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Chapter 631: The Bearing of the Strong

"How dare you! Who are you? How dare you behave wildly here?! How dare you treat us like nothing?! This is ridiculous!" Someone stood up in a rage, unable to hold back anymore.

Other people wore hostile expressions.

Lin Xun seemed unaware as he still looked at no one except Qing Yunyang. "If you were a true expert, then would you pay attention to the noise of a fly?"

The corners of Qing Yunyang's lips twitched. He wanted to say, "That guy isn't a fly; he's Lai Yunshen. Although his strength isn't the most terrifying, his Scarlet Bird Clan is one of the overlords of the Southern Sea and no one dares to provoke the clan."

However, he gritted his teeth and didn't dare to say that when he was faced with Lin Xun's calm and cold gaze. He only said bluntly, "No!"

Lin Xun nodded. "That's right."

Lai Yunshen, whom Lin Xun regarded as a fly, felt so enraged that his face turned purple-red, and his lungs almost erupted.

When had he, a high and mighty figure of the Scarlet Bird Clan, ever been humiliated like that?

Never!

But now, in front of everyone, a teenager disrespectfully treasured him as a lowly and ugly fly! How could he accept that?

"Haha, do you think that you can look down on everyone else and do whatever you want after you defeat Wei Cang?" Lai Yunshen's voice was ice-cold and ruthless. "I don't care who you are. If you don't apologize on your knees today, not only you but also your family will have to die to atone for your sins!"

Everyone in the hall smiled sinisterly. In their opinion, Lai Yunshen was qualified to say that because he was a descendant of the Scarlet Bird Clan!

His identity and status alone were convincing enough!

It's over for that kid!

Everyone had the same thought.

A young girl said proudly, "Friend, you might be very strong and proud of your ability, but you are just an ignorant fellow to us. Now, if you quickly apologize on your knees, we may be able to spare your life."

"No, it won't be enough for him to kneel and apologize. He injured Wei Cang and disregarded us. He has to be properly punished to vent our anger."

"Hmph, arrogant boy, so what if you are strong? Do you think you can do whatever you want because you possess a little strength?" someone sneered.

They might have been shaken and taken by surprise when Lin Xun defeated Wei Cang, but in their view, Lin Xun was still just a teenager with no impressive background, as suggested by the fact that he was friends with someone like Qing Yunyang.

After all, among the figures of the top clans, who would willingly be friends with Qing Yunyang?

Based on that, they acted superior and showed not a shred of fear.

However, Lin Xun's reaction once again differed starkly from their expectations.

He continued to stay calm and instead he looked at Qing Yunyang. "How do you feel now?"

Qing Yunyang's face was covered with complicated emotions. It seemed to have dawned on him as he took a deep breath and said, "I realized that I am ridiculous and blind to hang out with these people."

Everyone's face darkened. His words were undisguised, blunt and akin to directly scolding them!

"Qing Yunyang, do you know the consequences of your words!" Lai Yunshen threatened in fury.

The others looked like they were about to boil over. "Do you want to rip open our faces? But are you qualified? You're just looking for death!"

"You are just a bunch of clowns who can only act tough in groups. I used to regard you as fellow cultivators. Now, I know that you are just a swarm of flies to true experts. You're so ignorant that it is pitiful!" Qing Yunyang's voice was resounding but calm, and his face bore a resolute expression. He seemed to have become another person.

He had transformed!

At least, his state of mind had transformed!

Lin Xun sharply sensed his change. What Qing Yunyang said was not important. What was important was the attitude behind his words.

That was the key.

If a cultivator didn't have such a state of mind, then he would never achieve any great achievements in his life!

Clown...fly...

Qing Yunyang's words stunned the audience. Everyone was in disbelief. They couldn't believe that Qing Yunyang, who was always subservient to them, would say such a thing.

Their embarrassment quickly turned to anger. Qing Yunyang dares to regard us as clowns and flies?!

They felt that their dignity had been provoked as they had never been insulted like this before!

"Qing Yunyang, I will give you one last chance. Kneel now and apologize to us then I can act as if nothing has happened, otherwise..." Lai Yunshen said through gritted teeth as he pointed at Lin Xun. "Otherwise you can't leave here today, just like him!"

"Is that right?" Lin Xun raised his head, staring coldly at Lai Yunshen with his deep, unfathomable eyes.

Lai Yunshen stiffened inexplicably and trembled inwardly. He felt an unprecedented chill, as though a killing god was watching him from the ninth heavens.

How...

How can his gaze alone be so terrifying?

Boom!

Before he could figure out the reason, his vision blurred and Lin Xun appeared in front of him. It happened so fast that he had no time to react.

"Kneel." A calm and indifferent voice rang in his ears like a supreme order.

Lai Yunshen was so terrified that even his spirit shuddered.

"No—!" Just as he screamed, a hand clapped his shoulder and a throbbing pain shot through his body.

Under horrified gazes, Lai Yunshen was forced to his knees with one gentle clap and split the ground with multiple cracks.

It suddenly became utterly silent.

Lai Yunshen was a noble descendant of the Scarlet Bird Clan! Even the strongest top clans in the Southern Sea wouldn't dare to ask him to kneel! But a teenager had subdued him to his knees without saying much!

That was the greatest humiliation!

If the matter spread out, Lai Yunshen would never be able to lift his head again in his life!

The most unbelievable thing was Lin Xun's incredible speed. He looked calm and apathetic, but he moved at a speed beyond imagination.

Lin Xun had suppressed both Wei Cang and Lai Yunshen with a raise of his hand.

His strength was too frightening.

Although they were all from the younger generation, they were the leading figures of various clans. They might be arrogant and domineering, but they were all very powerful and much stronger than average cultivators.

That was the source of their confidence.

But they couldn't imagine the terrifying power the teenager had to be able to decide everything with a wave of his hand!

That kind of extraordinary strength was seen only in supreme top saints. How could they not be astonished?

Even Qing Yunyang was astonished, but immediately, awe and desire filled his eyes.

If...If I also possess such powers, who would ever dare to disrespect me again?

His desire intensified!

He saw the power of a true expert from Lin Xun. He realized that only when he became stronger would he gain the respect of others and instill fear in his enemies!

Without strength, the so-called relationships and social circles were nothing but moonlight in the water!

For example, everyone in the hall acted high and mighty, but now, in front of Lin Xun, the demon god youngster, they were more like pitiful clowns...

Power!

Qing Yunyang's eyes flashed a resolute glint.

"Friend, you have gone too far!"

Amidst the deathly still atmosphere, Luo Ya, who was sitting on the main seat, swept a glance over Lin Xun, his eyes swirling with frightening lights like faint will-o'-the-wisps.

In everyone's eyes, Luo Ya was a top cultivator strong enough to be ranked in the top 30 among the younger generation of the Southern Sea.

But for Lin Xun, he was nothing special.

"You don't agree with my actions?" Lin Xun's voice was indifferent, but his words seemed to be full of power.

"I look forward to learning from you!"

As Luo Ya took a deep breath, divine lights blazed around his body and his bearing suddenly soared.

"You're not good enough. Who else doesn't agree should attack with him!"

Lin Xun's dark, unfathomable eyes scanned the audience. Anyone who met his gaze couldn't help but freeze and avoid direct eye contact.

"Is that the power of a true expert?" Qing Yunyang murmured, eyes sparkling with a hint of admiration.

"Hmph!" Luo Ya snorted coldly.

Unable to stand Lin Xun any longer, he boldly launched an attack.

Boom!

Rage hadn't clouded his mind. Instead, he wasn't fully aware of Lin Xun's mighty strength. He brought out a golden spear circulating with divine lights and charged forward.

The great hall boomed, the airflow turned chaotic, and the piercing whistle made everyone's faces blanch and their blood churn frantically in their bodies.

Undoubtedly, Luo Ya had unleashed all his strength!

He regarded Lin Xun as a great enemy and knew he couldn't hold back his strength.

Luo Ya's spear was remarkable and considered top-notch within the same cultivation stage. Any other cultivator would likely be afraid to face it head-on.

However, Lin Xun's reaction once again was contrary to everyone's expectations.

He stood there motionless, his tall and handsome figure akin to a towering mountain. He stretched out his slender and fair hand and clutched the golden spear coming straight at him.

The terrifying power of the spear could smash mountains and valleys, but the weapon failed to advance an inch under Lin Xun's firm grip!

In addition, the golden spear whimpered as if unable to bear the impact.

Everyone's expression dramatically changed, and their souls almost left their bodies from fright!

Luo Ya's full-strength attack was being suppressed so easily!

Boom!

With a flick of his wrist, Lin Xun seized the golden spear. Then, with a wide sweep of the spear, Luo Ya flew across the air and smashed a hole into the wall a dozen feet away.

One strike!

Luo Ya, a top expert in everyone's eyes, was utterly defeated and had multiple bones crushed!

On the other hand, Lin Xun was standing straight in the same spot, a golden spear gripped firmly in his hands. His cold and dark eyes were terrifying to the audience. He never wavered once from beginning to end.

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Luo Ya tumbled to the ground, coughing up blood.

Every part of his body twitched with indescribable pain, but he desperately endured it. The fear flooding his heart was much stronger compared with the pain all over his body.

It never crossed his mind that he would suffer the same fate as Wei Cang and Lai Yunshen— unable to withstand the teenager's strike!

It was too terrifying!

The battle felt impossible and unrealistic. He lost in the blink of an eye!

"Even if Niu Tuntian, Meng Lianqing and the others were here, they likely can't defeat me with one move..."

Luo Ya's emotions roiled uncontrollably. He felt an unprecedented defeat. That guy...who the hell is he?

The atmosphere in the hall became more and more heavy and quiet. The leading figures of the younger generation felt an unprecedented pressure bearing down on them.

Their expression turned grave, serious, and tinged with fear as they looked at the youngster standing alone in the distance.

Wei Cang lost...

Lai Yunshen also lost...

Even Luo Ya lost...

They were all defeated in one move!

It was too unbelievable! Luo Ya could be considered a top-notch cultivator within the Heaven Ascension Stage, yet he failed to withstand a single blow from his opponent! How strong was his opponent?

"Who else doesn't agree should stand up now," Lin Xun said aloud, eyes calm and voice indifferent. He exuded absolute confidence and superiority, deterring anyone from uttering a single word.

Previously, they arrogantly thought that Lin Xun had to be an incompetent character given that he was friends with Qing Yunyang, so they had disdained him.

But now, they felt threat and fear, realizing that the incompetent person in their eyes was a top cultivator in disguise!

Someone like him had to have set foot into the pinnacle of the Heaven Ascension great Dao and could be called a peerless existence that rivaled the top supreme saints.

Even if he didn't have the backing of any powerful behemoth clans, they didn't dare to provoke him!

The audience was utterly silent for a long moment. No one had the guts to utter a word.

A curious glow of excitement lit up Qing Yunyang's face. Is this what he meant by a true expert?!

Such a character could carry the clouds and mist and cut through the sky and ascend nine thousand miles!

In comparison, the so-called leaders of the younger generation were nothing but ants on the ground who could only look up at him with awe.

Footsteps from outside the hall broke the silent atmosphere.

"Huh? What happened?" A tall and strong-looking youngster swiftly and fiercely strode forward.

