten to know Xi. In the many years that followed, she had given him so much help and had also stepped in many times to stand up for him and shield him from the storms.

Now that he knew about her bad situation, how could he be indifferent? He needed to go to her aid even if it meant risking his life!

A faint smile bloomed on Ji Shanhai's lips as she said, "Almost forgot to tell you, my big sister asked me not to tell you anything about her matter, so that you wouldn't get caught up in the turmoil of our clan. But I deliberately did so just to see what kind of person you really are, and I've gotten the answer I wanted."

Speaking of this, Ji Shanhai added, "Don't feel the need to rush it. My big sister is only grounded, her life is not in danger. One day when you have the absolute certainty to get her out, I will give you a hand."

Lin Xun solemnly cupped his fist. "Many thanks."

Right at this moment, a bright laughter sounded in the distance, "Junior Brother!"

Accompanying the voice, the lean figure of Well Moon swept in, his face full of smiles.

"You guys talk." Ji Shanhai turned and left.

"Senior Brother!" Lin Xun greeted him with a smile as well.

"You and Miss Ji knew each other?" Well Moon asked with interest as he looked at Ji Shanhai's departing silhouette.

Lin Xun shook his head. "Today is the first time we've met. However, her elder sister is an old friend of mine, so we have that connection. Where did you go off to, Senior Brother?"

Well Moon laughed. "I saw some enemies and was compelled to slaughter a few of them, hence some delay on the road."

"Who?" Lin Xun was surprised.

"Who else but the participants from the Ten Immortal Giants?" Well Moon laughed, "I'm not nearly as formidable as you, so after spending quite some time lying in ambush, I only managed to shoot down six of them and almost got detained at that."

Lin Xun said, "Let me guess, every arrow was a kill one after another, swift and precise."

Well Moon gave him a weird look. "There is only one chance for a surprise attack, so how could the enemy give me the chance to release six arrows in a row? I merely shot nine arrows at once, killing six and seriously wounding three."

Lin Xun gasped, "Which is to say, I underestimated your skills."

Well Moon laughed out loud, "The dao of the arrow places importance on taking down the target in the first shot, so it's either going all out or not shooting at all. Just so you know, more than half of my strength was drained after I shot those nine arrows. Since fighting was no longer an option, I teleported and escaped."

Lin Xun clicked his tongue in wonder. "When the opportunity arises, I must see for myself the power of your arrows, Senior Brother."

Well Moon patted his shoulder and said, "Let's go find a place to drink, we'll continue our chat there."

Lin Xun happily agreed.

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Next to the Earth Demon Abyss, a bonfire was popping.

Lin Xun, Li Zhen, Well Moon, Ji Shanhai, Pu Songzi, Tan Liuyun, and Le Youfeng sat around it, enjoying the treasured brews that they had all contributed while chatting in a cordial atmosphere. Among the Four Great Ancestral Courts, the Origin Sect and the Spirit Sect had the best relationship. Their members often conducted exchanges and thus were familiar with each other.

During the conversation, Lin Xun also learned some of the things that Third Senior Sister Ruo Su, Fifteenth Senior Brother Qing Ting, and Nineteenth Senior Brother Xue Ya had been doing in the Spirit Sect.

The situation in the Spirit Sect was somewhat similar to the Origin Sect, with quite a few powerful individuals from Immortal Giant forces in positions of high authority. For example: the Zhong, the Jing, the Donghuang Clans, and so on.

However, under Ruo Su's planning over the years, all of the Fangchun Mountain disciples in the Spirit Sect had secured a firm foothold and begun to grasp more power.

As of now, even the old fellows from the Ten Immortal Giants couldn't do anything about Ruo Su's group. Of course, their achievement was also inseparable from the support of many other Spirit Sect's elders.

The Spirit Sect Ancestral Court had eight mountains and four sectors.

