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Chapter 961: What is Dao Truth?

For Lin Xun, all his experiences seemed to have dragged on through several springs and autumns. It was unknown how much time had passed.

But to Mu Zheng, who was standing outside the white jade lotus seat, only a quarter of an hour had passed.

He stood still, waiting patiently.

His severed right arm had been reattached using a secret art. Even if it had not been restored to its former state, it wouldn't affect him in battle.

The thought of all the previous encounters brought a gloating feeling to his heart.

He practiced Buddhism so he attached great importance to fate and karma, and he believed that what he saw related to the principle of karma.

From every single drink to every single bite, there is nothing that is not preordained!

If something doesn't belong to you, no matter how hard you work, all efforts would be in vain!

It is a pity that an outstanding figure among the younger generation like the boy will meet with misfortune, but perhaps this is the heavens will.

With that thought, a smile curved around the corners of Mu Zheng's lips.

After the kid is gone, the withered bodhi root and the Saint treasure in his hand will belong to me. This...what a great fortune!

"Huh?"

But Mu Zheng came to notice that Lin Xun, whom he had treated as dead, had opened his eyes.

Did that guy not die?

Mu Zheng's eyes bulged wide open, and he felt an indescribable suffocating feeling in his chest. How is that possible?

Lin Xun was at first startled to see Mu Zheng, but then he couldn't help asking, "You're still here? Do you know how much time has passed?"

Mu Zheng blinked blankly. What do you mean by that? Are you mocking me that I haven't made it onto the white jade lotus seat?

He has gone too far!

Mu Zheng's face turned cold and overcast. "Miscreant! Don't be so arrogant. Even if you have survived this, you are still doomed!"

Lin Xun ignored him, casually seated himself on the white jade lotus seat, and stared ruminatively at the chunk of dead root in his hand.

In his mind, the scenes he just saw seemed to be flashing across, causing erratic thoughts to stream through his head.

“If you take that step, even Saints will meet with misfortune. What situation is that?” Lin Xun murmured.

He could not forget everything he had seen.

Under the Bodhi Tree, two Saints finally founded a dao scripture that carried on the past and opened up the future after countless years of hard work, thereby setting off visions across heaven and earth.

Who would have thought that such a glorious feat that should have amazed all ages would bring with it a tribulation of death...

Lin Xun was certain that both Saint Monk Duji and Black Phoenix Saint Queen were dead, and that they had died on this lotus seat. Moreover, they were killed by the golden, ruler-like figure!

This suggested that, back in the ancient era, the two Saints had made the forbidden step and so they suffered a tribulation!

This truth was all the more chilling.

“Miscreant! Are you listening to me?” A yell jolted Lin Xun out of his deep thought.

He raised his eyes, only to see Mu Zheng staring at him with a livid face like an infuriated arhat. He looked as though he hated the fact that he couldn’t kill Lin Xun.

“Monk, you can’t even get on this lotus seat, are you qualified to yell here?” Lin Xun shouted in an absent-minded manner.

At the same time, a strange feeling rose in his heart. He sharply sensed that his power of dao comprehension was changing, undergoing earth-shaking improvements!

His fire dao advanced to the next level of the Dao Meaning Stage!

The Star Annihilation Heaven Devourer Dao soared into the Dao Ripple Stage!

While his water dao, which had already reached the perfect level of the Dao Meaning Stage, soared to the Dao Truth Stage!

What was dao truth?

The true meaning of the dao.

The truth was the true meaning of the essence.

Dao Truth was the true meaning of the essence of the dao.

It was the third great stage of dao cultivation. Once a cultivator reached this stage, they would gain a much deeper understanding of the power of the dao, pry into its essence and wonderful truth, and realize its true meaning.

In battle, the power of Dao Truth was more than terrifying, able to cast different forms of dao arts and more than twice as powerful as that of the Dao Meaning Stage!

Generally speaking, almost no one at the Cyclic Derivation Stage could comprehend the power of Dao Truth because it involved the essence of the great dao. Only Life Death Stage Kings who had to see through life and death could comprehend the transcendent power.

But Lin Xun was able to cultivate his water dao power to the level of Dao Truth despite being only at the Cyclic Derivation Stage. If this matter spread, it would no doubt set off countless uproars.

“Miscreant! You have already got your hands on the blessing, so why are you not stepping down from the lotus seat? Could it be that you are afraid?” Mu Zheng’s voice rang like a bell in the distance.

He was being disregarded again!

That guy looks so distracted, and he never paid attention to me from the very beginning! He is far too arrogant!

Even if Mu Zheng was known to have a rock-solid state of mind, his face reddened and he couldn’t contain his anger anymore.

“So noisy! Monk, can you be quiet for a second?”

Lin Xun’s thoughts were interrupted again. He wrinkled his brows. That guy is so irritating! He calls me a miscreant every time he speaks. Does he really think that I am afraid of him?

While Lin Xun was speaking, he fell into a trance again. It dawned on him that the comprehensive transformation of his dao power should be connected to everything he had experienced just now!

He seemed to have gained nothing when he sat under the Bodhi Tree and listened to the teachings and conversations of the two Saints, but in truth, he was undergoing a rare and incomparable process of dao comprehension!

“All these experiences are very likely related to this bodhi root...” Lin Xun’s face lit up with enlightenment.

He was able to travel to ancient times and witness the scene of the two Saints because he held this piece of dead root!

Sitting in the palm of his hand was a piece of scorched dead root as if it had been struck by lightning. It was less than a foot long and around the thickness of an arm.

Lin Xun was certain that this was a part of the towering Bodhi Tree with a magnificent green glow that once stood beside the two Saints!

Boom!

With a terrifying sound of collision, light beamed into the sky.

Lin Xun raised his head to see Mu Zheng staggering backward from the impact, his face ashen and distressed.

Just now, he couldn't hold himself back from attacking and climbing the lotus seat to kill Lin Xun. However, he was blasted away instead.

"Destiny is decided by the heavens, and it's useless to go against it. Monk, why bring that upon yourself?" Lin Xun sighed, but then he failed to suppress his laughter.

Mu Zheng was so furious that he almost coughed up blood. Not only was he being disregarded and suffering from such ridicule, but worst of all, he also failed to get near the white jade lotus seat!

Regardless of how calm his state of mind usually was, he was going berserk with rage.

"Miscreant, do you dare to come down and fight?!" Mu Zheng roared like a lion, shaking the sky.

However, his jaw dropped the next moment because Lin Xun looked distracted and absent-minded once again.

Mu Zheng felt a tightness and suffocating feeling in his chest and almost coughed up blood again.

As one of the strongest eighteen sons of the Earth Treasury Temple, he was also a well-respected and illustrious name whom many people looked up to in this world. When had he ever been ignored like that?

"Miscreant, I will end you and help your soul find peace today!" Mu Zheng hissed through gritted teeth.

In truth, he knew that he was so angry not because he was ignored, but because he realized that he might not be able to take the Bodhi root!

This was the key point!

Otherwise, some mocking and ignoring would never make him lose his composure.

Lin Xun continued to ignore Mu Zheng because he was surprised to find that wisps of mysterious golden power were sealed within the bodhi root!

"It's that guy." Lin Xun trembled inwardly while the golden figure flashed across his mind.

"Remember it!"

"Mustn't forget it..."

The voices of Duji and the Saint Queen echoed in his ears once again. Lin Xun knew that the golden power was the key to the downfall of the two Saints!

"If there is one day when I can make the step that the two Saints took, will I also be killed by this terrifying power?"

Lin Xun realized the importance of that golden power!

If he could decipher the mystery behind it then he might be able to avoid the disaster that led to the death of two Saints!

At the same time, while he was intently observing the scorched bodhi root with his mind, a dao scripture inheritance power emerged in his heart.

It was extremely obscure, sacred, vague, and boundless. Faintly, there seemed to be deafening brahma sounds and phoenix cries.

The Great Treasury Silent Scripture!

Lin Xun's heart pounded violently, and his skin quivered with excitement. To his surprise, the withered bodhi root contained the dao scripture created by Saint Monk Duji and Black Phoenix Saint Queen!

Lin Xun had witnessed the process of the two Saints creating the scripture so he knew that the mysterious secrets of the scripture were developed from the Great Earth Treasury Scripture and the Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art!

Boom!

However, before he could investigate carefully, he began swaying from side to side.

He looked up to see Monk Mu Zheng repeatedly striking the white jade lotus seat like he had turned crazy.

A cold light glinted in Lin Xun's black eyes. He stood up, unable to stand it anymore.

The white jade lotus seat was a relic of Saint Duji, and Mu Zheng also came from the Earth Treasury Temple just like Saint Duji, but he didn't hesitate to destroy the lotus seat to kill Lin Xun and take the bodhi root!

"Stop!" Lin Xun commanded coldly.

But Mu Zheng's expression remained unchanged. "Can you not sit steadily? Too late!"

He was entirely bathed in Buddhist light, and his mighty body looked as tall as a mountain. He never stopped his attack once. Instead, it only grew more and more violent.

But when Lin Xun was about to counterattack, a black shadow rushed out with incredible speed like it teleported and silently appeared behind Mu Zheng.