He was brawny and had a shiny bald head and malicious eyes. Cloaked in a scarlet cape, he looked like a ferocious beast.

Lan Tianqi!

Everyone's eyes flashed. They recognized the man.

He was a character fiercer and stronger than Luo Ya. He was ranked in the top ten among the younger generation in the Southern Sea.

He was also a saint-level figure, but he was notorious for being vicious and ruthless among the younger generation.

Previously, Wei Cang wanted to stop Qing Yunyang from leaving because he wanted to wait for Lan Tianqi to come!

Everyone knew that there had been a grudge between Lan Tianqi and Qing Yunyang, which was said to be because of a woman.

Regardless, almost everyone in the younger generation of the Southern Sea knew that if Lan Tianqi ran into Qing Yunyang, he would make him suffer a violent beating and humiliation!

However, only the two knew about the specific reason.

Now that Lan Tianqi had arrived, would a similar situation happen to Qing Yunyang like it did in the past?

Everyone couldn't help but turn to look at the teenager. However, when they saw his cold and unfathomable eyes, they couldn't help but tremble all over and kept silent.

It wasn't the time to join in!

"Why isn't anyone speaking?" Lan Tianqi frowned as he ran his eyes across the hall.

"Let's go." Lin Xun speculated that the treasure auction had ended, so he informed Qing Yunyang and walked towards the exit of the hall in huge strides.

Everyone stared dumbfounded at him. Is he just going to leave like that?

Then, they all heaved a sigh of relief. It's good that he is leaving. If he continues to fight, we all will likely have to suffer.

Lan Tianqi's face darkened. In the past, he had always been worshiped and greeted enthusiastically wherever he went.

However, today was too unusual. He saw many familiar faces as he entered the hall, but no one paid any special attention to him.

He found it most unbelievable that an unfamiliar-looking teenager had stood up to leave with Qing Yunyang.

He directly disregarded him!

His eyes flashed a chilling coldness. "Qing Yunyang, stop right there!" His voice shook the soul like a clap of thunder.

Normally, Qing Yunyang would be so frightened that he wouldn't dare to move when reprimanded like this.

To his disbelief, Qing Yunyang turned around and walked away as if he hadn't heard him.

"You have a death wish!" Lan Tianqi raged. He was already an extremely fiery and ruthless person. Now that everyone in the hall, as well as Lin Xun and Qing Yunyang, had ignored him and treated him as air, how could he not be angry?

Boom!

Amidst a berserk roar, Lan Tianqi stretched out his hand.

A cloud of bright thunderstorms suddenly emerged from his palm before transforming into a giant hand and reaching to grab Qing Yunyang.

As a young genius ranked among the top saints, Lan Tianqi was no doubt extraordinary.

Moreover, his attack was filled with anger so it was even more terrifying!

However, to his surprise, everyone showed a different reaction compared to the past.

There were no excited cheers nor gasps of anticipation. Instead, there was a complicated air as though...they couldn't bear it...

What is going on today?

Before he could figure out the strangeness, he noticed the teenager walking towards the main hall exit suddenly turn around.

Boom!

A slender fair hand appeared out of nowhere and, with a gentle twist, it crushed the giant hand!

"Huh? Could it be related to that boy?" Lan Tianqi's pupils shrank.

He wasn't an idiot, so he sharply sensed the key to the unusualness.

"I'm leaving with him, do you have an objection?" asked Lin Xun.

He didn't know who Lan Tianqi was nor did he know about the grudges between Lan Tianqi and Qing Yunyang, but he didn't care.

He would soon return to the Ziyao Empire, so he didn't mind offending anyone.

"Haha, who is this boy? How dare he talk to me like this?" Lan Tianqi was burning with anger in his heart, but his outward appearance became colder and more serious and his eyes were filled with murderous rage.

Boom!

Lan Tianqi was known for being domineering. As soon as his voice sounded, he aimed a palm strike at Lin Xun.

Lin Xun's figure flickered as he swiftly evaded the attack. "This place isn't suitable for fighting. Why don't we decide the outcome of the battle with an exchange of three moves? If I lose, I will let you do anything. If you lose..."

He glanced at Qing Yunyang and continued, "If you lose, how about kneeling and kowtowing to him three times?"

Lan Tianqi immediately narrowed their eyes and began to study Lin Xun more carefully. This boy is too confident.

He realized that something didn't feel right.

Someone forcibly suppressed their fear and reminded him, "Brother Lan, this person defeated Wei Cang, Lai Yunshen and Luo Ya just now. They all lost within a single blow. You...must be careful!"

Lan Tianqi's countenance changed slightly, trembling inwardly. Wei Cang and Lai Yunshen were nothing special, but he couldn't believe that even someone such as Luo Ya would be defeated in one move. He didn't dare to let his guard down anymore.

"Haha, I wondered what ability you have, Qing Yunyang. It turns out that you have found a master to help you." Lan Tianqi smiled coldly as he swept a contemptuous gaze over Qing Yunyang like knives.

However, Qing Yunyang remained calm and composed. "No matter what you think, I just want to tell you now that, in ten years, I will kill you with my own hands!" His voice was resolute.

"Oh?" Lan Tianqi frowned.

His response was too unusual. In the past, Qing Yunyang was always like a cowardly turtle and suffered all humiliation in silence.

Today, he seemed to have become a different person!

Was it all because of that boy?

Lan Tianqi ignored Qing Yunyang as he had nothing but contempt for him. But he knew he couldn't let his guard down in front of the teenager!

"Three moves?" Are you sure?" Lan Tianqi fixed a stare at Lin Xun, eyes flashing a cold glint.

"Do you dare to accept the challenge?" Lin Xun's expression remained unchanged.

"Okay!" Following a roar that was akin to a clap of thunder erupting from the ground, Lan Tianqi launched his first attack.

Rumble!

Terrifying bolts of lightning surged around his body and burst forth from his eyes. He completely unleashed and displayed the power and bearing of a top saint figure.

It was as though an unrivaled ferocious beast had been awakened within his body. The baleful aura sent everyone in the hall trembling.

So strong!

Lan Tianqi was aware of Lin Xun's power so he mobilized all his strength to be able to suppress Lin Xun within three moves.

However, Lin Xun remained calm and relaxed. Even if he was just standing there, he overshadowed everyone else in the hall.

Under intent eyes, the showdown kicked off.

Boom!

Lan Tianqi activated a secret art on his first move, and his imposing bearing soared. Everyone's jaw dropped when they saw his first palm strike as they recognized it was a secret art with boundless terrifying power.

But Lin Xun calmly and casually countered it. He remained standing in the same spot and never wavered once.

Everyone was chilled to the core. The full-strength strike of a supreme top saint had been brushed off so easily!

As expected, Luo Ya and the others didn't lose unfairly. The teenager possessed the strength to be on an equal level with a top supreme saint!

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Chapter 633: All Thanks to One Punch

That guy is strong!

Lan Tianqi had to possess remarkable fighting experience to be able to become a top Saint figure. So, from their brief exchange, he already grasped that his opponent was difficult to deal with.

However, he couldn't understand when such a powerful figure appeared in the Southern Sea.

Why had he never heard about him before?

However, he didn't have time to think about it. For his second move, he brought out his own weapon. A blade enveloped in shining silvery thunderbolts.

Thunder Devourer Blade!

A powerful ancient treasure imbued with the power of the silver thunder and filled with a destructive aura. The blade was well-known within the entire Southern Sea.

This was because it was an ancestral weapon of the clan that Lan Tianqi belonged to. Rumor had it that the blade had been stained with the blood of a real Saint in ancient times and contained boundless powers.

"Lan Tianqi actually intends to use that secret treasure!"

Everyone in the hall was shocked to see Lan Tianqi bring out such a weapon because it indicated that the teenager was strong enough for him to regard as a true enemy.

However, they were more shocked to see that Lin Xun was still fighting barehanded.

Could he be so confident that he could defeat Lan Tianqi without relying on any weapons or treasures?

Everyone shivered inwardly.

They didn't know that Lin Xun was also bare-handed when he had defeated Niu Tuntian and the other three saints in the ancient training hall in the Deva Secret Realm!

At that time, he was only at the initial Heaven Ascension Stage, but now, he had reached the mid-Heaven Ascension Stage and his strength had been transformed once again.

“Thunderbolt Obliteration!” Lan Tianqi roared, new thunderbolts springing out from his tongue.

A glinting blade appeared out of nowhere, flashing across the air and pulverizing the surrounding space.

It looked as though a thunderbolt was descending from the sky, trying to destroy the world!

Everyone felt their blood freeze, and their breathing almost stopped from the terrifying destructive aura. They knew quite well that they wouldn’t be able to evade or block if they were in Lin Xun’s place.

Even Qing Yunyang, who had the utmost confidence in Lin Xun, couldn’t stay calm. He knew Lan Tianqi very well. He might be ruthless and violent, but his strength in battle was unquestionable.

As a top supreme saint, he was a fierce character who struck terror into everyone of his generation in the Southern Sea.

Now, he was attacking with all his strength, bringing out secret treasures, and activating secret arts. Who could remain calm in the face of such a domineering stance?

How would Lin Xun...be able to survive?

Bang!

Contrary to everyone’s expectations, Lin Xun just took a step forward. His black hair fluttered around him, and his face was devoid of emotion. He didn’t strike back in the face of such a terrifying blow.

One step!

However, there was an impassioned dragon roar followed by a realistic-looking snow-white Hornless Ice Dragon raising its head skywards, emitting an indescribable ancient aura.

It was as though a true ancient beast had emerged in the world. It was as dazzling as snow and ice and exuded an imposing and majestic bearing like it looked over all living beings.

Everyone’s faces blanched, and a feeling of unease flooded their hearts. All of them were intimidated by the aura released from the Hornless Ice Dragon.

Roar!

The dragon soared into the sky. As its icy body coiled around in the air, it crushed the thunderbolt blade shadow into a shower of light.

Boom!

At the same time, Lan Tianqi’s body trembled violently as though struck by lightning and the Thunder Devourer Blade buzzed endlessly and almost flew out of his grip.

His expression dramatically changed, turning unprecedentedly grave. He was facing the greatest enemy among his peers!

Ever since he started cultivating, he had competed against many top saints and young geniuses, but he had never encountered one as terrifying as the teenager opposite him!

The teenager was akin to an abyss—unfathomable and unpredictable.

He felt like he was facing a king. His opponent's strength was unbelievably strong despite his calm bearing.

The rest of the audience stood rooted to the spot like clay sculptures. Even Luo Ya, Wei Cang and Lai Yunshen, who were previously defeated by Lin Xun, were paralyzed with terror!

They couldn't believe that Lin Xun still retained so much strength even if he had defeated them all in one move!

If he hadn't held back his strength...

They shuddered all over at the deadly consequences and didn't dare to think about it anymore.

"It's no wonder that all those old monsters and remarkable figures of the younger generation call him the demon god youngster..." Qing Yunyang clenched his fists, excitement fluttering inside him.

An expert! He is a true expert! He can crush everything with his strength no matter whether his enemies have grasped thousands of cultivation arts or mastered millions of secret techniques.