The eight mountains were similar to the Origin Sect's nine peaks. Each mountain has a mountain master, guardians, inner disciples, and outer disciples.

The four sectors, similar to the Origin Sect's three pavilions, were the East Spirit, South Martial, North Net, and West Cloud Sectors. In each of these, there were positions of Sector Head, Spirit Venerable, Spirit Lord, and Spirit Noble.

A Sector Head in the Spirit Sect was equivalent to the Origin Sect's Pavilion Master, the Shaman Sect's Heaven Shaman, and the Zen Sect's Three Ages Buddha.

Spirit Venerable was equivalent to the Origin Sect's Deputy Pavilion Master, the Shaman Sect's Earth Shaman, and the Zen Sect's Buddha Venerable.

Nowadays, Ruo Su was already a Spirit Venerable of the East Spirit Sector, making her a bigwig on par with a deputy pavilion master of the Origin Sect!

The other Fangchun Mountain disciples also held their own positions. For instance, Well Moon was a Spirit Lord in the South Martial Sector, a position equivalent to that of the Origin Sect's pavilion elder.

In short, the disciples of Fangchun Mountain who had entered the Spirit Sect had demonstrated amazing brilliance. Not only were they fast in breaking through cultivation stages, but also their battle prowess was on the level of overlord among same-realm peers, stirring up many sensations in the Spirit Sect.

However, this was only normal in Lin Xun's opinion! After all, the powerhouses who had traveled from the Ancient Nebula Road to the Fortune Dominion such as Mo Yang, Dragon Elephant, Thousand Star Divine Tree, Xingjia, etc. had all already stepped onto the Eternal path.

Many disciples of Fangchun Mountain were of the same generation as these mighty experts who were even more outstanding than them in terms of talent and heritage. Despite that, why had almost no one been able to certify eternity so far?

The key lay in the fact that Fangchun Mountain had too many enemies and the dangers they faced were colossal. Moreover, they had been stagnated on the Ancient Nebula Road for too long. It wasn't until after defeating the Nameless Esteemed Emperor that they had departed for the Eternal True Realm together.

Otherwise, with the depth and talent of these Fangchun Mountain disciples, they would have reached the Eternal Stage long ago.

Lin Xun had a deep understanding of this, or at least, he knew from his own case. If he hadn't left the Ancient Nebula Road, then he would probably be still at the Emperor Stage at the moment instead of having the luxury to prove his immortal dao.

However, there were two sides to everything.

Because their cultivation and potential had been suppressed for so long, the disciples of Fangchun Mountain had been like trapped dragons breaking free after arriving at the Eternal True Realm. As their full potential was finally unleashed, it was hard for them not to make rapid progress in cultivation!

Moreover, the paths they pursued were all extraordinary, allowing them to have unparalleled combat power in the same stage. As such, they were able to shine in the Spirit Sect and show their own dazzling talents!

If it wasn't for having to oppose the Ten Immortal Giants and the suppression of many great enemies all this time, their achievements on the almighty dao wouldn't have been so limited.

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After the gathering ended, Ji Shanhai's group decided to set off. This was the sixth year since the start of the Immortal Dao Battle. There was still a three-year wait before entry to the Earth Demon Realm underneath the Earth Demon Abyss became possible.

Since Ji Shanhai's group represented the Spirit Sect Ancestral Court, they naturally had to hunt as many Desolate Law Power Beasts as they could. Lin Xun and Li Zhen didn't continue to travel with them. Only by going separate ways could both parties get the best quantity of beasts.

Upon parting, Well Moon told Lin Xun via transmission that within a hundred years, there would be a shattering change between the Four Great Ancestral Courts, so Lin Xun needed to capture the position of Origin Clarity Pavilion Master as quickly as possible in case of unexpected incidents when that change came.

Calculating the time, there were only eighty years left before Origin Clarity Pavilion Master You Beihai attempted to certify eternity.