Lin Xun narrowed his eyes. The figure was shaped like a black phoenix with wings as dark as eternal night and with wisps of blazing flames. It was the Buddha embryo that had escaped from the altar earlier!

However, it was clutching a black pot-like object and furtively motioning Lin Xun to be quiet.

From the beginning to the end, Mu Zheng seemed unaware of all that. He clenched his teeth and frantically attacked the white jade lotus seat.

And then—

With a loud boom, the black bird whacked Mu Zheng's bald head with the black pot.

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The lotus seat was on the verge of being destroyed!

Mu Zheng's eyes suddenly glowed with excitement. He vowed to himself that when the lotus seat crumbled, he would release Lin Xun's soul from purgatory with all his power!

Only this could vent the feeling of shame in his heart.

He was an illustrious successor of the Earth Treasury Temple, but he let an outsider take the fortune left by his ancestor! Was that not shameful?

Who said that Buddhist practitioners had no temper?

In ancient times, it was said that the wrath of the Buddha sent the heavens vibrating three times!

However, his heart suddenly leaped to his throat, and his face dramatically changed. A feeling of imminent danger enveloped him.

But by the time he reacted, it was already one step too late. He only heard a loud bang and then a sharp pain shot through his head and he saw stars in his vision. Twitching violently, he almost collapsed onto the ground.

Fortunately, he practiced the Arhat Golden Body since he was a child. The deadly strike failed to knock him unconscious due to his incomparably strong physique.

But it did leave a big red and swollen bump on his shiny forehead, like a tall horn.

Mu Zheng immediately raged. How dare someone attack me from behind?!

Uncontrollable murderous intent rushed up his heart, but when he turned around to see the culprit, he froze for a moment. Buddha embryo?

But the black bird stared at him dumbfounded as if it did not expect the monk's head to be so tough that the pot failed to knock him out.

"One will search high and low only to find it when one least expects to!" Immense joy replaced the anger.

He had almost forgotten his true purpose of coming because he had been too focused on seizing the bodhi tree just now. It was for the Buddha embryo!

"Little friend, it was all a misunderstanding. Now that you have shown up, please come with me," Mu Zheng said aloud as he activated the inheritance power of the Earth Treasure Temple to communicate with the other party.

He believed that if the other party had awakened its spiritual intelligence, it would feel his sincerity.

Additionally, elders of the Earth Treasury Temple had once said that if the Buddha embryo descended upon the world, the power of the Great Earth Treasury Scripture would be enough to awaken its consciousness.

This was because this Buddha embryo was left by Saint Duji!

The black bird stared at the monk with narrowed eyes like it was looking at an idiot.

Mu Zheng frowned, finding something was wrong. Why does the Buddha embryo have a hooligan-like aura and seems like it is evil?

Drawing a deep breath, he patiently cast the power of the Earth Treasury Temple inheritance to communicate with the bird, attempting to guide it back onto the right path. "Little friend..."

"Go to hell!" cursed the black bird.

It seemed to have an irritable temper. It swung the iron pot at Mu Zheng once again.

Clang!

Caught off guard, Mu Zheng was struck in the forehead again. He saw stars fly around as he swayed side to side. Even his consciousness became a little fuzzy.

"How dare you be so rude to me?" he fumed with a livid face

The black bird spat before it spun the iron pot around in its hands like a street hooligan threatening people.

It madly sped forward and the pot started flying. "Rude? If it weren't for you, baldy, how would I have been forced to awaken?"

Clang! Clang! Clang!

While shouting, the black bird repeatedly swung the iron pot, striking Mu Zheng again and again until he couldn't withstand it anymore and collapsed to the ground, almost fainting from the pain.

The iron pot was crafted from some kind of mysterious iron, making it steel-hard. Additionally, it was covered with obscure dao runes so even if Mu Zheng was powerful, he was suppressed to the point that he couldn't lift his head.

"Pah! I hate hypocritical bastards like you the most. Since you want to invite me as a guest, why did you try to use your strength to subdue me?"

"Scream! Keep screaming! Even if you scream until your voice is hoarse, it's no use!"

The black bird was indeed evil. Moreover, it had a lot of build-up anger that it wanted to release so it violently smashed the iron pot against Mu Zheng over and over again.

Even Lin Xun stared at it, completely dumbfounded. Is this...really a Buddha embryo?

At the same time, Mu Zheng roared with sorrow and indignation in his heart. How could that be a Buddha embryo? It's just a violent hooligan!

In the end, Mu Zheng fell unconscious, but his face remained with a look of grief, resentment, and humiliation.

But the black bird seemed to not have enough. It stretched out its golden claws and lashed out with a kick to Mu Zheng's body. Only then did it exhale a breath of turbid air and looked refreshed and satisfied.

“Oh, little brother, did I scare you just now? Don’t be afraid. I like to win people by kindness and don’t usually like to resort to violence.” The black bird carried the black pot on its back and then leisurely turned around to face Lin Xun with its head held high, looking very smug.

Lin Xun donned a strange look. The black bird’s appearance somewhat resembled the Dark Blood Black Phoenix, but it didn’t look like it in some parts. Additionally, the black pot on its back made its appearance very...unusual.

Moreover, it was very narcissistic and shameless. It acted like a hooligan seconds ago, yet it now denied it and even stated that it liked to win people with kindness! It was too shameless.

“I am going to leave first. If you want to continue playing here then go ahead. There’s no point in staying in this damn place anymore anyway...”

Before Lin Xun could open his mouth, the black bird stretched out its claws, lifted Mu Zheng off the ground, spread its wings, and whizzed into the distance.

“Wait!” Lin Xun cried out.

“Don’t bother me! You have already taken away the good fortune left by Old Man Duji! What else do you want?” grumbled the black bird.

Lin Xun’s expression tensed up. This black bird knows a lot of secrets!

Shua!

He went after him without any hesitation because the black bird acted very strangely. It knocked Mu Zheng unconscious instead of killing him and then it took him away with it.

Not only that, it seemed to have known about the fortune Lin Xun obtained from the bodhi root.

But what amazed Lin Xun the most was that the second that the black bird spread its wings, it seemed to have teleported across the void and vanished!

“What is that guy’s background?” Lin Xun found the black bird more and more extraordinary.

The first time he met it, it was in deep slumber within the black jade Buddhist altar. It was curled up like a divine fetus, its wings were folded and its body was bathed in strands of black divine flames intertwined with obscure dao runes.

At that time, Mu Zheng joined forces with four other successors of the Earth Treasury Temple to attempt to subdue it, but it still managed to escape effortlessly.

When it reappeared, it knocked Mu Zheng unconscious with brute force. It should be mentioned that Mu Zheng was a top cultivator with extraordinary combat skills, as demonstrated in his battle against Lin Xun.

Even so, the black bird suppressed him with a few simple moves, which was too unbelievable.

But what surprised Lin Xun the most was that it didn’t take action against him even though it knew that he had obtained the fortune. Instead, it just displayed a bit of irritation. Its behavior was too abnormal.

Who could it be?

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The white jade lotus seat was breaking apart and on the verge of collapse. The restriction of Buddhist light was receding at an astonishing speed.

The mysterious ancient temple was silently changing.

Lin Xun's eyes glazed over in a hypnotic trance as he stood there and thought back to everything he had experienced.

"Young Master Lin, are you okay?"

Not long after that, Miss Le and Luo Jia appeared, and they breathed a sigh of relief when they saw that Lin Xun looked to be in good condition.

"I'm fine." Lin Xun shook his head, dispelling the distracting thoughts in his mind.

"Where's Mu Zheng?" Miss Le glanced around.

"It's complicated. I will tell you when we leave this place," said Lin Xun.

"Okay." Miss Le nodded.

But Luo Jia couldn't bear it any longer. "Lin Xun, did you..."

Before she finished, Lin Xun nodded. "Fortunately, I did not lose my life."

Luo Jia sighed out loud, and a rare relaxed look came to her beautiful face.

Without further delay, the three rushed out of the ancient temple.

The Buddhist light restriction here was fading, and without that layer of protective power, the ancient temple would soon disappear.

The entire ruins would sink and no longer exist in the world!

After all, it was a ruin that had existed since ancient times. Without the protection of the restriction power, it would definitely be destroyed.

As expected, as soon as they darted out, a burst of explosions shook the depths of the ancient temple.

Lin Xun couldn't help turning his head around. The dilapidated ancient temple had become dull and dim like it lost its vitality.

"Let's go." Without any wavering, they returned the same way they came.

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It wasn't until their figures disappeared that a black bird appeared on the ancient temple building, its wings blazing like black flames.

"That guy withstood such a test. Could this be the heavens' will?" murmured the black bird.

It knew very well how terrifying the golden power sealed within the piece of bodhi root was. Even it did not dare to touch it because it was powerful enough to take the life of a Saint!

But Lin Xun survived, passed the test, and obtained the inheritance, astonishing the black bird.

The black bird snorted coldly, "Hmph! That should have belonged to me, but you took it. After I settle an affair, I will personally find you to settle accounts with you! If I'm not happy, hmph..."

Then, it turned its head, and its eyes which were as dark as eternal night peered into the depths of the ancient temple.

"You guys, you knew you were going to die, so why did you take that step? In the end, I am left alone to awaken in this life..."