"This is the last strike. I won't hold back my strength!" Lan Tianqi drew a deep breath, eyes blazing with determination and madness.

His power suddenly changed. It steadily rose like a storm, growing stronger and more terrifying. Flashes of thunder enveloped his entire body like liquid, blinding everyone's eyes.

Boom!

Amidst a deafening roar, everyone sensed that Lan Tianqi had broken through to the next cultivation stage!

He had leapt from the mid-Heaven Ascension Stage to the upper Heaven Ascension Stage, and his strength had undergone a transformation!

"I, Lan Tianqi, have been polishing my foundation and suppressing my cultivation stage to achieve a perfect great dao path for when I compete for the great dao in the future. Today, you are very lucky. You witnessed my little change on this road in person."

Lan Tianqi's expression was dark and callous, and his eyes were swirling with thunderstorms. His overbearing presence filled the hall and made everyone feel suffocating.

"However, you are also unlucky because the third blow will determine the outcome of the showdown. And you...are destined to die at my hands!" The cold and murderous voice reverberated in the hall.

Lan Tianqi's expression was unusually calm and tinged with absolute superiority that had never been seen before.

That was the bearing of a top supreme saint. They had invincible confidence in their own dao path, a common characteristic of true experts.

They might have different personalities and different styles of operation, but they all shared the same extraordinary persistence and confidence in their own dao paths.

Everyone trembled inwardly, intimidated and subdued by the terrifying power.

“You can say that after you block my attack.” Lin Xun’s dark eyes glinted coldly.

It wasn’t until that moment that his interest in the battle was piqued.

Boom!

This time, he was the first to attack. He threw a punch.

It was simple, direct and ordinary, yet it contained the power to reach into people’s hearts, penetrate time and space, and shake the sky!

That was the true essence of battle. It was integrated into the wonderful meaning of the Nine Heavenshaking Destructions Art.

The greatest music had the faintest notes; the greatest form had no shape..

The punch was the same. It displayed no flashy or showy movements nor were there any splendid or earthshaking scenes.

However, as the fist blasted out, the air crumbled like canvas and all scenes collapsed. Only his fist remained in the world.

“That...”

The power of the punch had completely drowned everyone’s heart. They could no longer see everything except an intense aura of death.

They were only spectators, but even so, the punch had a tremendous impact on them.

Imaginably, the punch was terrifying.

Lan Tianqi’s face also paled, and his mind was unable to shake the power of the punch. He believed that he could easily suppress Lin Xun after his breakthrough.

But when he faced the punch, he realized that he was wrong, outrageously wrong!

His hair stood on end. It was an instinctive reaction to danger. Even his spirit, fighting will and state of mind were affected.

For the first time in his life, he felt a strong urge to avoid battling and flee for his life!

Was that a power that someone at the Heaven Ascension Stage could possess?

Everything seemed to happen slowly, but actually it happened extremely quickly, so fast that Lan Tianqi had no time to think about it.

It was the third strike!

How could he evade the attack and break the agreement?

“Die!” Lan Tianqi roared in fury, mobilizing every shred of power within his body and instilling it into his blade.

He decided to go all out, even at the risk of his life.

His blade slashed forward.

Instantly, he felt his body hollowing out. He knew that erupting with all his strength would bring considerable damage to his body given the fact that he had only made a breakthrough moments ago.

But...

It was worth it if he could defeat his opponent!

However, as they collided, he found that he was wrong...

Boom!

A vast explosion of divine brilliance smashed all the decorative items in the hall into smithereens and blasted many nearby cultivators across the hall before they could evade.

It was as though a devastating storm had swept the area.

Thud!

When the rumble subsided and all the smoke and dust dissipated, Lan Tianqi collapsed to the ground on his knees like a mountain.

He was trembling and violently coughing up blood. His face was pale to the point of transparent, and his body was incredibly weak and verging on death.

Everyone's eyes were wide with horror and their teeth were tightly clenched. One punch! Lan Tianqi, a top supreme saint, was completely suppressed!

Lin Xun again was still standing tall, his clothes untainted by a speck of dust. He had an air of superiority and calmness around him like a king looking over the world.

"I...actually...lost..." Lan Tianqi cried hoarsely, as though he couldn't accept the defeat.

He knelt there blankly and happened to be facing Qing Yunyang.

All of a sudden, he felt everything darken before him.

"Who are you? Why...why are you so strong?"

After a long moment, he barely managed to raise his eyes to look at Lin Xun, only to find that the battlefield was already empty. The teenager and Qing Yunyang had already left.

"I don't even know his name...this defeat...is so tragic..." Lan Tianqi murmured, his voice echoing the deep sorrow and frustration in his heart.

Everyone in the hall was silent and donned cloudy expressions. They couldn't calm the rioting emotions in their hearts.

They looked at Lan Tianqi and couldn't help but sympathize with him.

A high and mighty saint whom everyone regarded as remarkable had suffered such a pitiful defeat!

And all that was thanks to one punch!

Who was that teenager?

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Chapter 634: Sudden Change

The Yunpeng Market was as busy and full of activity as usual.

Lin Xun and Qing Yunyang shuttled through the bustling crowd.

They seemed to be moving slowly, but they were, in fact, dashing out of Yunpeng Island at an incredible speed.

“Although those guys are arrogant, they are not stupid. I’m worried that they will soon guess my identity. Are you afraid now?”

As Lin Xun darted forward, he said to Qing Yunyang, “If they know that you and I are connected the consequences might be bad.”

“I’m not afraid.” Qing Yunyang remained calm. “Although our Azure Turtle Clan is declining, not everyone can bully us, not to mention that our Patriarch Qing Lie has returned. As long as he is around, anyone who wants to target us will have to go through him first.”

He drew a deep breath, and his face bore a look of determination, “I plan to go into closed-door cultivation once I return to my clan. Within ten years, I will become a true expert!”

Qing Yunyang had changed. His state of mind was different from before, and his attitude had become more dedicated and unwavering.

True experts always strove for self-improvement.

With that mentality, Qing Yunyang would no doubt cut through the wind and waves on his own path.

Lin Xun couldn’t help but nod. It’s not too late for him to realize it now.

“What about you? Are you not worried?” Qing Yunyang suddenly asked.

The current Lin Xun was no doubt a character that everyone wanted to beat up in the Southern Sea. He would have to face unimaginable consequences if his identity was found out.

“If all goes well, then I will leave today.” Lin Xun smiled, as though he didn’t care.

“You can stay in the Azure Turtle Clan. I believe that you can at least avoid some trouble with the protection of our patriarch,” suggested Qing Yunyang.

“No need.” Lin Xun shook his head.

As the two were conversing, they had already left Yunpeng Island and returned to the back of the huge azure turtle where the Azure Turtle Clan experts had gathered.

“Toady, how did it go?” Lin Xun immediately noticed Toady waiting when he arrived.

Toady had attended the treasure auction with Patriarch Qing Lie. They had already agreed to bid for the Grand Universe Ark and immediately return to the Ziyao Empire.

But Toady sighed with a frown. "An accident happened."

What?

Lin Xun narrowed his eyes. "What happened?"

"Damn it, even speaking about it makes me want to kill!" Toady flew into a rage, jumping up and down.

It turned out that Toady and Patriarch Qing Lie were determined to win the bid for the Grand Universe Ark so they placed a sky-high price to scare off the competitors. Other influential figures dared not to compete with them, but who would have thought that another bidder suddenly entered the race just as the hammer was about to fall? The bid was doubled that of Toady and Patriarch Qing Lie.

With their plans messed up, it was no wonder that Toady was so furious.

"Brother Qing Lie and I were so angry that we planned to use violence to snatch the Grand Universe Ark back." Toady was very clearly stirred up. "Who would have thought that person already ran away before the treasure auction ended? They're more cunning than a fox!"

Lin Xun was speechless for a while. The story is full of twists and turns.

"Where's Brother Qing Lie?" asked Lin Xun.

"He was summoned by a group of big shots to discuss something," Toady answered apathetically, but then his expression dramatically changed. He slapped his forehead. "I almost forgot something important!"

"What's the matter?" Lin Xun scrunched his brows.

"It's about you," Toady stated solemnly, face overcast with worry. "Although the treasure auction is very grand and has attracted many important people from various clans, do you know what its real purpose is?"

Before Lin Xun could answer, he stated out loud, "It's to deal with you!"

Lin Xun palpitated. "To deal with me?"

"Yes, I don't know which old monster did it, but they managed to infer that you haven't left the Southern Sea area yet, so the big shots of every clan have gathered here after hearing the news. They hoped to unite and set up an inescapable net to capture you!"

Lin Xun's black eyes glowed as he fell silent.

"Believe it or not, almost everyone in the Southern Sea knows that you have made the greatest harvest in the Deva Secret Realm and that it is related to the inheritance of the true Saint Path. Do you think those Life Death Stage Kings will watch you leave and do nothing?" Toady started to panic when he saw Lin Xun continue to stay so quiet.

"I never imagined that Life Death Stage Kings would join forces to deal with me, a Heaven Ascension cultivator. They think so highly of me." Lin Xun sighed, putting his hands behind his back.

He wasn't surprised that Luo Ya and the leading figures of the younger generation had gathered together to discuss how to deal with him. He also didn't take it seriously.

But it was different now. A group of powerful old monsters coveted the treasures on him and planned to join forces to stop him from leaving the Southern Sea alive!

Under such circumstances, it's inevitable for anyone to feel grave.

Worst of all, someone had seized the Grand Universe Ark before him!

"Do I really have no other choice but to directly cross the Spirit Burial Sea?" Lin Xun contemplated.

There were thousands of miles between his location and the Forbidden City. Moreover, the journey would no doubt be full of unpredictable natural disasters and dangers.

He only had a slim chance of surviving even with the guidance of a Life Death Stage King.

Lin Xun and Zhao Jingxuan had traveled through the Spirit Burial Sea before, but it was also only because of Elder Gao Yang that they managed to safely arrive outside Return Dominion.

However, Lin Xun now only had Toady. Given their combined strength, it would be no different from throwing away their lives if they were to cross the Spirit Burial Sea.

"I blame that bastard who robbed us of the Grand Universe Ark! Don't let me know who did it or else I will have to kill them!" Toady hissed through gritted teeth.

"Who do you have to kill?" A clear and pleasant voice rang like a wind chime.

Following the sweet noise, a graceful and ethereal figure drifted towards them from the distance. Her clothes billowed around her, accentuating her elegant figure, and her black hair fluttered in the sea breeze. She was like a fairy from a painting.

"It's that demon girl!"

Lin Xun and Toady immediately recognized that the beautiful person was Ahu.

She was dressed in a light yellow dress that rippled the blue sea. Her skin was smooth and fair, and her eyes were huge and shining. She was a pure and otherworldly beauty.

"It's her!"

Qing Yunyang's expression slightly changed, turning into a complex look of hatred, bitterness and sadness.

Only then did Lin Xun recall that Wu Yang had mentioned then that it was Ahu who had stolen the Azure Turtle Clan's treasure, the Thousand Opportunity Flag, so they had to hunt her down.

However, Lin Xun didn't expect to see Ahu appear here, the territory occupied by the Azure Turtle Clan!

This girl is really brave.