Ji Shanhai also gave Lin Xun a reminder through transmission upon departure, which was that within a thousand years, a calamity that was an epoch change was bound to erupt! The twelve Eternal Divine Clans and twenty-four Immortal Divine Clans in the Ninth Heaven Domain had all begun making preparations to resist the dangers it entailed.

Lin Xun had already heard about this matter from Chen Linkong in the Fortune Dominion, so it didn't come as a surprise.

After parting with Ji Shanhai's group, he and Li Zhen also left the area of the Earth Demon Abyss. Their figures vanished into the vastness of heaven and earth.

Following that, the duo trekked through different demon realms like before, hunting down Desolate Law Power Beasts. Unfortunately, the number of beasts they found kept decreasing along the way.

For Lin Xun, who was now at the advanced Nirvana Spirit Stage, Earth Rank laws no longer did much for his cultivation. Unfortunately, there were too few Heaven Rank Desolate Law Power Beasts, so the amount of Heaven Rank laws obtained was extremely small.

Day after day went by, until even Earth Rank beasts became hard to find.

On one hand, many had rushed into the Earth Demon Abyss, and on the other, the participants of all the major powers were running wide searches at once and many areas had been swept over many times. Under these circumstances, it was naturally very difficult to kill as many Desolate Law Power Beasts as before.

In the end, Lin Xun found a quiet place and started meditating with Li Zhen.

In the ninth year, the barrier over the Earth Demon Realm disappeared. The entirety of the Ten Directions Demon Realm quaked dramatically as deafening noises thundered through skies above.

The participants of the Immortal Dao Battle scattered in different places were collectively alarmed.

#### Chapter 2860 Ambush

Previously, the Earth Demon Abyss resembled a well that contained darkness and made the heaven and earth around it dim. Today, a light was erupting from within this well! The participants spread across different areas immediately rushed in that direction, and when reaching the destination, they jumped into the abyss without hesitation.

In the Earth Demon Realm, there were Law Power Beast Kings with complete ninth grade Heaven Rank law power whose value far transcended that of the damaged law powers outside. In addition, there were also Divine Rank law fragments, Eternal Divine Elixirs, and even law spirits to be found!

For any participant in the Immortal Dao Battle, those were all treasures that they dreamt of.

Lin Xun and Li Zhen had also arrived without any bumps along the way. They hadn't met any other participants either, so they leapt the Earth Demon Abyss without any problems. There was a light below, not blinding to the eyes. When they were at around nine hundred thousand feet down, a huge portal was reflected in their field of vision.

However, Lin Xun slowed down with a glint in his eyes. "Senior, be careful of possible killing traps behind that portal."

While saying that, he called upon the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron. It had been three years since he had broken through to the advanced Nirvana Spirit Stage. Although his cultivation progressed slowly

afterward due to the lack of Heaven Rank law power, these three years of self-assessment and honing allowed his dao to grow much more solid.

Li Zhen's heart jumped at the warning, and he also summoned his black battle blade.

Whoosh!

Approaching the portal, Lin Xun quietly called in his mind. The Black Water Dao Body instantly appeared.

If there was really an ambush, then the other party would definitely start out with their strongest means to deal a fatal blow to him and Li Zhen. In that case, it would be unwise for the duo to headbutt their way through, but everything would be different with the Black Water Dao Body.

Swish swish swish!

In steaming dao light, the Black Water Dao Body split into three thousand figures that packed the space around the portal. Innate talent: Three Thousand Streams!

Each figure was surging with the aura of the advanced Heavenly Longevity Stage, making them a massive army of Heavenly Longevity Immortals! Of course, these clones did not possess intelligence unlike the five dao bodies nor could they cultivate on their own. They were purely manifested by the Black Water Dao Body. Even so, this kind of innate talent was nothing short of astonishing.

"Go!" The Black Water Dao Body pointed at the portal.

Rumble!

The three thousand clones flooded in.