Indescribable sorrow clouded its face, and its figure seemed exceptionally lonely and melancholic.

"Evil creature!" Mu Zheng forced his eyes open, but when he saw the black bird beside him, anger and hatred rushed up his heart.

Clang!

Without so much as a glance at him, the black bird deftly took out the black pot and swung it downwards. Mu Zheng felt a shot of pain in his forehead before his eyes rolled backward, and he fainted once again.

"That stubborn baldy! I rarely show real emotions, but you ruined everything with your loud voice," spat out the black bird furiously, and then, it spread its wings and sped into the distance with the unconscious Mu Zheng.

"I don't know whether it's a good or bad thing to awaken early...But perhaps this is fate? It's time to make a trip to the Earth Treasury Temple..."

Behind the black bird, the dilapidated ancient temple that had been standing since ancient times finally crumbled and disappeared in a tall upright mass of dust and smoke.

Not long after that, the world fell into silence. The ancient ruins opened up by supreme power also fell apart and dissipated like clouds.

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Chapter 963: Dao Slashing Forbidden Power

A golden treasure ship slowly moved forward on the Boundary River.

In a cabin of the ship, Lin Xun was studying the mystery of the Great Treasury Silent Scripture.

The scripture was extremely profound, developed from the Great Earth Treasury Scripture and the Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art through endless years of efforts of Saint Monk Duji and the Black Phoenix Saint Queen.

It was all-encompassing and roughly divided into three volumes.

The first volume, called Teachings, was an elaboration of the essence and mysteries of the Great Earth Treasury Scripture and the Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art by the two Saints.

The Great Earth Treasury Scripture was the foundation of the ancient sect the Earth Treasury Temple. It was a supreme inheritance in itself, containing unbelievable profound truths. It provided a general outline for Buddhist cultivators of the Earth Treasury Temple to study and comprehend the dao.

For example, the Universal Mercy and Succor Art that Mu Zheng practiced also belonged to an ancient inheritance in the Great Earth Treasury Scripture.

In other words, by understanding the Great Earth Treasury Scripture, Lin Xun could grasp all the dao art inheritances passed down in the Earth Treasury Temple.

Not every successor of the Earth Treasury Temple could grasp them. After all, it was the inheritance foundation of a sect. Arts should not be taught carelessly, and the dao should not be passed on so lightly.

In the first volume of the Great Treasury Silent Scripture, Saint Monk Duji organized and compiled all the profound secrets of the Great Earth Treasury Scripture.

It was akin to an elder of a sect passing on their teachings. The disciple did not need to explore and investigate alone to comprehend and successfully grasp all the profound mysteries of the scripture!

Even Mu Zheng, one of the eighteen sons of the Earth Treasury Temple, might not be able to enjoy such treatment.

On the other hand, the Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art was the foundation of the Black Phoenix bloodline and also an ancient and supreme dao scripture.

The Black Phoenix Saint Queen combined her cultivation base and dao arts to create a comprehensive exposition of this scripture in the first volume of the Great Treasury Silent Scripture.

This meant that anyone who studied the first volume of the Great Treasury Silent Scripture would be able to grasp the supreme inheritance of two ancient sects.

The second volume of the Great Treasury Silent Scripture was called Dao Integration, a way to integrate the inheritance of two different sects. It contained the profound secrets of integrating the mysteries of the Great Earth Treasury Scripture and the Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art.

The third volume was the true essence of the Great Treasury Silent Scripture. Known also as the Treasury Silence, it was a brand-new dao scripture created by the two Saints in ancient times!

This new scripture was born out of two supreme inheritances and transcended them, involving the profound mystery of the Saint Path. Even the strongest Saints of the world coveted such a valuable item!

In a nutshell, the Great Treasury Silent Scripture was divided into three volumes, namely Teachings, Dao Integration, and Treasury Silence. Each part was as vast as the ocean and contained infinite wonderful meanings.

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Lin Xun had to take it step by step if he wanted to fully comprehend this scripture.

He should first understand the first volume Teachings to grasp and master the Great Earth Treasury Scripture and the Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art.

Only when he fully comprehended the mysteries of the two could he further understand the Dao Integration volume and integrate the mysteries of the two dao scriptures into one.

Only when he achieved that would he have the foundation to comprehend the third volume, Treasury Silence!

However, Lin Xun knew very well that given his current ability, he didn't know how many years it would take him to comprehend the mysteries of the Teaching part, let alone comprehend the Dao Integration and the Treasury Silence...

He even suspected that the last two volumes of the Great Treasury Silent Scripture were profound mysteries that only Saints could comprehend!

After all, the Dao Integration volume combined the fundamental foundation of two ancient sects as well as two supreme inheritances of ancient times!

It was near impossible for cultivators of the Cyclic Derivation Stage to grasp it because not even old monsters of the Life Death Stage could do so.

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It was only after a long moment that Lin Xun awakened from his comprehension state and got up to open the door.

"How was it?" Luo Jia was already waiting outside his door.

In a purple dress, she was like an orchid in an empty valley, her beautiful and fair face glowing with anticipation.

"Okay." Lin Xun nodded and handed her a bamboo scroll that recorded the Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art.

Luo Jia stared at him in stunned silence, her pretty face disbelieving. It was only after a long moment that she took a deep breath and solemnly accepted the bamboo scroll with both hands.

Then, she raised her head and looked at Lin Xun with her clear glistening eyes. "Thank you so much, I will repay you in the future."

Lin Xun said with a smile, "I have already gained something, so you don't need to mind so much."

Luo Jia shook her head. "This is different."

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On the ship, Miss Le, Shun Baixuan, and the others were also waiting anxiously.

Many unbelievable events had happened since entering the mysterious ancient temple, and they were all curious about what Lin Xun had experienced.

Before long, Lin Xun and Luo Jia appeared together. They did not hide anything and told them everything they saw at the depths of the ancient temple.

However, Lin Xun mentioned little about the dao enlightenment and the Bodhi root. After all, it was a private matter, and he shouldn't talk too much about it.

Even so, Miss Le and the others were shaken.

In ancient times, two powerful Saints took a forbidden step and were killed by a golden, ruler-like figure!

In this world, was there a force stronger than a saint?

It was also at this moment that they finally understood that the rumors were not true. Saint Duji and the Black Phoenix Saint Queen were not mortal enemies and the queen was not killed by Duji.

On the contrary, they had a very close relationship, and they once studied the dao together. In other words, the murderer who killed them was someone else!

Everyone fell silent for a moment, wondering who on the earth could possess the supreme power that could kill two ancient Saints.

And what did that taboo step mean?

In the silence, Miss Le seemed to think of something as her body went stiff for a moment and her clear eyes widened with fear. "If my guess is correct, it is the Saint Severing Forbidden Power, which is also known as the Dao Slashing Power!"

Saint Severing Forbidden Power!

Dao Slashing Power!

Both names were chilling.

"Is the legend true?" Shun Baixuan's countenance changed, as though he thought of something.

Luo Jia couldn't help asking, "What is it?"

Lin Xun also trembled. He cast his mind back to the golden power sealed within the bodhi root. Perhaps that's the Saint Severing Forbidden Power that Miss Le spoke of!

"In ancient times, there was an extremely hazy rumor that whenever a Saint wanted to surpass the forbidden and seek a higher level of power, they would draw upon the tribulation of death..." In a low, whispering voice, Miss Le revealed a secret unknown to the world.

The Saint Severing Forbidden Power seemed to have an unfathomable background, like the incarnation of the laws of order in the heavens, signifying the unknown and death.

Since ancient times, many great figures had vanished mysteriously and never appeared in the world again. Rumor had it that they died under that forbidden power!

Of course, it was only a very vague rumor. If Lin Xun hadn't mentioned the encounter between Saint Duji and the Black Phoenix Saint Queen, Miss Le would never think of it.

"I also heard from my ancestors that the forbidden power can sever a Saint's cultivation and wipe away their existence like the slash of the great dao," Shun Baixuan chimed in. "Also, there are rumors that the appearance of the Hidden Holy Lands is related to that forbidden power."

"Hidden Holy Land, the place where Saints live in seclusion... Yes, if there isn't a reason, then why would Saints willingly hide and live in seclusion? This rumor may be true," Miss Le gasped.

Lin Xun was taken aback. Only then did he realize that the so-called Hidden Holy Lands in the world were related to secrets that no one knew.

Of course, everything was just a rumor, and no one could be sure if they have not touched on the truth.

Then, they discussed the Buddha embryo.

According to Miss Le, the Buddha embryo was originally an aeth embryo raised by nature and was very rarely found in the world. Saint Duji obtained it and kept it by his side.

When Miss Le entered the ancient temple and saw the Buddha embryo, it dawned on her that it contained a huge secret. Its body most likely contained the power of two Saints, the Saint Monk and the Saint Queen!

However, she was surprised to hear Lin Xun mention a black bird acting shamelessly and indecently.

But she couldn't help laughing when she heard that Mu Zheng, a peerless figure of the Earth Treasury Temple, was attacked from behind by the black bird and knocked unconscious with just an iron pot.

"Interesting that it has such a character even if it accompanied two Saints for years on end. The black bird must have an extraordinary origin and background. Unfortunately, we failed to capture it this time..." Miss Le muttered.