Lin Xun glanced at Qing Yunyang, but unexpectedly found that he had calmed down already and did not act out violently.

However, the nearby Azure Turtle Clan experts were seething and shrouded in murderous intent. All their eyes were locked on Ahu.

Perhaps, with a wave of a hand from Qing Yunyang, they would launch into action without any hesitation!

However, Qing Yunyang didn't do so. Instead, he let out a light sigh, motioned his hand and said, "Don't move, let her come over."

All Azure Turtle Clan experts frowned in puzzlement.

"Young Master Qingyang, we meet again."

Ahu smiled sweetly, her beautiful eyes gleaming and sparkling. She drifted towards them like an ethereal fairy, drawing everyone's attention.

"What are you doing here? You already took the Thousand Opportunity Flag! Is that not enough for you? Do you also want to harm our Azure Turtle Clan?!" Qing Yunyang asked.

Ahu scrunched her delicate brows and then gave a sweet smile. "I wanted to leave, but there is one more thing I have to do first."

"What?"

With a slight smile, Ahu swept a glance over Toady. "Hey, didn't you say you wanted to kill me just now?"

Toady was taken aback at first before it dawned on him. "You were the one who took our Grand Universe Ark!" he fumed.

Ahu giggled, "What do you mean by yours? I won it in a bidding war, so it belongs to me."

"Miss Ahu, you didn't come here just for us, did you?" Lin Xun suddenly spoke as he surveyed the mysterious maiden.

Qing Yunyang focused his eyes on Lin Xun. She...came here for Lin Xun?

Sure enough, Ahu snapped her fingers, and her eyes curved into crescent moon-like shapes as she smiled. She was like a beautiful and charming little fox. "You're smart! You guessed it right. Amazing."

"Miss, although I don't know what motive you have, I don't have time right now. Why don't we be straightforward with each other?" Lin Xun also smiled.

"That would be a waste of time. Just follow me. We can have a good talk along the way."

Ahu's smile became brighter and brighter. Her skin was crystal clear, her teeth were pearly white, and her slim and graceful body was bathed in a dreamy glow under the sun. Her beauty was unrivaled.

"Follow you? Do you think we will be so stupid to follow you just because you're pretty?" Toady said disdainfully.

Ahu's beautiful smile immediately faded. "I have the Grand Universe Ark in my hands, and you are about to face a grave disaster. Do you have another option other than to follow me?" she asked in a serious tone.

Lin Xun and Toady narrowed their eyes, realizing something strange. The mysterious girl called Ahu seemed to know their situation very well!

Who was she?

Ahu pursed her lips. "If you won't leave, then I'm going now."

"Then—Miss, thank you in advance!" Lin Xun quickly agreed without another thought.

"Damn it, you're not bewitched by her, are you? What if she is an enemy?" Toady yelled.

"Are you afraid?" asked Lin Xun.

"Nonsense, how would I be afraid of a little girl?"

"Then what is there to be afraid of if we leave with her?" Lin Xun questioned again.

Toady finally realized that Lin Xun wasn't joking. Instead, the youth was serious!

Qing Yunyang, who had been silent all this time, suddenly urged, "Guys, if you trust me, I would suggest you leave with her."

Lin Xun and Toady looked stunned at Qing Yunyang, never expecting him to speak for Ahu.

Even Ahu seemed a little surprised as she took a deep look at Qing Yunyang and smiled. "Young Master Yunyang, I was right about you."

"I don't care if you are right or wrong. I just hope that you will never appear in front of me again in my life!" Qing Yunyang's face was devoid of emotion.

Ahu smiled again and didn't say anything else.

In the end, Lin Xun and Toady drifted away with Ahu.

Before leaving, Lin Xun handed a bag to Qing Yunyang. "Destroy the things inside after you've read them. I hope it can help you."

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Qing Yunyang didn't look away until Lin Xun and the others had left his sight.

His eyes glazed over as he thought about all his experiences. It turns out that...he is the demon god youngster who caused a storm in the Southern Sea!

After a moment, he restored calmness to his mind and became the most resolute and firm that he had ever been.

From Lin Xun, he saw the path of a true expert and came to realize that he had been too incompetent.

"I might be the Saint of the Azure Turtle Clan, but I am more like a frog at the bottom of the well. From now on, I will improve and grow stronger. I will abandon everything else and focus solely on my cultivation!" As Qing Yunyang drew a deep breath, his eyes became clear and focused, and his state of mind completely changed.

The nearby Azure Turtle Clan attendants also noticed their saint had become another person. They couldn't help but marvel at his serious yet calm bearing.

A thought struck Qing Yunyang. "Oh right, I wonder what Lin Xun left for me." He turned around and headed into the Nine Heavens White Jade Building before he carefully looked through the bag that Lin Xun gave him.

He froze like he was struck by lightning, his chest heaving up and down and his expression constantly altering.

There was astonishment, shock, wild joy, excitement, and deep gratitude.

The contents in the bag were very simple. There were only a few books, including the Martial True Scripture of the Blood Lion Clan, the Natural Inhaling Art of the Dragon Whale Clan, the Underworld Thunder Tempering Art of the Herculean Demon Bull Clan and the Liujia Demon Sealing Scripture of the Cloud Hou Clan...

Every one of those books could be considered an earth-shaking masterpiece. They contained infinite wonders and were considered the supreme inheritance of a clan.

They could set off storms in the entire Southern Sea if they were leaked to the outside world.

"It's no wonder that those big shots would ignore their identities and status to join forces to hunt him down. No one could tolerate the supreme secret of their clan being leaked out..." Qing Yunyang exclaimed emotionally, more and more shocked by the terror of Lin Xun. Not just anyone could snatch the supreme secrets of so many top clans.

"If I can gain an insight into the wonders of these books, then I would have an absolute advantage in a battle against the Blood Lion Clan, Dragon Whale Clan and Herculean Demon Bull Clan!"

"Because I would have grasped the secrets of their cultivation arts."

"Perhaps, this is exactly the reason why Lin Xun gave me these books..."

Qing Yunyang's heart seemed to be rising and falling like waves. Finally, he peered through the window, gazing at the sapphire sea and murmured, "Lin Xun, thank you very much! When the true great age comes, I will stand shoulder to shoulder with you and fight for the great dao!"

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On the ninth floor of the Drunken Immortal House.

The huge hall was a mess.

Lan Tianqi, Luo Ya and other leading figures of the younger generation were sitting cross-legged with overcast faces.

Although Lin Xun and Qing Yunyang had left, none of them could calm down. They were still trembling with fear and shame when they thought about what happened just now.

"There doesn't seem to be someone so strong among the younger generation of Heaven Ascension cultivators in the Southern Sea. I wonder who that guy is?" Luo Ya's voice broke the silence.

Everyone looked at each other in dismay.

"If my guess is correct, then that teenager should have embarked on the legendary supreme dao path!" Lan Tianqi stated.

He inhaled deeply with a cloudy expression on his face. "It is also called the realm of kings! He is like a supreme king among cultivators of the same stage, and he could be considered invincible!"

"The only people who stand a chance against him are those who have also reached the realm of kings! Otherwise, he is invincible."

"The king watches over a cultivation stage like a divine dragon in the sky. In ancient times, they were hailed as the supreme geniuses and were capable of sweeping all others in the same cultivation stage!"

"Such a character can be called peerless even in ancient times!"

Lan Tianqi's words were like thunderbolts, striking the entire audience into silence and shock again and again.

That teenager just now was actually a supreme king standing in the Heaven Ascension Stage? He was strong enough to sweep all enemies of the same generation and suppress everyone of the same cultivation stage?

He was like a mysterious legend, full of unbelievable brilliance.

"Is there really such a peerless person in this world?" someone asked in a trembling voice.

"Yes!" Lan Tianqi said resoundingly as memories flashed across his eyes. "A few years ago, I followed the elders of my clan to Heaven Axis Holy Land in the Ancient Wasteland Domain. There, I heard rumors about supreme geniuses."

"It is certain that such heaven-defying figures have long existed in the major sects of clans of Ancient Wasteland Domain!"

"For example, Yun Qingbai, the successor of the Omega Sword Sect. He is hailed as the number one sword cultivator of the younger generation. He is also known as an invincible supreme king when he was at the Heaven Ascension Stage."

Yun Qingbai!

Many people's expressions changed at the mention of the name. They had heard rumors about this remarkable person.

Amidst changing gazes, Luo Ya cried out, "Could it be...that teenager just now is also a supreme king?"

Lan Tianqi explained in a deep voice, "He defeated me with three blows and allowed me no chance to fight back. If a person like him is not a supreme king, then he is superior to a king!"

Lan Tianqi was a top saint almost at the pinnacle of the Heaven Ascension Stage, but he was defeated by the punch of a teenager.

They likely couldn't find another person able to achieve that in the entire Southern Sea!

Where did that teenager come from? He possessed strength that rivaled that of Heaven Ascension Kings. Why had they never heard of him before?

"I remember! It's him!" someone suddenly cried out. "It's that demon god youngster!"

Demon god youngster!

Everyone, including Lan Tianqi, shuddered inwardly and turned ashen-faced at the mention of the title.

"Yes, he must be the demon god youngster! We all guessed wrong just now. He is not a cultivator from our Southern Sea, but a human cultivator with the Spirit Treasure Holy Land!"

"That's right, only the demon god youngster would possess such terrifying strength. According to the rumors, even Niu Tuntian and three other supreme top saints were no match for him. That proves how fierce he is."

"It turns out it was him...no wonder he could effortlessly subdue Wei Cang, Lai Yunshen and Luo Ya in one blow."

All of a sudden, understanding dawned on everyone and their expressions turned the most complicated they had ever been.

Moments ago, they had been discussing that they would join forces to hunt for the demon god youngster. But it turned out that the fierce and ruthless guy had been in front of them all along!

With that thought, they felt chilled to the core. If the demon god youngster had launched a killing spree, then the consequences would be unimaginable.

"Why are you standing there blankly? Hurry up and tell the elders to capture and kill the demon god youngster!" Lan Tianqi roared.

His words jolted everyone out of their shock. Yes! It was a rare opportunity as the demon god youngster had appeared in Yunpeng Market!

"Let's go!"

"No matter what, we can't let him escape this time!"

"Quick, hurry up and inform the patriarch! A great opportunity is right in front of us!"

Amidst the uproar, the young men and women raced out of the Drunken Immortal House like berserk beasts, pushing and shoving each other out of the way.

The demon god youngster possessed great treasures of the Deva Secret Realm. Whoever captured and killed him first could seize his treasures!

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Before long, the matter stirred the entire Yunpeng Market.

The cultivators of all clans were horrified to see so many Life Death Stage Kings soaring into the sky and emitting murderous intent. Their monstrous might made even the sky and earth lose their color.

What was happening?

Every area of Yunpeng Island was in a state of shock. But soon, news rapidly swept the area and spread like a storm.

“The demon god youngster has appeared!”

“He is on Yunpeng Island!”

All cultivators went wild with excitement when they heard the news.

Who in the Southern Sea didn’t know that the demon god youngster of the human race had displayed his divine might in the Deva Secret Realm, slaughtered countless heroes of various clans, and launched blood baths?