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Inside the portal was a vast world with endless mountains and rivers. The weather presented a primordial feeling. Between this heaven and earth, the entrance portal hung still like a huge whirlpool under the sky.

Wang Juehuan and the other participants from the Ten Immortal Giants were all waiting in anticipation, ready to strike.

“This will be our last chance. If Lin Xun survives, then don’t expect to ever be able to exterminate him in this Immortal Dao Battle anymore.”

Wang Juehuan’s expression was exceptionally calm as his voice traveled into the ears of the people around him.

“Next, I want you to take out every taboo treasure you’ve brought into the Ten Directions Demon Realm, and blast them at Lin Xun the second he appears!”

Hearing this, the eighteen participants from the Ten Immortal Giants around him all revealed ruthless expressions.

Wang Juehuan, on the other hand, gazed afar and said, “Of course, even if we can’t kill Lin Xun, getting him severely injured is good enough. Those fellows from the Shaman Sect and the Zen Sect are all waiting to take advantage as well.”

There was a hint of contempt in his voice.

In a very distant corner, Cang Fufeng’s group from the Shaman Sect and Wen Qiaoshui’s group from the Zen Sect were all quietly observing. They showed no intention of getting involved, but Wang Juehuan knew very well that once Lin Xun couldn’t hold out, they would definitely jump in.

If possible, Wang Juehuan would rather his own group have the power to kill Lin Xun themselves!

“Someone is entering!” a person suddenly whispered.

From the portal under the sky dome, a tall and refined figure abruptly shot out. It was clearly Lin Xun.

“Get him!” Wang Juehuan, who had long been prepared for this, commanded almost instantly.

Kaboom!

The Ten Immortal Giants’ experts unhesitantly deployed their trump cards and killer moves. A slew of shimmering treasures light swiftly flew up in the air, heading toward the portal like a sky-blotting torrent. All directions around it were flooded with wind, storm, lightning, and all sorts of terrifying dao lights.

Such a long-prepared, all-out strike sent chills down the spines of the Shaman Sect’s and the Zen Sect’s teams.

Bang!

Lin Xun’s figure exploded and was drowned by the horrid power torrent.

He's dead?!

The scene stunned Wang Juehuan. It all seemed...a little too easy...

His companions also looked as if they were in a dream. Having experienced first-hand Lin Xun’s power, they never had thought this ambush would go so smoothly...

“No, something’s not right!” Wang Juehuan’s pupils shrank.

The next thing he saw was a flood of figures pouring out from that portal, and they were all Lin Xun! There seemed to be no end to them!

Those watching from the shadows nearby were flabbergasted, and the same idea popped up in their minds in unison: The one who died just now was Lin Xun's clone!

It's just that, why does he have so many clones?

"I knew that guy wouldn't just die so easily." The eyes of Cang Fufeng, Wen Qiaoshui, and the other spectators flashed with a strange light.

"Attack!" shouted Wang Juehuan.

It had become clear to him that Lin Xun obviously came prepared, meaning his surprise attack had failed. However, the current situation no longer allowed them to stop.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

All kinds of secret treasures with forbiddenly strong auras flew through the air, shaking the space. The surrounding terrains fell apart as the combined power was so terrifying that it seemed capable of destroying this world.

The ocean of Lin Xun's clones immediately took huge damage. Over a thousand dissipated in just a few breaths.

It wasn't that these clones were weak. After all, each one of them was comparable to an advanced Heavenly Longevity expert. Rather, it was because the attackers were all peak Nirvana Spirit existences who, for the sake of this ambush, were utilizing every strongest weapon on them.

That kind of power was enough to make any Nirvana Spirit Immortal go up in smoke, let alone some clones that only had the power of the advanced Heavenly Longevity Stage.

Rumble!

The sky shook and the ground quaked under the boiling, sweeping waterfall of power. The dao clones of Lin Xun were crumbling into oblivion without stopping. Despite that, Wang Juehuan's group wasn't happy in the slightest. Up until this point, Lin Xun's true form still hadn't shown up, while all of their treasures and skills had been exposed and drastically depleted!