The others nodded in agreement.

This black bird had been sealed in the black jade altar since ancient times, and it was the incarnate of an aeth embryo that followed two Saints all year round. How would it be an ordinary being?

"No matter what, this trip has been worthwhile. Miss Luo Jia also got her wish and obtained the Black Phoenix Silent Annihilation Art. Congratulations," Miss Le exclaimed with a smile.

"It's only because of your help. I will repay you two in the future." Luo Jia bowed respectfully.

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"Lin Xun, before you leave, would you like to practice with me?" Shun Baixuan's eyes lit up like lightning, looking contemptuous and conceited.

The trip was over, and he and Luo Jia would soon leave.

Knowing that, he couldn't hold back from challenging Lin Xun again.

Luo Jia felt a headache coming on. Can this guy not sit still for a second? We just got out of the ruins of the ancient temple and he is about to cause trouble again!

Unexpectedly, Lin Xun did not refuse, but said with interest, "Are you sure?"

Shun Baixuan beamed and a proud smile spread across his lips. "Is there a need to consider so much?"

"This fool is confused again. Is his memory that bad?" Kou Xing and the others wore pitying looks on their faces in the distance.

If Shun Baixuan heard their sighs, he would likely go mad with anger again.

"How about this..."

Just as Lin Xun opened his mouth, Shun Baixuan interrupted, "Remember, it is a battle between you and me. No outsiders are allowed to intervene!"

Everyone had strange looks on their faces. Clearly, Shun Baixuan was worried that Xia Zhi would come out and intervene again.

This indicated that Shun Baixuan, an arrogant and tyrannical devil king of the world, had been traumatized by Xia Zhi's beating....

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Chapter 964: Chaos Star Beach

"Okay," Lin Xun agreed without hesitation.

His answer took Shun Baixuan aback because he never imagined that Lin Xun would agree so readily. He raised his brows and said skeptically, "Since it's just a spar then we are just comparing martial arts, so supreme weapons such as Saint treasures are not allowed."

"Okay." Lin Xun nodded again.

Only then did Shun Baixuan relax and his eyes flashed like lightning. His entire body exuded a brilliant golden glow and his fighting spirit soared. "Then you have to be careful. Remember that although I won't kill you, I won't go easy on you!"

"So just like when you faced off against Xia Zhi?" Lin Xun said indifferently.

The corners of Shun Baixuan's lips twitched violently. His humiliation was being exposed in public!

"Of course!" he shouted before he stepped forward and soared into the sky, hair dancing around his face like he was the god of war. "Come fight then!"

Lin Xun smiled brightly. "As you wish!"

Shua!

His robe fluttered as azure light flowed all over his body. Then, like a shaft of light, he rushed into the sky, aiming a palm strike in the direction of Shun Baixuan.

Rumble!

A great battle instantly broke out.

In the void, the wind raged, thunder rioted, and divine light beamed in all directions.

Rumble!

Lin Xun stepped forward and activated the Combustion Star River Art. Instantly, a sea of flames spread and raged across the nine heavens, incinerating any stars in its way like suns exploding. A terrifying aura of destruction flooded the world.

Showy.

Willful.

Tyrannical.

He was like the god of fire!

Everyone in the audience was amazed, especially Miss Le and Luo Jia, who sharply noticed that Lin Xun's strength had grown significantly compared to before.

But Shun Baixuan was not bad either. The little devil king from a family of saints might be arrogant and conceited, but he did possess the strength and ability that justified his arrogance.

Golden lights flared around him as he activated an ancient fist art. He wielded his fist upwards and the power of the punch blasted through the air like a fierce dragon.

"Good!"

Lin Xun laughed and met the attack head-on, looking satisfied and content.

He had been troubled that he could not find an opponent to hone his newly transformed grand dao power, but Shun Baixuan coincidentally came to find him.

He was also aware that after his fire dao power advanced to the next level, the power of the Combustion Star River also soared to an earthshaking level!

With one strike, a sea of flames submerged the sky, burning the galaxy. The terrifying destructive power it contained was enough to incinerate an entire world!

"Hmph!" Shun Baixuan snorted coldly. Although Lin Xun's strength surprised him a little, he did not panic and activated an ancestral dao art.

Moreover, he was more domineering than Lin Xun. He had never dodged an attack since the battle began. Every one of his punches was so fierce that it smashed the surrounding space and caused the air to flow turbulently!

But soon, he was shaking with rage, because Lin Xun scolded him with a dissatisfied voice during the fierce battle, "Put more strength into it!"

Those were Lin Xun's exact words. Not only that, he said them with furrowed brows.

"Kid, you are arrogant!" Shun Baixuan, who claimed to be the devil king in the world, erupted in response to the provocation.

As he roared furiously, his whole body exploded with golden light, and he swung his halberd without hesitation, making wild slashes in all directions. He looked as fierce as an overlord of the ancient times.

"This is more interesting now." Lin Xun was more delighted than surprised.

“You want a beating!” Shun Baixuan gritted his teeth, swung the halberd, and poured out a thousand rays of golden lights, causing the void to collapse with a rumble.

He didn’t hold back at all. Not only did he want him to suffer the shame that Xia Zhi brought to him, but he also wanted to make him have a taste of the feeling of pain, despair and frustration!

But Lin Xun frowned again in dissatisfaction. “Is this all the mighty Devil King of the Shun Clan has?”

“You!” Shun Baixuan thundered and almost crushed his teeth in anger. He decided to bring out his trump card.

Rumble!

From his golden halberd, waves of golden dao runes rippled out, causing the surrounding void to crumble and collapse like it was on the verge of being destroyed.

It was an ancestral lost art of the Shun Clan—the True Golden Ripple Vortex! It could pierce the sky and kill ghosts and gods with its domineering and fierce power.

Lin Xun’s aura suddenly changed in response, becoming as quiet and still as an abyss, and his body produced waves of terrifying energy like he was about to swallow the sky and earth.

He was using the Star Annihilation Heaven Devourer that had reached the Dao Ripple Level!

Moreover, he had combined its power with the power of the Nine Heavenshaking Destructions Art and the Tribulation Dragon Nine Transformations, as a result, his combat power also changed.

With one punch, the surrounding space seemed to be swallowed up and all of Shun Baixuan’s attacks were obliterated without a trace!

So bizarre!

Everyone could tell that Shun Baixuan’s True Golden Ripple Vortex was astonishingly powerful, like a golden dragon soaring into the sky, capable of wiping out the world.

But before he neared Lin Xun, the force of Lin Xun’s punch swallowed it up and it vanished without a trace!

Then, Lin Xun’s fist power erupted like an abyss of hell opening its giant mouth. With a boom, Shun Baixuan was drowned in fist power.

Bang!

However, Shun Baixuan’s reputation wasn’t built up from nothing. His halberd erupted in blazing light that blasted away the power that suppressed him, allowing him to narrowly escape the danger.

However, he looked a little discomposed with his torn clothes.

What power was that?

Shun Baixuan’s countenance changed subtly as he realized how powerful it was.

At the same time, Miss Le and Luo Jia were shaking inwardly, realizing the terror of Lin Xun's grand dao power.

"The dao is like an abyss, unfathomably deep, and it is like a star vortex or black hole, able to obliterate everything. What kind of grand dao was that?" Luo Jia asked, her beautiful clear eyes filled with amazement.

"Why does it feel familiar? I seem to have heard of it somewhere..." Miss Le murmured, wrinkling her perfectly beautiful brows.

After a long moment, she cried out, "I remembered! It's Yun Qingbai, the number one swordsman in the Ancient Wasteland Domain!" Her voice trembled with disbelief.

"Yun Qingbai!" Miss Le's expression tensed up.

"Yun Qingbai's sword skills are as unfathomable as an abyss. They contain immeasurable power that could slaughter ghosts and gods and swallow up the universe!"

Miss Le said, "Rumor has it that he has grasped a mysterious and rare grand dao power. This power is ranked in the top ten of the Reaching Heaven Dao Ranking!"

"Do you mean that Lin Xun has also mastered this grand dao power?" Luo Jia suddenly remembered. Isn't this the grand dao power that Lin Xun comprehended in the Stele Forest on Cangwu Mountain?

At that time, everyone regarded it as an extremely ordinary Vortex Grand Dao, which drew a lot of mocking and ridicule.

But now, it seemed that was not the case!

"No, I just find them a little similar. I can't be sure whether they are the same." Miss Le shook her head. Even if she said that, her expression was still extremely complex with a mixture of shock, disbelief and amazement.

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During the fierce battle in the void, Shun Baixuan was completely suppressed to the point of not being able to raise his head.

His face twisted with shock and anger. He also had set foot onto the Supreme Path, and he possessed all sorts of unmatched secrets and talents. He believed that among the younger generation in this world, only a handful of the heaven-defying geniuses in the Hidden Holy Land could match up to him.

He feared no one else!

But who would have thought that he would be crushed by Xia Zhi a few days ago, and now, Lin Xun seemed to be dominating in the battle against him?

How could he not be shocked?

Opposite him, Lin Xun expressed his dissatisfaction, "Is this all you've got? Hurry and bring out all your trump cards."