Most frighteningly, even Niu Tuntian, Meng Lianqing, Kong Xiu, Xuan Luozi and other top saints were defeated at the demon god youngster’s hands after joining forces.

A guy notorious for his fierceness and bloodthirstiness had appeared in the Yunpeng Market, so how would it not cause an uproar?

Apart from being incomparably cruel and savage, the demon god youngster held great treasures related to the Saint Path. That fact alone was enough to make any Life Death Stage Kings risk their lives to snatch and fight for it!

“Search!”

“Search everywhere and find him for me!”

“Whoever finds traces of the demon god youngster will be rewarded with 10 million sea crystals!”

The voices of those searching for the demon god youngster resounded everywhere.

In addition to ordinary cultivators, Life Death Stage Kings had been dispatched. They released their sensing powers and searched with all their strengths.

Soon, a young cultivator who attended the gathering in the Drunken Immortal House provided intel that he had seen the demon god youngster leave with the saint of the Azure Turtle Clan.

All of a sudden, everyone directed their attention to the Azure Turtle Clan.

The Life Death Stage Kings rushed there as soon as they got the news.

A deadly tribulation is coming!

On the periphery of Yunpeng Island, Patriarch Qing Lie was standing with his hands behind his back and his brows furrowed gravely.

The murderous intent of heaven would cause stars to shift; the murderous intent of earth would bring dragons and snakes to rise from the land; the murderous intent of people would turn the world upside down.

Now, the surrounding area of Yunpeng Island was filled with terrifying murderous intent and Life Death Stage Kings were being dispatched one after one.

The deadly tribulation was undoubtedly too much to bear for a teenager at the Heaven Ascension Stage.

“Little Brother, I hope you have left in time...” Patriarch Qing Lie gazed at the distant sapphire sea.

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Swoosh!

A shining silvery boat covered with ancient diagrams and shaped like a pointy shuttle ripped through the sky in a straight trajectory, speeding past hundreds of miles in a flash.

Only when it vanished from someone’s sight would that person hear a sharp whistle pierce the air, spreading across the sky and crushing the clouds into thread-like fluff.

It was so fast that it was impossible to capture its movements.

It was almost like teleportation.

“This is the Grand Universe Ark, an important weapon of the Thousand Streams Sect in ancient times. It was constructed by Saints who used void crystals from outside the domain. There are thirteen thousand and nine hundred diagram arrays across its body. Once activated, it can travel thousands of miles in the blink of an eye. It’s almost the same as true teleportation art.” Ahu’s clear and sweet voice rang from the boat.

She was dressed in a light yellow dress with her hair loose and framing her pretty, fair face. Standing at the front of the cabin, she looked ethereal with her graceful and slender figure.

“Unfortunately, this treasure has been through countless years of corrosion to survive to this time. Almost all the diagram arrays on it have been destroyed and faded and lost their powers. Now, only fewer than three thousand diagram arrays on it can be activated,” Ahu sighed regretfully.

Lin Xun and Toady stared at her in puzzlement. They never thought that Ahu would know so much about the treasure, including its origin and powers, so they found it very unusual.

“Of course, even if this treasure is damaged, no other treasure in the world can match its superb speed.” As Ahu raised her eyes, a smile spread across her stunning face. “Most importantly, its defense is incredibly strong, able to neutralize many natural disasters as we cross the Spirit Burial Sea.”

Toady snorted, “No matter how powerful it is, can it block the attack of Life Death Stage Kings?”

He had always been prejudiced against Ahu, believing that she would bring disaster. Although she was breathtakingly beautiful, she was no doubt a demon girl.

“Of course not.”

Ahu didn't mind his question and answered with a smile, "However, this treasure can avoid the attacks of Life Death Stage Kings."

Her words shocked Toady and left him speechless.

The treasure could be said to defy the heavens if it could avoid the blows of Life Death Stage Kings. It would be considered a supreme treasure weapon for escaping!

"It's still so amazing in a damaged state. I can't help but wonder how incredible it will be in its complete form..." Lin Xun's dark eyes lit up with surprise.

He was a rune founder so he, naturally, was drawn to all the ancient arrays throughout the ark the moment he stepped onto it. He could, of course, tell that the majority of arrays had faded and lost their former power. But even so, he was amazed by the traces of the great dao contained in each of the ancient mysterious arrays.

"The treasure is refined by a Saint. How would it not be extraordinary in its undamaged state?" Ahu explained with a smile.

It dawned on Lin Xun that the runes contained in the ancient arrays were not particularly obscure and what was really impressive were the great dao traces within the diagram arrays!

It was the power left by a Saint, something that current Lin Xun couldn't understand or comprehend.

"Miss Ahu, are you going to the Ziyao Empire too?" Lin Xun suddenly asked.

Even though he had agreed to travel with Ahu, he still hadn't seen through the woman's true motives.

Ahu smiled slightly, her clear eyes glistening. "Young Master, once we're safe, I will tell you everything."

"Hmph! She's so secretive. She must be hiding something." Toady found Ahu more and more irritating. He felt that the woman was too scheming.

Boom!

At that moment, a sudden change happened.

A wave of invisible power swept down from the sky and enveloped the world. The air was crushed with a terrifying rumble.

The Grand Universe Ark violently swayed, buzzed, and shook under the terrifying impact.

Lin Xun and Toady shuddered at the same time, their faces turning pale. What terrifying power!

"Young Master, the deadly tribulation is here!" Ahu tucked her hair behind her ears, while her stunning face became serious and solemn.

She steered the Grand Universe Ark and began to dodge the attack.

The countless ancient rune arrays glowed brightly, illuminating the surroundings of the ark. The ark instantly gained speed!

The treasure flickered endlessly in the air like a stream of flowing light before it flashed away from the wave of terrifying power.

At the same time, Lin Xun and Toady noticed a mighty figure in the distance. Its aura surged into the sky and shook the mountains and valleys. It was as though a true master had descended upon the world!

It was a middle-aged man in a purple robe with an ink-black beard and hair. As he opened and closed his eyes, there seemed to be the sun, moon and stars rising and falling within them, releasing immeasurable power.

Unquestionable, he was a Life Death Stage King!

The blow just now was launched by a purple-robed middle-aged man.

"I have seen him at the treasure auction. He is the patriarch of the Scarlet Bird Clan. This means that they are indeed coming for us!" Toady's face blanched.

Who wouldn't panic under the pursuit of a Life Death Stage King?

They didn't have the help of the mysterious old ape this time. Could the treasure ark save them from the deadly tribulation?

Toady wasn't confident in it.

A thunderous voice shook the clouds, "Little bastard, you have killed many successors of various clans in the Southern Sea, so how can we just let you run away so easily?! You will have to stay!"

A tall, black-robed old man aimed a palm strike at the Grand Universe Ark. His eyes glowed a purple shade, amplifying the imposing aura he was surrounded with.

"This isn't good! Here comes another one!" Toady screamed, face turning grave.

Chi!

The area was instantly plunged into chaos. Unexpectedly, under Ahu's control, the Grand Universe Ark slipped away from the giant hand of the black-robed old man and disappeared.

"Huh?" The black-robed man's face darkened, not expecting the ark to be so incredible.

But he had no time to think about it. He continued to chase after the ark and dared not to waste any time.

He wasn't the only one who had been dispatched. A dozen of Life Death Stage Kings were right behind him and catching up with incredible speed.

The black-robed old man couldn't tolerate other people touching his prey.

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The hunting began!

In the cabin, Toady's countenance changed crazily as he screamed again and again. He couldn't calm down. So far, they had come across four Life Death Stage Kings!

Moreover, that number was still increasing!

“Damn it, aren’t those old monsters so shameless? I have never seen people so despicable!” Toady flushed with anger. A group of old monsters who had lived for countless years were joining forces to get rid of a junior. Were they not afraid of being ridiculed?

A beautiful woman in plain clothes suddenly said aloud, “Little friend, my clan has no enmity with you. If you give me the treasures you have, I will immediately turn around and leave. What do you say?”

Her voice and appearance were warm and graceful. But her actions were incomparably ruthless. She launched a giant flaming net into the sky in the direction of the ark.

It was no doubt a great killing weapon and an inescapable net.

Even Ahu’s expression turned grave and a bead of sweat trickled down her smooth forehead. Then, a misty glow radiated from her slender and elegant figure.

She was operating the Grand Universe Ark with all her strength.

Lin Xun stood silently on one side, keeping an eye on the battlefield while observing Ahu steer the ark with incredible precision.

A treasure such as the Grand Universe Ark required a huge number of high-grade aeth crystals for it to activate and operate, but it also needed unique secret techniques to control it.

“It’s the ninth one! Damn it, those damned old bastards! When I rise, I am going to kill them all!” Toady was still roaring on the ark.

Anyone else would likely be panicking. They were facing a group of Life Death Stage Kings!

Such beings stood at the pinnacle of the world. They were authority figures of the cultivation world and could pulverize mountains, flatten cities and summon rain with a wave of their hands.

Now, such a group of terrifying old monsters had appeared at the same time. The scene could shake the entire world.

The airflow had turned chaotic, the sky was constantly roaring, and the sea was raging with thousand feet waves. Some living beings were instantly killed on the spot along the way without any chance to flee, staining the sapphire sea a blood-red shade.

The Grand Universe Ark resembled a blade of leaf in a vast ocean. They were in a very perilous situation, constantly under terrifying attacks from all directions!

Even Lin Xun had tensed up along the way.

“When I reach the Life Death Stage, I will come here again for payback!”

Lin Xun rarely showed his anger, but now, he was truly enraged.

Ever since he entered the Deva Secret Realm until now, he had been hunted down by many different sects and clans. Now, even the old monsters had shamelessly participated in the hunting.

No matter how good-tempered he was, he couldn’t stop his murderous intent from being ignited.

He gritted his teeth with hatred. They have gone too far!

"When you step into the Life Death Stage King stage—I don't know when that will be. But I suggest you kill their clansmen when you encounter any in the future. That kind of revenge would bring them bone-deep pain," Ahu suddenly suggested.

"What a cruel woman!" That was Toady's initial reaction, but he soon had to admit that it was a very good suggestion.

"I will remember to do so." Lin Xun's black eyes were cold and calm.

"Endure for another quarter of an hour and we'll be out of trouble!" Ahu's clear eyes lit up and her red lips curled upwards like she had noticed something.

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Chapter 637: Life Hanging By A thread

A quarter of an hour usually passed in the snap of a finger.

But now, it felt torturously long for Lin Xun and the other two.

A total of thirteen Life Death Stage Kings had been dispatched at the same time, and they were all launching their ultimate moves to intercept and kill them.

It was hard to imagine their feeling of despair and horror.

Toady, who had been screaming in fury, was now surprisingly quiet. His face had become glum and grave, and his eyes were filled with endless worry and hatred.

Their situation was riddled with danger like they were wandering on the line between life and death. They could be doomed forever with the slightest carelessness.

Lin Xun was also very quiet, but his dark eyes were terrifying and unfathomable like a bottomless abyss.

He might be able to subdue all enemies in the Heaven Ascension Stage, but, when facing Life Death Stage Kings, he was still too weak!

The feeling of powerlessness made Lin Xun thirst for greater power for the first time in his life.