"Withdraw!"

Wang Juehuan's face was livid. Even though his chest felt so stifled that it was about to explode, he quickly decided to retreat, not daring to hesitate about it.

Boom!

Right at this moment, a sword cauldron barged in through the portal. Shrouded in billions of dazzling rays, it loudly dropped towards Wang Juehuan's group with unstoppable momentum!

A deafening collision instantly followed. Several participants couldn't escape in time and could only mobilize their treasures to resist. However, the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron blasted them apart. They dispersed and coughed up from heavy injuries.

Right after that, a melodious sword chant rang out from within the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron. The dao sword inside whistled out and drew a horizontal slash.

Poof! Poof! Poof!

On the spot, three experts who had already been heavily injured were blown away. Blood rained as the vast sword qi crushed their flesh.

Wang Juehuan's eyes went wide with rage as he roared, "Run!"

His voice echoed loudly, but as anxious as he was, there were just still too many clones of Lin Xun all around. They acted like obstacles, blocking their retreat route.

At the same time, Lin Xun and Li Zhen charged out from the portal and directly teleported over to attack. The cruelest thing was that all five of Lin Xun's dao bodies came out together and rushed towards different opponents. Their might was like that of a deity descending the mortal world!

The entire field was in chaos. Dao lights exploded and weaved raging energy waves. It was a scene of pure destruction. Wang Juehuan's heart shuddered as a chill went down his back.

He was escaping with all his might, but in his field of vision, his companions were being slaughtered one after another, collapsing in this turbulent and broken land. The frenzied aura of battle mixed with blood filled the air, stimulating him. His eyes became bloodshot.

As a divine son of the Immortal Giant Wang Clan, this was the first time he ever felt so powerless. Thick frustration, suffocation, and fury ran like a landslide in him, pushing him to the verge of exploding.

However, he didn't act on it. Instead, he was frantically fleeing in a disheveled and crazy state.

Boom!

The sword cauldron came roaring.

CLANK!

Wang Juehuan used his pine-grained ancient sword to block. The impact shook him back. His qi and blood churned, and he uncontrollably coughed up a mouthful of blood.

Not far away, Lin Xun's true form offensively charged over. "I did have a hunch that you, Wang Juehuan, wouldn't give up like that. Unfortunately, none of you will be able to leave this place alive today."

The sword cauldron glowed, shattering the void as it shot towards Wang Juehuan again.

"Even if I die, I'm taking you down with me!" Wang Juehuan swung his sword with a hideous expression.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

Intense clashes resounded. No matter how furiously Wang Juehuan hacked and slashed, the Limitless Abyss Sword Cauldron repelled and nullified his strikes one by one. Before long, he started coughing up blood repeatedly. His face was white to the point it was transparent, having suffered from a serious injury.

“Want to drag me down with you? But it doesn't look like you are qualified,” Lin Xun said, treading the air with godly valor as his dao sword chopped down.

The pine-grained sword in Wang Juehuan's hand burst with a loud crack, flying in pieces. Its master was sent flying and heavily smashed into the rubble a thousand feet away. He was drenched in blood and looked utterly wretched.

At this moment, the chosen son of the number one Immortal Giant was unbearable to look at.

“DIE!” Wang Juehuan let out a furious bellow.

His mouth suddenly spat out a ghostly blue bead—precisely the Time-Space Lightning Pearl. Unlike usual, this treasure was currently blazing like a fire and permeated with a chillingly dangerous aura.

Lin Xun's pupils constricted. Right at this juncture, a divine arrow cut through the sky, dragging a piercing light as it came at an unimaginable speed. It was so fast that it moved like lightning and thunder from nine heavens!

BANG!

Wang Juehuan exploded like fireworks, blasted to his death by an arrow!