Shun Baixuan almost spat out blood in fury. He had already unleashed many secret arts and trump cards up to this point in the battle, but Lin Xun managed to deflect them all time and time again. What other killing moves did he have?!

He could activate the Saint Treasure, but if he did that, it would be a slap to his own face. He couldn't humiliate himself like that.

Boom!

In the end, Shun Baixuan was utterly defeated by Lin Xun.

Even if blood was trickling down his nostrils and the corners of his mouth, he still refused to yield. He still gritted his teeth and faced Lin Xun, unwilling to admit defeat.

But after being suppressed again and again, there was no hope of turning the battle around. Lin Xun directly suppressed him in the air and slammed him onto the deck of the ship with a clang.

Lin Xun hovered in the air with a dissatisfied look on his face and was about to continue, but Luo Jia stopped him.

"Stop, the outcome of the battle has already been decided. If it continues, it could lead to death." Luo Jia felt her head throb.

"I refuse to accept it!" Shun Baixuan roared, his face livid.

However, he didn't do anything else and was purely venting his anger and indignation.

"Ambitious! To know shame is akin to courage. I hope that you will come to challenge me again when you get stronger. I promise to fight you to the end." Lin Xun walked towards him with a smile on his face.

"Young Master, I didn't think you were so powerful. We misunderstood you before, so I want to apologize to you here. I hope you forgive us for our mistakes." Kou Xing and the others also came over and apologized with embarrassed smiles.

After witnessing the battle, they realized that the guy they had regarded as a fool was actually a powerful expert!

But when Shun Baixuan heard their apology, he quivered with anger. Annoying! So annoying! I have already lost like this, what's the point in apologizing to me?!

In the end, with a face red with shame, he left with Luo Jia. But before leaving, he resolutely announced that he would come to challenge Lin Xun again to wash away the shame!

Lin Xun strongly welcomed him to do so and then kindly told him to work hard and that he could not slack off when he went back.

Shun Baixuan wanted to say thank you, but when he learned that those words came from Lin Xun, he couldn't help but scrunch up his nose.

Is he making fun of me?

A friendly and caring attitude towards the loser is just malicious ridicule!

Luo Jia and Shun Baixuan left together while Lin Xun and the others continued onwards, heading into the depths of the Boundary River.

Along the way, although they encountered dangers, there was no risk to their lives.

Time flew, and seven days passed in the blink of an eye.

In those seven days, apart from practicing, Lin Xun tried to comprehend and figure out the mysteries of the first volume of the Great Treasury Silence Scripture. He wasted no time.

The only thing that puzzled him was that, after so many days, Little Silver, whom he had imprisoned in his mind-sea, showed no sign of giving in or admitting wrong. It was extremely stubborn.

Little Silver was the spirit-eating insect that had transformed into a larval insect king.

Ever since it had been deceived by Lin Xun, it had felt that its self-esteem had been insulted and it no longer wanted to talk to its cruel master Lin Xun.

Lin Xun also felt a bit of a headache regarding this. He was contemplating whether to find a good time to have a heart-to-heart talk with Little Silver.

It was then that Kou Xing's thrilled voice rang outside the cabin. "Ahead is the famous Chaos Star Beach in the Boundary River. Once we cross there, we shall arrive at the East Victory World within half a day!"

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Chapter 965: Star Debris Meteorite

Chaos Star Beach was a well-known ancient battlefield relic in the Boundary River.

Rumor had it that an earthshaking duel took place there in ancient times, and a sword saint appeared and slashed countless stars from the sky!

The stars exploded into fragments and hit the earth, smashing huge craters of thousands of miles.

After that, the Boundary River formed, and after countless years of changes, the area became known to the present world as Chaos Star Beach.

"Look, that's the Chaos Star Beach in the distance. For many cultivators in the East Victory World, Chaos Star Beach is a land of treasure littered with real Star Debris Meteorites. In the past years, it was unknown how many cultivators had come to explore and search for treasures there," Kou Xing pointed to the distance as he explained leisurely on the deck of the ship.

Once they arrived at the Chaos Star Beach, they could be said to have entered the boundary of the East Victory World. Within half a day, they would reach the city closest to the Boundary River.

In the distance, the turbid waves of the Boundary River rose and roared through the mist.

Unlike the other areas, this area was made up of many reef-like lands, all jagged and rough, where the river streamed through it, making it look like a beach.

It was a huge area with some reefs over tens of feet long and some resembling little islands.

“The rumor is true. In ancient times, the sword saint was extremely famous, earning the title of Demon Destroyer Sword Saint. He conquered and fought here, exhausting his whole life of power to slash and shatter the stars with his sword to create the spectacle in front of you,” Miss Le explained.

She was very intelligent and knew many secrets of ancient times. Many people started to wonder whether there was anything in the world that she didn’t know about.

Demon Destroyer Sword Saint?

Lin Xun marveled in his heart. What an amazing title!

Lin Xun couldn’t help asking, “What kind of treasure are the Star Debris Meteorites?”

“They are similar to Origin Stones. Once cut open, there is a great chance that they contain rare treasures such as aeth materials, aeth herbs, ores, and precious gems.” Miss Le said very confidently, “And some rare ones contained incredible treasures such as godly materials, aeth treasures, and aeth embryo.”

“Aeth embryo?” Lin Xun sounded surprised.

“Yes, more than ten years ago, a half-step king elder from the Heaven Axis Holy Land in the East Victory World obtained a bizarre Star Debris Meteorite on this Chaos Star Beach. After cutting it open, he found that it gave birth to a rare Azure Golden Beast aeth embryo. Before it awakened its consciousness, it miraculously already possessed a cultivation base.”

Miss Le continued, “Such a mysterious thing happened more than once in the past years. I heard that someone once cut open a Star Debris Meteorite and found mysterious animal bones that were imbued with remarkable cultivation arts.”

Lin Xun couldn’t help but smack his lips. The vast world was indeed full of extraordinary things.

When Miss Le mentioned Heaven Axis Holy Land, Lin Xun subconsciously thought of something.

Back when he was still in the Ziyao Empire, he heard that most of the top students in Qinglu Academy were sent to train in Heaven Axis Holy Land.

But the person who left the greatest impression on Lin Xun was Gu Yunting. He possessed the innate talent of Dao Fire Golden Body and was a well-known leading figure in Qinglu Academy.

However, Lin Xun could not stand that guy. A conflict broke out between them because Gu Yunting arrogantly wanted to take the Kui Ox Horn from him.

Although he didn’t do anything in the end, it still started a conflict.

In addition to Gu Yunting, many people from Qinglu Academy also went to train in the Heaven Axis Holy Land, including Zuo Yujing from the Zuo Clan and Zhao Jingwen from the Imperial Family.

Speaking of that, Lin Xun once had to teach some successors from the Heaven Axis Holy Land a lesson for some reason and that made the successors of the Heaven Axis Holy Land bear a grudge against him.

“Where is the Heaven Axis Holy Land?” Lin Xun asked.

"It's on the other side of the Boundary River. It's an ancient sect and is extremely famous in the East Victory World," Kou Xing answered.

Lin Xun nodded.

As they were talking, they were approaching the vicinity of Chaos Star Beach.

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Reefs were dotted everywhere, and there seemed to be no end to them.

The gray mist drifted over the land, and occasionally bright starry light flickered like fireflies, casting a mysterious charm over the area.

As Lin Xun's ship approached the area, he spotted many cultivator figures scattered across the place, some alone and some in groups, but they all seemed to be searching for something.

"Everyone, this area has already been occupied by our Perching Cloud Sect. I advise you to go around here. Anyone who approaches without authorization will be killed!"

As soon as they neared the area, a middle-aged bearded man threatened on one of the reefs, his eyes filled with killing intent.

Lin Xun was taken aback at first. Then, he released his spirit sense and detected a group of cultivators fishing for something in the river.

The black-clothed middle-aged man was on lookout duty.

At the same time, a cultivator cried out, "I found it, I found it, it's a Star Debris Meteorite of the supreme grade!"

He waved a bowl-sized stone in his hand. It was dark with a cold, metallic sheen. But upon a closer look, there were strands of silvery veins imprinted on the surface of the stone, giving off a dreamy starry glow.

Immediately, the Perching Cloud Sect cultivators all surrounded him.

"Cut it open and have a look!" Their eyes were all fixed on the Star Debris Meteorite, gleaming with excitement.

Lin Xun and the others couldn't help being curious, but the middle-aged man became more and more defensive and sternly threatened them, "If you don't leave now, don't blame me for being rude!"

Kou Xing and the others frowned. The man was only at the initial Cyclic Derivation Stage, which was inferior to them, but he dared to reprimand them in such a way. It was hard not to feel irritated.

"Let's go." Lin Xun didn't mind. Given his current cultivation state, he wouldn't be provoked so easily.

He wouldn't care unless someone was deliberately targeting him.

Immediately, they steered the ship around and headed for Chaos Star Beach.

Along the way, on the varying sizes of reefs were cultivators activating different arts to excavate Star Debris Meteorites.

At the same time, many cultivators were glancing around with guarded gazes, wary of anyone approaching.

Lin Xun and the others were frequently threatened and ordered not to get near them. Lin Xun didn't mind, but the others were filled with pent-up anger.