Yes, greater power!

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Although Ahu still maintained a calm outward appearance, her beautiful pale face, her quivering body, and the beads of sweat dripping from her forehead exposed that she was on the verge of reaching her limits.

A quarter of an hour.

It felt the longest and most tormenting time to her. It was as though she was struggling in front of the gate of hell, unable to predict when death would come.

Lin Xun wanted to ask several times why she would help them even when she knew there would be such a deadly tribulation.

But in the end, he held himself back.

It wasn't the best time to talk about it as it would distract her, which in turn would put their lives at risk.

However, Lin Xun already knew that he owed her a lot, regardless of her reason for helping them.

Boom!

Earthshaking collisions constantly reverberated, stirring the wind and clouds. Many creatures couldn't help but shudder as they watched countless reefs and islands getting crushed beyond recognition.

It was unknown how many innocent lives were taken in the deadly tribulation.

However, the Life Death Stage Kings turned a blind eye to everything.

Only the Grand Universe Ark was in their eyes.

It contained the great fortune and treasures that they longed for. No one could bear to miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

However, to their surprise, the Grand Universe Ark was like a streak of light. It wasn't only mysteriously fast like it had teleported, but its movements were also erratic. It was able to safely escape every time despite their repeated attempts at intercepting it!

Besides being astonished, their faces darkened.

It was just a boat carrying a few worthless little guys. They would be ashamed to death if they allowed it to escape from under their nose.

Moreover, they would become the greatest laughing stock if it spread back to the Southern Sea.

Chase!

Every one of them was infuriated and attacked with full strength.

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In the end, Ahu failed to persist for a quarter of an hour. A muffled grunt came from her throat, and a streak of bright red blood overflowed the corners of her already pale lips.

Her brows were furrowed with unconcealable exhaustion.

It's so close...

Did we fail at the last hurdle?

A deep sense of powerlessness flooded her heart. She had already tried her best and pushed her strength to the extreme limit.

"Tell me how to control the ark." Lin Xun's voice suddenly sounded in her ears, startling her.

She turned around and saw Lin Xun's calm and reassuring black eyes.

She subconsciously decided to trust him. "Okay!"

Lin Xun stepped forward and drew a deep breath, his expression turning utmost calm and focused. It was like the sea floor, motionless even under the erosion of strong currents.

Toady was very worried at first and wanted to check if Lin Xun indeed had the confidence in driving the ark, but he held back in the end.

Ahu clearly couldn't withstand the impact any longer and their situation was perilous, so he had no other choice.

However, to their surprise, Lin Xun quickly grasped the art to control the boat and steered it with incredible skill and precision!

Under his control, the Grand Universe Ark escaped many calamities and avoided many deadly attacks again and again. The way he controlled the ark was in no way inferior to Ahu's. It was hard to tell that it was his first time steering the Grand Universe Ark.

Very quickly, perhaps it was because he became more and more familiar with the controlling art, his movements became more and more precise and skillful.

Toady's eyes went wide. He's so abnormal.

Ahu was just as stunned. Her clear eyes were fixed intently on the handsome face of the young man beside him, sparkling with admiration for a rare moment.

They didn't know that Lin Xun had already been secretly observing and learning along the way, and he had already memorized Ahu's skills in his mind.

Additionally, he had been engraving runes since a young age. and he was a qualified rune founder. Naturally, manipulating a treasure with rune arrays was, of course, not a problem for him.

Moreover, given his superb knowledge and understanding in rune arrays, he was able to bring out the ark's greatest power while controlling it.

Ahu couldn't be compared to him.

"Huh? How could that be?"

"Damn it, how could the Grand Universe Ark be so incredibly strong? Isn't it supposed to be a damaged ancient treasure?"

"Damn it! If I find out who is controlling the treasure to help that little bastard, then I will crush them to ashes!"

The Life Death Stage Kings immediately noticed the changes with the ark and their faces turned even darker.

They were a group of Life Death Stage Kings, yet they could do nothing about an ancient piece of treasure. How could they not be embarrassed and furious?

"It doesn't look good, the Dao Burial Sea Mound seems to be right ahead!"

Suddenly, a feeling of fear gripped many Life Death Stage Kings. From what they knew, the sea area thousands of miles away was part of the Dao Burial Sea Mound.

A place of extreme danger!

It was a battlefield in ancient times, where countless powerful beings had fallen. After surviving so many years, it had become a peculiar and ominous place. It was almost a forbidden place as it was riddled with unimaginable dangers.

Even Life Death Stage Kings didn't dare to rashly venture into there!

The black-robed old man of the Scarlet Bird Clan roared, "Quickly, stop them! We can't let them run in there!"

Rumble!

Chaos suddenly swept the area as dozens of Life Death Stage Kings simultaneously attacked with all their strength. They no longer had any reservations. They did everything they could to stop the Grand Universe Ark.

That moment was undoubtedly the most dangerous and terrifying.

Meanwhile, Lin Xun was unprecedentedly calm. His mind was as clear as ice as he mobilized all his power to manipulate the ark.

He accurately captured his enemies' movements and manipulated the ark to dodge the attacks with incredible speed.

Occasionally, he seemed to be encircled and trapped, but he somehow found a ray of opportunity in that desperate situation and narrowly escaped the predicament.

The near-death situation made Toady and Ahu break out in cold sweat, and their hearts leapt out of their chests.

"That...is that the Dao Burial Sea Mound!?" Toady screamed as a gray, misty sea area came into his view.

There, the sky was as dark as eternal night, the sea was pitch-black, and rolling sheets of sea mist were vaporizing. The mysterious and eerie atmosphere was spine-chilling.

Toady had been living there when he had awakened his consciousness, so how would he not recognize it?

As soon as his voice faded, the Grand Universe Ark pierced the vast mist with a swoosh.

Almost at the same time, the waves of attacks of the Life Death Stage Kings bombarded the sea area and exploded it into nothingness.

So close!

Lin Xun and the others almost faced death!

With a glimmer of hope, they rushed into the sea area of the Dao Burial Sea Mound.

“Stop, we don’t need to run anymore. It’s time for us to watch a good show!” Ahu suddenly said aloud. Her pretty eyes were pierced with hatred.

“Watch a show? Are you still in the mood to watch it? This is the Dao Burial Sea Mound. It is more terrifying than those Life Death Stage Kings!” Toady stamped his feet. He had hung out in that area in the past, so how would he not know about its dangers?

He had only managed to escape the hell-like place after much difficulty.

Who would have thought that he would return? His mood was the worst it could be.

Ahu giggled and didn’t try to explain. “Just trust me, don’t you want to see those old bastards suffer?”

Toady was tempted right away.

However, Lin Xun looked at Ahu ruminatively before he finally agreed and steered the Grand Universe Ark to a stop in the dense mist.

A good show?

What kind of good show will it be?

They simultaneously peered in the direction that they had fled from.

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“Argh!”

“They ran into there!”

Furious roars tinged with bitterness resounded from the areas around the Dao Burial Sea Mound one after another, shaking the surroundings like rolling thunder.

Life Death Stage Kings arrived one after another, but they were all hesitant to step in.

“What should we do? The place is riddled with dangers. We might encounter deadly calamities if we step inside without authorization!”

“What else can we do? Go in! The little bastard’s treasures are related to the ancient saint path! How can we miss out on such a good opportunity?” someone sneered, acting tough but he also didn’t take immediate action.

Clearly, despite his sonorous words, his heart was filled with fear.

That was the terror of the Dao Burial Sea Mound. It could instill fear into even Life Death Stage Kings.

“If you guys won’t go then I will!” The old man of the Scarlet Bird Clan stepped forward and vanished into the vast gray mist.

The rest of the Life Death Stage Kings fidgeted restlessly, eyes flickering.

Soon, another six gritted their teeth and rushed in.

The others thought longer about it, but gave up reluctantly in the end.

It wasn't that they were cowardly. Instead, they deeply understood the terror of the Dao Burial Sea Mound. They might not have the chance to come back out if they entered.

Even so, they did not choose to leave and waited outside, unwilling to give up.

The moment a slim chance appeared, they wouldn't hesitate to act!

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Chapter 638: Good Show Begins

"The good show is about to begin."

Ahu's clear eyes were alight with an indescribable glow. She seemed somewhat excited.

Gray mist shrouded the deathly still sea region, making Lin Xun aware of the eerie atmosphere even though he was on the Grand Universe Ark.

It was as if something ominous would happen at any time.

Toady's face had become overcast. He had changed from his usual self ever since he returned to the Dao Burial Sea Mound. He was restless, uneasy, irritable, and abnormally quiet.

Before long, Lin Xun noticed the figures of six Life Death Stage Kings streaking across the sky like rainbows, coming in his direction with terrifying speed.

Their mighty powers surged around them and the divine rhythm of the great dao flowed all over their bodies. Their brilliance could be seen miles away like divine beings.

However, regardless of how powerful they were, they failed to dispel the gray mist that shrouded the entire sea, sky, and everything around them.

Grave expressions came to their faces.

They were at the Dao Burial Sea Mound, an ancient battlefield according to legends, and where a true Saint King had fallen!

Saint-King!

An almighty figure who had set foot on the pinnacle of the Saint Path, becoming as bright and splendid as the sun and moon and living almost as long as heaven and earth.

But in the end, he also died grudgingly. Imaginably, the battle that broke out there had to be earthshaking and terrifying.

Knowing that, even Life Death Stage Kings had to be on the alert and extremely cautious as if they were facing a formidable enemy. No one dared to make any careless movements.

"Is this the good show you are talking about?"

Lin Xun's heart sank and his black eyes narrowed. The distance between them was too close. If they didn't leave soon, then the Life Death Stage Kings would soon notice their presence.

"Don't worry, just wait quietly and watch the show." Ahu's eyes shone with a mysterious light.

Her features were breathtakingly beautiful like a painting. When she saw the Life Death Stage Kings nearing them, she seemed a little disappointed rather than apprehensive and scared.

“Why are there only a few of them? The other old monsters didn’t come...” she murmured. “But it should still be enough.”

Lin Xun glanced at Ahu. She...seems to know what is going to happen.

At that moment, the Life Death Stage Kings’ eyes lit up. They discovered the Grand Universe Ark and were cautiously approaching them at the same time.

There were six of them in total, but they didn’t launch into action right away. Instead, they were wary and vigilant of each other.

The reasons for that were quite simple. On the one hand, they were situated in the ominous and peculiar Dao Burial Sea Mound and they dared not act rashly.

On the other hand, they were indeed wary of and in conflict with each other!

Lin Xun had great treasures on him, which they had all known already, but no one would allow such a great fortune to be taken away by someone else.

They all knew that Lin Xun wasn’t difficult to deal with. The most terrifying thing that could happen was the conflicts and bloody battles breaking out with one another for the great treasures!

They were all old monsters who had lived for a large number of years and developed great battle and life experiences, so they knew they mustn’t act rashly.

The patriarch of the Scarlet Bird Clan sneered, “Little guy, why are you not running away? Can you not endure any longer?” His eyes flashed a cold, sinister glint, as though he had discovered Lin Xun’s whereabouts.

Lin Xun kept silent.