Furious, Kou Xing couldn't help but complain, "Damn it, the Chaos Star Beach belongs to no one. Anyone can come to search for treasures, but it has turned into this state!"

"Are you blind? Did you see that our Suspended Sect has occupied this area? Get lost!"

Before long, another cultivator yelled, looking arrogant and aggressive.

Kou Xing threw into a rage. It was not only a warning, but he also pointed them in the face and scolded them!

Boom!

However, Lin Xun responded more directly than Kou Xing. With a stretch of his hand, he grabbed the man in the luxurious robe from a distance.

"You..." The luxurious-robed man stuttered, too frightened to speak. He was about to scream when he landed in front of Lin Xun and the others and he saw stars spin around him.

"I ask the questions and you answer. Otherwise, no one will be able to save you." Lin Xun lowered his head, scowling at the luxurious-robed man.

The latter froze, and a feeling of great terror rushed up his heart. The gaze was like an abyss about to swallow his soul. He instantly understood the danger of his situation.

"Were there always so many people here?" Lin Xun asked bluntly.

"No." The man shook his head frantically. "Recently, the Boundary River underwent a sudden change, and that caused some changes in the Chaos Star Beach..."

According to him, although the Chaos Star Beach was rich in Star Debris Meteorites, over the years, countless cultivators had come and excavated all the Star Debris Meteorites.

But recently, the sudden changes in the Boundary River led to Star Debris Meteorites frequently appearing on the Chaos Star Beach, which should have been depleted of its resources.

Most astonishingly, the Star Debris Meteorites seemed to have been buried for an unknown amount of time and were of a higher grade than those found in the past.

Someone even found a piece of Star Debris Meteorite that was the size of a millstone. When it was cut open, they found a broken and rusty bronze halberd that was suspected to be a damaged Saint treasure!

The news caused a sensation as soon as it got out. Countless cultivators swarmed here, and the deserted Chaos Star Beach became buzzing like never again!

"We got the news that some ancient sects will also take action, so we hurriedly came and divided the territory here. We all have been digging with all our strength, hoping to make some harvests before they come. If those ancient sects come, we likely will get nothing." The man was extremely cooperative, answering every question that Lin Xun asked.

Lin Xun didn't make things difficult for him and let him go after finding out what he wanted to know.

"The great changes in the Boundary River will inevitably disappear in the end and the four worlds will reunite and no longer be independent."

Miss Le said ruminatively, "If that's the case, as this change unfolds, the secrets and opportunities hidden within the Boundary River will emerge in the world, as demonstrated with the Chaos Star Beach."

She suddenly raised her head and asked Lin Xun with a smile, "What do you think? So you want to try your luck and dig up some meteorites?"

"Okay." Lin Xun was also curious about the treasures hidden within the Star Debris Meteorites. If he missed out on them, then it could be a great pity.

They continued onwards as they chatted, trying to find an unoccupied part of the beach.

Unfortunately, along the way, all the reefs, regardless of the size, had been guarded by cultivators, and it was hard to find one unoccupied.

"Huh?"

While they were searching, suddenly, Miss Le's eyes focused on a little island in the distance.

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Chapter 966: Suppress Everyone

On a distant reef island, a group of cultivators were surrounding a frail-looking girl.

"Little girl, do as we say and hand over the Star Debris Meteorite in your hand!" The cultivator in charge had the demeanor of a sage-like being, but at that moment, his expression was menacing, unable to conceal his murderous intent.

The other cultivators wore cold smiles on their faces as they stared covetously at the girl's tightly clenched right hand. There, silvery light seeped out from between her fingers.

Trembling, she hissed through gritted teeth, "This is mine! I traded my life for it, so why would I give it to you!?"

She looked extremely thin and weak, especially in her old and coarse dress. Her face was quite pretty and delicate, but it had become a sickly pale shade.

Judging from her appearance, she had to be around fourteen and fifteen years old, and judging from her clothes, she must be from a poor family.

"Don't be so stubborn! This area belongs to the territory of our Blood Sword Sect. You secretly dug up that Star Debris Meteorite in our land! We haven't settled the score with you yet!" The old man in charge thundered, "Since you are still so young, I won't make things difficult for you. Hand over the meteorite in your hand and I will release you now. Otherwise, don't blame us for being rude!"

"Nonsense!" The girl trembled with anger as she yelled out, "I found this meteorite from another place, but your people surrounded me just as I passed by here! How...how could you be so unreasonable?!"

PA!

A cultivator stepped forward and slapped the girl in the face.

Her frail body flew across the air and landed on the ground with a screaming cry. She clutched her red and swollen cheeks, coughing up blood.

"It's just a little girl who appeared out of nowhere. Why waste time talking to her? Just directly get rid of her." The cultivator was a muscular and tall man with a fierce and disdainful face.

On the ground, the girl's face clouded over with sorrow, her eyes were red and blood was trickling down her lips. She looked extremely pitiful and distressed, especially with her hair caked with mud.

She knew that fighting back was futile, but she would never compromise or give up. She tightened her grip around the meteorite until her knuckles were turning white as if she was holding onto her own fate.

"Stop, stop it." A cultivator stepped forward, his gleaming eyes fixed on the young girl. "I happen to lack a maid to serve me personally. This girl's looks are quite decent, You can't destroy her."

Dressed in all white, he looked handsome and elegant, but when he spoke, he failed to conceal the perverted look on his face

The other cultivators roared with laughter. They all knew that the white-clothed man had strong lustfulness and had harmed many innocent young girls over the years.

Now, he had his eyes on the young girl before them.

"You..." said the thin girl indignantly, feeling humiliated and despair. She felt the road ahead was completely dark. She believed that with the meteorite in her hand, she could change her fate, but she never expected that what was waiting for her was a calamity!

Not only the meteorite might be snatched away, but even her body might also be tainted!

The thought of taking her own life passed through her mind.

"Stop talking nonsense, first grab the meteorite," the old man commanded impatiently.

Immediately, the burly man rushed forward and grabbed the girl on the ground, brutally and forcefully.

The girl lost all hope, her face became overcast with sadness, and her heart felt like dead ashes. There was only one thought left in her mind: The Heavens...are not fair!

“Get lost!” But almost at the same time, a tall and handsome figure stood in front of the girl, murmuring a dao chant.

The burly man only felt a buzz in his ears before his spirit throbbed with agonizing pain. His vision blurred and he staggered to the ground, clutching his head and screaming.

The cultivators from the Blood Sword Sect narrowed their eyes, but when they saw that the figure standing in front of the girl was only a young man at the intermediate Cyclic Derivation Stage, their brows scrunched together and their faces turned dark and unpleasant.

“Young master, why do you want to meddle in the affairs of our Blood Sword Sect?” the old man asked in a deep voice.

That young man was precisely Lin Xun. He ignored the several men and cast a glance at Miss Le who was approaching from not too far away.

The reason he lent a helping hand was, firstly, out of righteousness, but also because Miss Le showed unusual agitation and anger. She had lost her usual composure and calmness.

Lin Xun knew that this matter was not that simple.

Sure enough, when Miss Le arrived and saw the distressed girl lying on the muddy beach, her hands quivered and her beautiful face reddened with uncontrollable fury.

This was extremely unusual because Lin Xun had never seen such emotions from Miss Le.

At the same time, the frail girl looked a little perplexed. She had already given up all hope and planned to kill herself, but she was actually...saved!

“How dare you! That girl is our prey. Whoever dares to touch her is an enemy of our Blood Sword Sect!” the leader thundered.

He ordered the others to act.

This was because he was worried that the Star Debris Meteorite in the girl’s hand would be taken away.

Boom!

There were over a dozen experts from the Blood Sword Sect. The spectacle of them all attacking together immediately drew the attention of cultivators in the other areas.

The girl cried out anxiously, “Hurry up and run!”

This surprised both Lin Xun and Miss Le. They exchanged glances with each other and made up their minds.

“Die!”

The handsome white-robed man took the lead. He unfolded a gold jade fan, and with a swoosh, blood-colored light shrouded the surface of the fan and rays of fierce blood-colored light shot out from the ribs of the fan.

However, the blow was not aimed at Miss Le or Lin Xun, but at the girl on the ground!

"If I can't have her, you also can't either!" he roared, his expression callous.

However, to his shock, before his attack got close, it was silently swallowed up, disappearing completely.

The young man opposite of him never made a single movement from the beginning to the end, except glowering at him with his cold black eyes.

This is bad!

He realized something was wrong. Trembling inwardly, he wanted to bolt away.

But as soon as he turned around, an invisible and terrifying force bore down on him like a mountain falling from the sky.

Thud!

His entire body was crushed to the ground. His muscles and bones crumbled into thousands of parts, and his seven orifices oozed with blood. Before he could scream, he lost consciousness.

Everything seemed to have happened slowly, but in fact, it all happened in the blink of an eye.

It was unbelievably fast. From afar, it looked as if the white-robed man had admitted defeat and dropped to the ground without a sound.

When the white-clothed man was suppressed, the other Blood Sword Sect experts were already in action. But their faces dramatically changed at the terrifyingly bizarre scene.

They were already one step too late.

A frightening force erupted from Lin Xun like a giant abyss devouring heaven. Even the air whimpered and surrendered under his power.

Then, with a series of thuds, all experts of the Blood Sword Sect, including the old man in charge, collapsed to the ground, spurting blood from their mouths and nostrils and screaming endlessly.

Their shrill and tragic cries echoed throughout the world, startling even the cultivators in the far distance.

Their gazes changed when they looked at Lin Xun, brimming with fear.

"Those guys deserve it. They deserve to die in Young Master Lin's hand!" Kou Xing and the others felt very satisfied.

Meanwhile, the girl was still in a stunned state, staring at the scene in disbelief. It felt as unreal as it was a dream.

Miss Le sighed in her heart, her face overcast with sadness. Many past events and memories came flooding back.

Back then, she was also a lonely and weak girl struggling to live. To survive, she often had to compete with beggars on the streets for food.

She worked extremely hard to change her fate. Just like the young girl, she believed that she would no longer have to suffer any hardships if she risked her life to find a treasure.

But in the end, she was bitterly disappointed and lost all hope.

This was because she had encountered almost exactly the same situation as the girl in front of her.

Fortunately, her master happened to pass by and rescued her. She was brought to the sect to train, and her life changed from then on!

Fortunately, the young girl was also rescued, and she no longer had to face despair and death...

Miss Le couldn't help looking at the girl with a look of relief and pity.

The old man bitterly begged for mercy on the ground, "Young master, our Blood Sword Sect has no enmity with you..."

Lin Xun turned to look at Miss Le.

Miss Le looked at the girl.

The girl pursed her lips, her eyes brimming with hatred, but in the end, she shook her head and said, "Big Brother, Big Sister, I don't want to kill them now."

"Why?" asked Miss Le.

"I...I want to get revenge by myself in the future." The girl bowed her head, but her voice was resolute.

"What if you still can't change your situation from today?" Miss Le asked.

The girl was taken aback and then she pursed her lips and said, "I haven't thought about that but I have always had nothing, so I'm not afraid to gamble my life."

She spoke calmly, but there was a touching determination.

Miss Le's gaze softened and a pleased smile spread across her lips.

Vaguely, she thought of herself many years ago. When she was faced with her master's questioning, she also said unwaveringly, "I am alone. I have no other path I can take to survive. If I can't change then I might as well die."

Those were the words that made her master take her in.

"Big sister, I want to give this meteorite to you." The girl took a deep breath, as if she had made a decision, and opened up her tightly clenched right hand in front of Miss Le.

A gush of magnificent silvery light rushed out from the girl's palm, as beautiful as a dream, but along with it was a frightening and obscure fluctuation of energy.

Upon a closer look, it was a lustrous black Star Debris Meteorite around the size of an egg.

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Chapter 967: Starry Sky Beast

Lin Xun's eyes were also drawn to the meteorite because he knew by feeling that it was a rare Star Debris Meteorite.

It looked extraordinary with its dark glistening surface producing dreamy silvery light.

It was no wonder that the cultivators from the Blood Sword Sect coveted the meteorite. Others also might not be able to resist the temptation.

It was no wonder that such a precious treasure would bring trouble to its innocent possessor as it had with the little girl.

"You refused to hand this thing over even if it cost your life, so why are you giving it to me now?" Miss Le asked.

"That's different. I can tell the good from the bad." The girl wiped away the blood stains on her face, revealing her bright and beautiful eyes.

"Are you not worried that we saved you for this item?" Miss Le asked with interest.

"At least I can give it to you with a clear conscience," said the young girl.

Miss Le smiled, gazing at the girl with more kindness and pity.

"Where my heart is at peace, there is my home." Lin Xun looked moved. He found a rare quality in the little girl. "As long as one adheres to one's heart, one would not be misguided by external things."

In the end, Lin Xun and the others declined the girl's Star Debris Meteorite. Instead, they took her with them and left the area together.

The Blood Sword Sect experts could not smile despite narrowly escaping death.

They knew that if the weak girl had changed her fate just now, then she would come back to take revenge sooner or later!

"Who was that guy? He had such terrifying powers. He suppressed all the experts from the Blood Sword Sect without any visible movements! Could he be a peerless genius from some ancient sect?"

"The world is full of amazing things, you shouldn't be so easily impressed. Recently, many peerless figures have been born in the East Victory World."

"The great age is coming, the Boundary River will disappear, and the four worlds of the Ancient Wasteland will be reunited to form its former state in ancient times. From then on...the world will be like never before!"

On the nearby reefs, some cultivators couldn't help sighing emotionally after witnessing the scene of Lin Xun demonstrating his power.

Some cultivators also secretly rejoiced at the fact that Lin Xun and the others did not take them seriously. Previously, they had threatened Lin Xun and the others to not step onto the territory. Now that they thought about it, their behavior was akin to seeking death. They were fortunate to still be alive.

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Star Chaos Beach was very large, with reefs everywhere, and the gray mist shrouding the area made it all the more mysterious.

On the ship, Miss Le had decided to take the weak girl back to the sect, which made Kou Xing and the others envious.

They all knew that, from now on, the girl would become completely different to before, like a carp leaping into the dragon's gate!

"Xiaohe, where did you find this meteorite?"

"Just ahead. You have to pass through more than a dozen islands and reefs, and then through an area of thick fog."

Xiaohe was the name of the girl. "The place is very strange, with piles of bones and terrifying beasts constantly appearing..."

"But, every night, the place becomes a beautiful silvery shade as if a river of stars is roaring past."

Both Lin Xun and Miss Le's faces lit up. That place must be extraordinary!

At the same time, Xiaohe's eyes were full of longing. "I thought I had come to the starry sky beyond the world...there were beautiful bright stars wherever I went...Unfortunately, I didn't dare to go deeper."

"Why?" asked Miss Le.

"I heard one spine-chilling scream after another...and also the loud roar of ferocious beasts..."

Xiaohe trembled nervously. Clearly, she still had some residual fear from the scene she saw earlier.

"Should we check it out?" Miss Le looked at Lin Xun.

Lin Xun thought for a moment and nodded.

He was indeed very curious about the place. The fact that Xiaohe was able to find an incredibly rare and high-grade Star Debris Meteorite along the way suggested that there were more secrets in the deeper depths.

Moreover, from Xiaohe's description, he could tell that, although the place might be riddled with dangers, there must be good things to be found there!

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One hour later.

Following Xiaohe's direction, Lin Xun and the others steered the ship into a gray and foggy area.

The islands and reefs here were sparse, and the river was calm and still like stagnant water. There was an eerie silent atmosphere.

"So beautiful!" As they continued onwards, Kou Xing's eyes lit up, looking mesmerized by the scenery ahead.

In the void, clusters of stars were swaying and dancing, exuding a pure brilliance that looked especially bright and gorgeous amid the gray mist.

From afar, it was as though a vast starry river was rolling across the sky, magnificent and bright.

Vaguely, many had the illusion of stepping into the starry sky of the universe.

But at the same time, a dangerous aura seemed to permeate the area, as if terrifying beings existed in the depths of the starry sky.

A glint flashed in Lin Xun's eyes like lightning, and his spirit sense spread outwards to investigate the place.

Immediately, he discovered some chilling scenes. In the deathly still and quiet river were several floating corpses, all of which were mangled beyond recognition.

Some had their heads smashed, some had their chests torn, and some had their bodies severed, leaving only the limbs bobbing along the river.

Additionally, Lin Xun reckoned that those corpses had died not too long ago. Judging from their injuries, they must have encountered some sort of terrifying beast.

"Everyone, be careful, this place is very strange," reminded Lin Xun.

Before his voice faded, a silvery white figure flashed out from starlight like a bolt of lightning, speeding towards the ship they were on.

Rumble!

The void was smashed to pieces with a sonic boom behind the silvery white figure. It wasn't only fast but also extremely powerful.

Kou Xing and the others unwaveringly steered the ship to escape.

At the same time, they caught a glimpse of the silvery-white figure's true face.

It was a monster-beast with the appearance of a pangolin. Its body was entirely covered with silver scales, its four claws were like sharp hooks, and its eyes were scarlet and ice-cold, giving off a violent and bloodthirsty aura.

Kou Xing brought out a spear and charged toward it with killing intent.

Clang!

Sparks sputtered. The pangolin's outer skin and scales were tougher than weapons. Additionally, it released a silvery brilliance that propelled Kou Xing's spear through the air.

At the same time, it unleashed a shrill scream, and a shaft of white light shot out from its ferocious mouth, blasting Kou Xing away.

The rest gasped audibly. Kou Xing was a powerful Cyclic Derivation expert, yet he failed to block the opponent's blow!

“So strong!” Green Face and Scarlet Silk dared not to pause for a moment. Immediately, they charged forward to get rid of the opponent together with Kou Xing.

However, the pangolin displayed its unexpectedly terrifying power. Its body somersaulted and sliced through the air at like a bolt of white lightning,

Bang! Bang! Bang!

In a blink of an eye, Kou Xing and the others were blasted back one by one, coughing up blood in pain.

What the hell is that thing?

Boom!

The pangolin ruthlessly followed up with another attack. It glided forward, opened its mouth, and shot a beam of white light at Kou Xing. The speed was so fast that Kou Xing had no time to dodge.