“It seems like you also know that this is the Dao Burial Sea Mound, a place of great danger since ancient times, so you don’t dare to move around recklessly,” another patriarch remarked indifferently. “Since you have already decided to not put up a fight, why don’t you leave this place first with us? If you cooperate with us, then perhaps we can let you live.”

The words struck the minds of everyone there.

After all, they were situated in the Dao Burial Sea Mound, where even the strongest experts wouldn’t dare to venture in.

It was a well-known place of great misfortune, where many peculiar and terrifying creatures existed. They would launch frantic attacks if they sensed any intruders.

In the past, several Life Death Stage Kings had also, without exception, lost their lives there!

If it hadn’t been completely necessary, none of them would willingly choose to compete and kill each other for the treasures on Lin Xun.

Lin Xun still kept quiet, waiting patiently for the so-called good show.

However, Toady's expression had become the worst it had been. "Demon girl, what are you playing at? If you fail, then we both will have to suffer misfortune with you," he grumbled in a low voice.

Ahu pursed her cherry-red lips as though telling Toady to be patient.

"Little bastard, hurry up and come out! Don't force me to kill you now!" a patriarch threatened impatiently. He regarded Lin Xun as meat on a chopping board that he could slaughter any time he wanted.

Another patriarch reminded him, "Could there be some sort of trap?"

He found it unusual that Lin Xun and the others would come to a stop even if they were on the Grand Universe Ark.

"You are worrying too much. We are on the periphery of the Dao Burial Sea Mound, so we can quickly leave even if there is danger." The black-robed man didn't take his worries seriously. "Also, we have surrounded them, so how can the kid struggle out of here by himself?"

The other patriarch smiled in relief.

A patriarch with green hair and blue wings on his back said coldly, "Little guy, we have limited patience. I advise you to obediently cooperate with us and come out now. Otherwise, when we make a move, then you will have to meet with death!"

Lin Xun still kept silent, but Toady couldn't endure their arrogance anymore and flew into a rage, "You guys talk so much nonsense, do it if you have the guts! If you don't then get lost!"

"What did you say!?" Everyone's faces darkened. The fact that the opposing party still dared to provoke them at such a time was an insult to them.

"Everyone, please do me a favor. I want to take back that person's head to make it into a cup. Don't snatch it from me!" The green-haired patriarch's voice was thick with murderous intent.

"It's just a head, you can take it. We care more about the treasures on that kid!"

All the patriarchs spoke out, their voices filled with ruthlessness and disdain.

"You guys talk so nonsense. Come on, let's see which one of you dares to act first!" Toady taunted.

"You have a death wish! Everyone, we all came here for the treasures, so how about I capture and kill him first, and then we can discuss the ownership of the treasures?" The black-robed man had been utterly infuriated. It was the greatest shame for him to be provoked by a junior.

"Sounds good."

The other patriarch's eyes flickered as they contemplated, but they all nodded in agreement in the end.

They were experienced and knowledgeable. How would they let Toady's words disturb their minds? Their only worry was to fight for the treasures.

In other words, Lin Xun and the other two were no different from dead in their eyes.

What only deserved their attention was the dangers of the Dao Burial Sea Mound and also the possible conflicts that might break out.

Boom!

Without any hesitation, the black-robed old man made a move. A giant hand seemingly constructed from divine flames reached to grab the ark.

"They're coming!" Toady froze. His heart leapt to his throat and his mouth dried up. He couldn't help feeling nervous in the face of an attack from a Life Death Stage King.

Lin Xun also tensed up.

Only Ahu's clear eyes were glistening. She said softly, "The good show has begun..."

As the giant hand blotted out the sky, blazing and gorgeous flames seemed to be converging and setting the air aflame.

It was the power belonging to a Life Death Stage King. It no doubt could startle the universe!

The other patriarch nodded inwardly, knowing that the opposing party couldn't possibly survive or escape from such an attack even with the help of the Grand Universe Ark!

Their thoughts quickly shifted to how to divide up the kid's treasures...

However, at the same time, whether it was the black-robed old man or the other patriarch, they all froze and felt a shiver go down their spines.

Pu!

A graceful figure loomed in the gray mist, releasing a terrifying aura that made everything in the world shudder.

Boom!

The monstrous flame hand exploded into nothingness before it neared the ark.

A patriarch cried out, petrified with fear, "That...that person is..."

The others were as shocked and furious as him. An incomparably strong feeling of imminent danger enveloped them like they had sunk into the asura hell.

The cause of everything was the beautiful figure drifting within the gray mist.

It was a woman, given its blurry but beautiful and graceful figure shrouded in dense gray mist. An obscure force circulated her body, making it impossible for people to peek at her face.

In the eyes of the old monsters, the maiden in the mist was like a ruler of heaven and earth. She gave off a devastating aura that could wipe out every being on earth.

Even their spirits seemed to be trembling. They were like ants facing a real god, unable to control their panic and fear from spreading all over their bodies.

Who...who is she?

Could she be some powerful being from the Dao Burial Sea Mound?

“It’s her!”

Lin Xun shuddered. He recognized the beautiful figure. It was the terrifying figure whom he had once spotted within the depths of the Wraith Army.

At that time, she had appeared with a peculiar buddha figure and left an unerasable impression on Lin Xun.

He never thought that she would appear again at such a time!

Could she be the ‘help’ that Ahu spoke about?

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Chapter 639: Good Karma

“Quickly retreat!” roared one of the patriarchs.

Needless to say that every one of them felt the terror of the maiden in the mist.

But it was already too late.

Without a single word, she waved her hand mysteriously.

An invisible force swept the area, turning it upside down. Even the air started to crumble.

Standing directly opposite her, the black-robed old man was the first to bear the brunt. A wave of power drowned him before he could even struggle.

Then, an astonishing scene followed. A muffled sound came from the black-robed old man's body before it transformed into a scarlet bird creature.

His body rapidly shrank to the size of an ant and drifted into the mist maiden’s palm.

It was also at that moment when they noticed a chipped purple alms bowl in her hand and chaotic qi spiraling from it.

The scarlet bird was directly subdued into the purple alms bowl, unable to make another sound.

“Th...”

The other old monsters gasped, faces blanching. A Life Death Stage King had been suppressed in an instant!

No, it had been captured like a beast. It had been captured in the treasure and then suppressed.

Undoubtedly, being captured in such a way was worse than death for all Life Death Stage Kings!

After all, they had established themselves as top cultivators in the world with their mighty powers and were always the focus of attention.

It was the greatest shame to be subdued and captured like a beast.

But at the same time, the maiden’s unfathomable and supreme ability chilled them to the core.

Even Life Death Stage Kings were unable to withstand a single strike. How terrifying was the mysterious maiden in the mist?

Who was she?

Her powers astonished even Lin Xun and Toady. Their pupils constricted, and indescribable shock flooded their hearts.

The maiden's unpredictable means reminded them of the old ape, who was as equally terrifying and powerful. He treated Life Death Stage Kings as ants and always exuded a mighty, imposing bearing.

Could she also be a Saint?

On the sea of gray mist, the mysterious maiden again released another wave of invisible force. She didn't plan to stop.

"Run!"

The old monsters were completely scared out of their wits, and their eyes almost popped out. They frantically tried to run with all their strength.

But they found that the surroundings had been sealed off and turned into an indestructible prison!

"No—!"

Their souls almost flew away from their bodies.

"Is this the danger of the Dao Burial Sea Mound?"

PU!

One of the patriarchs met with calamity. His figure turned into a green-horned crocodile before shrinking to the size of an ant and being captured into the purple alms bowl.

The scene was too bizarre and frightening. A mysterious girl had effortlessly subdued two Life Death Stage Kings without a single word!

Her detached and superior demeanor resembled that of an omnipotent god from legends.

"No—!"

The others roared as they wildly bolted and summoned all sorts of treasures with all their strength. They looked as frantic as ants on a hot griddle.

If they had a choice, then they would rather not have stepped into the eerie and ominous sea mound.

Unfortunately, it was too late for regret.

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In the outside world.

Seven old monsters were still patiently waiting, reluctant to leave. They were all pondering and looking for opportunities to get a share of the final loot.

To them, Lin Xun was a living treasure. He possessed too many items they coveted.

For example, the Saint Dao Scripture of the Five Elements Holy Island.

For example, the Jade Records Gold Book of the Purple Cloud Sacred Mountain.

Each one of them was related to the secrets of the Saint Path, which could make any Life Death Stage King fight for it with their life.

In addition, Lin Xun had looted many interesting treasures from the saints of various clans.

Who would willingly give up and leave?

“Guys, why don’t we join forces? It doesn’t matter who obtained the treasures in the end because we can combine our strengths and kill them when they return from the sea mound. Then, the treasures will be ours,” someone suggested, tempting everyone else.

“Ah—!”

A blood-curdling screech filled with endless fear rang from the depths of the Dao Burial Sea Mound.

Their expressions dramatically changed. It’s the patriarch of the Scarlet Bird Clan! Did he encounter an accident?

Shuddering inwardly, they were secretly glad that they chose to not enter the Dao Burial Sea Mound.

That hell-like place was too bizarre and terrifying. In the past, countless powerful experts had also fallen there.

“No—!”

Soon, another burst of frantic and frightened screams shook the world like the cries of beasts in despair.

The old monsters in the outside world looked at each other in dismay, feeling a shiver down their spines. Something extremely terrifying must be happening in the Dao Burial Sea Mound!

What to do?

Run or stay?

While they were conflicted about what to do, the foggy depths of the Dao Burial Sea Mound became deadly silent with no further movements heard.

But that chilled them even more.

What had happened? Had the old monsters who came with them met with calamity and fallen?

“I will give this opportunity to you all. I have some important affairs to attend to, so I will leave first.” Someone couldn’t stand the stifling atmosphere anymore and turned around to leave.

The others’ expressions changed. They seemed very hesitant but after a moment, they noticed a beautiful figure looming in the depths of the thick fog.

Tha—?

Their bodies became paralyzed and their scalps turned numb. A feeling of unprecedented danger flooded their bodies from just one glance at the figure.

“Run!”

They didn’t dare to hesitate for a moment and scattered haphazardly like birds and beasts in the face of a threat.

It was also at that moment that the old monsters waiting in the outside world finally realized that their comrades might not be able to step back out of the Dao Burial Sea Mound.

The thought of the looming beautiful figure sent a shudder down their backs as if they had fallen into an ice cave. Could it be one of the great dangers hidden in the Dao Burial Sea Mound?

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It was utterly silent on the Grand Universe Ark.

Both Lin Xun and Toady were frozen with shock, unable to calm down for a long time.

Life Death Stage Kings had been subdued one after another before their eyes. The mysterious maiden effortlessly suppressed them into the purple alms bowl without seeing the slightest bit of resistance from them.

Lin Xun’s jaw dropped. So strong. Life Death Stage Kings were suppressed so easily, as if she was slaughtering chickens. What sort of strength is needed to achieve that?

It was unimaginable!

In the end, the six old monsters who entered the Dao Burial Sea Mound had been wiped out. Not one was able to escape.

Was that the good show that Ahu spoke about?

Could she have known that would happen so she steered the Grand Universe Ark into the Dao Burial Sea Mound?

Lin Xun looked at Ahu differently. She wasn’t only as breathtakingly beautiful as a fairy, but also had an unfathomable background.

Even Toady was silent. Ever since he regained consciousness, he had been living in the Dao Burial Sea Mound. He had encountered the king of the Great Wraith Army and had come across many peculiar and ominous situations and beings, but he didn’t know about the incomparably terrifying mist maiden.

However, Ahu unexpectedly seemed to know more about the Dao Burial Sea Mound than he did.

“The good show is over, are you satisfied?” Ahu giggled, the expression on her fair and beautiful face easing.

Toady couldn’t help asking, “Who are you?”

Lin Xun peered ahead and saw that the crisis had been averted and the mysterious mist maiden had vanished.

It was time to talk to the charming girl with a beautiful smile and eyes.

"It doesn't matter who I am. The important thing is that I was only prompted by an impulse to create good karma with you two."

Her eyes were clear and the corners of her lips were curled slightly upwards. She exuded a girlish charm, but also a scared and ethereal aura. It seemed very contradictory, but they were perfectly harmonized in her.

"Good karma?"

"Yes, good karma."

Ahu nodded. Her statement seemed very abstract, but she seemed to take it very seriously.

"Hahaha, you helped us just for good karma?" Toady burst into laughter, finding it absurd.

"It's not funny," Ahu said calmly.

Lin Xun started to believe her when he saw her seriousness. "This good karma is too good. I'm worried that I won't be able to repay you in the future."

Ahu smiled slightly. Her bright red lips pulled back to reveal her pearly white teeth as she explained, "It's fine to receive no repayment. The seeds of good karma have been sowed and that is already enough. It would be good if flowers bloom, but if not, it is still a joyous occasion. I have no regrets."

She waved her delicate little hand and said with a smile, "Okay, I should go now too. I wish you two a smooth journey, and I look forward to meeting you again someday."

Her figure drifted away like a dreamy shadow, and it was too late to stop her.

"Hey, do you not want the treasure ship anymore?" Lin Xun hastily cried out.

"It was prepared for you, so please kindly accept it." Ahu's clear and melodious voice reverberated in the distance.

Very quickly, she vanished without a trace.

"The demon girl must be scheming something to make us owe her such a big favor!" Toady said through gritted teeth.

However, Lin Xun fell into deep thought and said softly after a while, "It seems that the first time we met her wasn't a coincidence."

"Perhaps, since then, she has been preparing this 'good karma'..."

"But no matter who she is, she has helped us greatly, and no matter what her motive is, it will be clear one day!"

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Chapter 640: Journey to the Empire

Among the thirteen Life Death Stage Kings who had tried to kill the demon god youngster, six had met with calamity in the Dao Burial Sea Mound.

The other seven bolted in a panic after catching a glimpse of a mysterious figure.

Like a storm, the news swept the Southern Sea at an incredible speed.

The various clans and sects in different areas went into a state of shock, and everyone turned ashen-faced.

Six patriarch-level figures had vanished in one day and might never return. When had such a terrifying thing ever happened in the past!?

It was too terrifying.

The various clans in the Southern Sea became more and more fearful of the Dao Burial Sea Mound.

News about the demon god youngster also spread with the commotion, causing countless uproars.

No one could imagine how a teenager at the Heaven Ascension Stage could be so invincible. It was a miracle that he was able to escape from deadly tribulations every single time.

He had escaped the encirclement of many powerful figures outside the Deva Secret Realm.

And now, he had managed to escape the pursuit of a dozen Life Death Stage Kings. Instead, the Life Death Stage Kings either unbelievably disappeared or fled!

Everything was too unbelievable. It made many clans of the Southern Sea indignant, resentful, and ashamed.

A young man of the human race had caused such a great disturbance in the Southern Sea and set off so many storms, but no one was able to stop him from escaping!

His feats made the various Southern Sea Clans seem very incompetent!

Lin Xuan!

All the major clans and sects in the Southern Sea would never forget that name after all the sensational and shocking turmoil.

The name represented a human teenager known as the demon god youngster who once formed a legend in the Southern Sea.

But the legend that belonged to the demon god youngster was a period of great shame for all the clans in the Southern Sea.

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In the territory of the Azure Turtle Clan, Qing Yunyang marveled, "That's the style of a true expert!"

He entered the ancestral land of the clan and began his closed-door cultivation.

The patriarch of the azure turtle clan put his hands behind his back and said triumphantly to the higher-ups of the Azure Turtle Clan, "People do not realize the value of a tree until it grows to the height of the clouds. Just wait and see, my little brother will shine brightly when the battle of the great age comes!"

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While storms were set off across the Southern Sea, Lin Xun and Toady were making their way back to the Ziyao Empire on the Grand Universe Ark.

"Who was that mysterious maiden in the mist? What's her relationship with Ahu?"

"Is the Buddha with hollowed eye sockets also somewhere in the Dao Burial Sea Mound?"

"Dao Burial Sea Mound, Return Dominion, Deva Secret Realm...there are indeed too many mysterious and frightening things in the Spirit Burial Sea."

"One day, I will come back to repay the kindness of everyone!"

Swoosh!

Under Lin Xun's control, the Grand Universe Ark flashed across the air with unbelievable speed. Its body shined a silvery shade from the concentrated ancient rune arrays flickering like a rain of light.

Although the treasure was able to move at incredible speed, it could quickly exhaust a cultivator's physical strength.

Lin Xun could at most last for three hours at his current cultivation base.

In addition, the ancient treasure required a huge number of high-grade aeth crystals for it to activate its rune arrays.

If Lin Xun hadn't pocketed a lot from the Deva Secret Realm, then he would never be able to manage that kind of consumption.

That was the disadvantage of a powerful ancient treasure. Although it possessed wonderful abilities, it could quickly deplete a cultivator's wealth. Ordinary people wouldn't be able to maintain it.

These matters were all insignificant as long as they could safely return to the Ziyao Empire. Everything would be worth it.

Lin Xun was most concerned about the numerous dangers and natural disasters along the way, such as void storms, turbulent airflow, thunder and lightning, and vicious creatures looming in the sea... Dangers were everywhere. He didn't dare to let his guard down at all.

An ancient corpse floating on the sea could be concealing enough dangers to obliterate everything.

The eerie mist could be hiding a powerful creature that could petrify Life Death Stage Kings.

Additionally, many bizarre clans and groups were roaming in different areas of the Spirit Burial Sea, such as wraiths, bloodthirsty corpses, and other strange creatures.

It was akin to the depths of the asura hell. Its terror was strong enough to make any cultivator lose all hope.

Even if Lin Xun was on the Grand Universe Ark, he was still extra careful to avoid running into any danger.

Fortunately, the arks' dodging ability and speed were remarkable and helped them avoid many close calls.

Lin Xun and Toady took turns to control the ark, coordinating harmoniously.

Along the way, Lin Xun did not neglect his practice. Whenever he had free time, he would focus on his cultivation, trying to understand the mysteries of his cultivation arts.

On the fifth day of setting off from the Spirit Burial Sea.

Lin Xun comprehended the third transformation of the Tribulation Dragon Nine Transformations!

Bi'an Stamp!

Once activated, he could form a shining ancient stamp with his hands and release the phantom of a Bi'an beast. It could turn the universe upside down by devastating mountains and valleys.

Lin Xun tested it against a group of wraiths along the way. Under the power of the stamp, the air exploded and six wraith commanders with strength comparable to Heaven Ascension cultivators and fifty-four wraith soldiers who were equivalent to Spirit Sea Cultivators were utterly wiped out!

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The ninth day on the journey across Spirit Burial Sea.

Lin Xun and the others faced a sneak attack from a gang of bizarre snake-like creatures. It was the first time they had been encircled since they operated the Grand Universe Ark.

There were far too many snake-like creatures. They blotted out everything like a tide and moved at ghost-like speed, making it impossible to guard against them!

During the attack, Lin Xun comprehended the fourth transformation of Tribulation Dragon Nine Transformations, Baxia Imprisonment.

The Baxia was an ancient mythical beast with powers strong enough to support the sky!

Once the Baxia Imprisonment was activated, a Baxia seemed to have descended upon the world from ancient times. Its terrifying power could imprison and suppress all living beings.

In short, the move was an extremely mysterious and overbearing imprisonment art.

Almost instantly, the tide of snake-like creatures was imprisoned, unable to budge an inch. They immediately lost their advantage in speed, allowing Lin Xun and the others to easily escape.

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On the sixteenth day.

Lin Xun encountered an unexpected space-time storm and had to retreat temporarily. He anchored his ark far away and dared not to rashly advance.

They waited for seven days for the space-time storm to subside.

During those seven days, he made another breakthrough in his cultivation. He comprehended the fifth move of Tribulation Dragon Nine Transformations—Suanni Qi!

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On the thirty-third day.

Toady suddenly had enlightenment during his practice and decided to go into closed-door cultivation on the first floor of the Nameless Pagoda. He told Lin Xun that it would last at least one year, and at most three years.

In the following days, Lin Xun had to operate the ark by himself, navigating his way through the vast Spirit Burial Sea.

He stopped multiple times, experienced many dangers, and saw many incredible wonders and bizarre scenes.

The experience significantly tempered his state of mind and improved his understanding of the great dao, the world, and all things in the universe.

That was cultivation.

Working behind closed doors was a way of cultivation.

Traveling around the world was also a way of cultivation.

Knowledge, experience, appreciation and perception...all would change and be transformed in the process.

The transformation might appear to have no significant improvement to one's cultivation, but it allowed a cultivator to go further on the path of the great dao.

During breakthroughs, it reduced the risk of being possessed by demons due to an unstable state of mind and lack of experience.

On the fifty-fourth day.

A gleam glowed in Lin Xun's eyes. He sensed a change of aura between heaven and earth.

It was no longer as violent and fierce as before. The bizarre and oppressive atmosphere had also faded. He felt as though he had arrived in a world of spectacular mountains and beautiful rivers.

"We shouldn't be far from the Ziyao Empire..." He heaved a sigh of relief, feeling a huge weight lift off him.

How could he not feel emotional after almost two months of traveling on the Spirit Burial Sea?

He felt a new lease of life.

He let the ark drift along the sea with the waves.

He leaned back, resting head on his arms, and gazing at the sapphire sky.

The sky was so clear and vast that it seemed to have been washed. The seawater was blue and serene, stretching as far as the eye could see. The bright sun rays beamed down, bathing the water.

Occasionally, flocks of seabirds fluttered past, leaving clear and pleasant cries.

The scenery was picturesque and full of life.

Given Lin Xun's remarkable perception, he had already sensed that no more danger in the sea area could threaten him.

He could completely relax now. His aura was concealed in his body like a dormant dragon. From the outside, no one would know that the handsome and elegant young man was the demon god youngster who had caused headaches to various clans in the Southern Sea.

He seemed more like a leisurely traveler drifting on the sea.

It had been a long time since he felt that at ease. The indescribable quietness and comfort made him feel especially tranquil and leisurely.

He had been through so many twists and turns ever since he entered the Spirit Burial Sea, so he had always been in a busy and tense state.

He finally had the rare opportunity to enjoy some quiet time.

"Huh?"

However, a burst of sonic booms broke his rare moment of tranquility.