Crack!

At that moment, Lin Xun moved. With a thrust of his palm, a gush of annihilating force dispelled the white life with a puff.

Kou Xing broke out in a cold sweat after the close shave with death.

Undoubtedly, if it wasn't for Lin Xun, they all would have been killed there. The pangolin was too abnormally strong and more vicious than great cultivators of the Cyclic Derivation Stage!

“Interesting!”

Lin Xun activated the Hornless Ice Dragon Step, immediately catching the attention of the pangolin. Its scarlet eyes became bloodshot with bloodthirst.

Boom!

It seemed to sense the danger as blazing light flared up around its silvery body and transformed into a bolt of ferocious lightning.

Lin Xun quickly activated the Bi'an Stamp and the Baxia Imprisonment and swung his palm forward. The pangolin thudded onto the deck of the ship as if it had been crushed by a giant mountain. Its scales cracked and shattered, blood coursed down the deck, and it screamed in agony and rage.

Suddenly, its tail leaped into the air like a shining silver whip. With a flash, it transformed into multiple razor-sharp light blades.

Lin Xun stood in the same spot and never dodged once. His body resembled a raging abyss, engulfing and obliterating any light blade that neared him.

Bang!

At the same time, he punched out. The scales all over the pangolin's body broke to pieces like they had been smashed.

Kou Xing and the others smacked their lips. A powerful beast was beaten to the point of being unable to strike back. Young Master Lin really deserves the name of demon king!

But to everyone's surprise, the pangolin was extremely tenacious. At this moment of life and death, it went berserk. Blinding silvery white light erupted from his body like it was set aflame. It seemed like it wanted to bring everyone down with him.

Without any wavering, Lin Xun lashed out with a kick to the opponent's head, crushing its skull and ending its life.

From the beginning, he appeared extremely relaxed and calm.

"Miss, have you ever seen such a strange monster before?" Lin Xun asked.

"It should be a creature that lives above the starry sky." Miss Le had been thinking about it all this time and finally came to such a conclusion.

"Above the starry sky?" Her answer baffled Lin Xun.

"It should be the case. The Chaos Star Beach is a battlefield relic from ancient times. The Demon Destroyer Sword Saint slashed down countless stars back then with his sword and left many star fragments here."

Miss Le said ruminatively, "I suspect that living creatures fell here along with the fragments of stars.

"Also, in the ancient books, there are records that unknown beings resided in the boundless starry sky. Also, it is said that powerful beings have once broken through the barriers and descended upon the Ancient Wasteland Domain, but that rarely happened. Probably only once in thousands of years."

"I see." Lin Xun's expression was pensive.

"If there are indeed beasts living in the starry sky, it must be extraordinary. Maybe we will find extremely rare Star Debris Meteorites." Miss Le's eyes gleamed.

Everyone's heart fluttered.

At that moment, another figure rushed out from the starry sky in the distance. The sky lit up with crackling electricity and loud clapping thunder where it passed, drawing everyone's attention.

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Chapter 968: Information About the Mystical Lake

It was a young man around sixteen to seventeen years old. He had a pair of wings on his back that crackled and glowed like lightning, which was very eye-catching.

"He is an expert of the Lightning Wing Clan, a top clan in the East Victory World," Miss Le explained to Lin Xun as she recognized the other party with one glance.

At the same time, the teenager cast a look at the pangolin's corpse on the deck before he turned around to say to Lin Xun and the others, "Greetings, fellow cultivators, I had my eyes on this beast first so I was wondering if you could hand it over." As he spoke, lightning circulated his wings.

Despite his young age, he already exuded a terrifying might and a remarkable demeanor.

“Are you not demanding too much? Just because you said it’s yours do we have to give it to you?” Lin Xun raised his brows.

“Too much? No, I’m asking very nicely.” The teenager smiled leisurely.

“Then let me tell you, forget it, let alone you, even if your elders come, they can’t persuade me,” Lin Xun stated.

“What do you mean by that?” The young man frowned with discontent, lightning rioting around his body and the space quaking violently.

“Can you not tell that we don’t welcome you here? Quickly leave!” Kou Xing shouted.

“Haha, it seems that I am being too kind. I thought that speaking nicely can solve this matter. Who would have thought that I am dealing with a group of barbarians?” The teenager chuckled, his voice filled with undisguised coldness.

“Barbarians?” Lin Xun also laughed, revealing his pearly white teeth.

The young man said disdainfully, “What? Do you not think so?”

Lin Xun soared into the air, saying, “I’m really curious as to what gave you the courage to be so condescending!”

Boom!

His body glowed brightly as he inched forward toward the teenager.

“I guess you want to die!” The teenager sneered. Without any visible movements from him, a giant, silver lightning bow appeared in his grip.

Swoosh!

An arrow fired across the sky like a bolt of lightning, splitting apart the void with a skyful of fiendish qi.

Lin Xun had no intention of evading. He stretched out his arm and effortlessly caught the arrow, instantly absorbing and refining its terrifying power.

“You...” The teenager’s pupils shrank.

That was the Silver Lightning Bolt Arrow, which could kill great cultivators of the Cyclic Derivation Stage, but his opponent caught it without much of an effort.

Buzz!

Suddenly, Lin Xun flicked his hand and the arrow started flying from his grip, several times faster than it was before, creating an ear-piercing sonic boom. It resembled a giant silver sun, and its force was much more terrifying than before.

This is not good!

The teenager’s hair stood on end. He frantically brought out a blue shield.

With a deafening boom, the blue shield shattered to pieces, shooting a rain of light everywhere. The teenager sustained severe injuries and violently coughed up blood, almost losing his balance and falling into the Boundary River.

“Do you know who I am!?” fumed the teenager, his face livid.

Lin Xun smiled. He was least afraid of such a threat. He sped forward once again, balling his hand into a fist.

To his surprise, the teenager from the Lightning Wing Clan was amazing, superior to ordinary great cultivators of the Cyclic Derivation Stage. With a flap of his lightning wings, he could raise his speed to almost the speed of teleportation.

Unfortunately, he had encountered Lin Xun, a demon god-like figure who stirred up a storm in the West Infinity World and who had single-handedly slaughtered half-step kings in the past. In less than a few breaths, he was utterly defeated and flung onto the ship's deck.

The teenager spurted blood from his mouth and nostrils, almost going berserk with anger. He threatened Lin Xun again and again, but in the end, he tasted the pain of a beating from Lin Xun, almost losing his life.

“Speak, why do you want this beast corpse and what are you doing around here?” questioned Lin Xun.

The teenager was breathing feebly as he glared at Lin Xun with a resentful gaze and said nothing.

Lin Xun resorted to torture and finally forced the teenager to tell the truth.

It turned out that in the depths of this starry light-filled area hid a mystical lake with silvery water flowing in it.

The lake only appeared recently, but it often presented mysterious phenomena, so it had attracted the attention of many experts.

After investigation, experts concluded that at the bottom of the lake sat a piece of Star Debris Meteorite that could shake the world. It was as huge as a small hill, and its body was a brilliant silver shade.

The mysterious vision that appeared in the void came from that Star Debris Meteorite!

However, the meteorite was guarded by a dragon-turtle-like colossal monster. Anyone who dared to approach it would be killed immediately.

It was unknown how many experts died with regret at the hands of the dragon turtle.

“We have been hunting down that starry sky beast to act as bait to lure away the dragon turtle so that we could take the opportunity to snatch away the piece of meteorite it guarded.” The teenager told everything truthfully under torture.

“Bait?” Lin Xun raised his brows.

“Yes, we found that the dragon turtle beast is not interested in anything, but it likes to feast on starry sky beasts like that.” The teenager barely managed to raise his head and said, “I’ve told you everything that I know. You should release me now, right?”

Lin Xun asked, "Do you think there is still a chance for you to live?"

The teenager went stiff for a moment, and then rage gripped him and he roared resentfully, "Despicable, if my young master found out about this, he won't let you off!"

Pu!

Lin Xun applied force to his palm and ended the other party's life.

"Even a servant is so powerful. The young master he mentioned is very likely to be Xing Yitian, the leading figure of the younger generation of the Lightning Wing Clan," Miss Le remarked thoughtfully.

"Is he strong?" asked Lin Xun.

"Very strong."

Miss Le nodded before continuing, "He is said to be extremely talented. Additionally, he trained under an old monster of the Life Death Stage since he was a child, and he had personally received guidance from a true Saint. He is a well-known figure among the younger generation in the East Victory World."

"What about compared to Yu Lingkong?"

"I'm not sure. I have just heard some things about him. I don't know much about him, but he wouldn't be famous for nothing. If you run into him here, you must be extra careful. Generally speaking, genius figures like him would be guarded by many powerful masters."

Lin Xun nodded.

They continued deeper into the area.

Half an hour later.

They heard a commotion in the distance.

A group of experts was chasing a giant silvery white bear.

The giant bear was extremely powerful and fierce, and its fur was suffused with dazzling light. It launched a palm strike through the air, shattering the surrounding void.

"Let's attack together, we must not let it escape. This beast has just swallowed a meteorite that was the size of a palm leaf. It's an extremely rare treasure. We must hurry, kill it and seize the treasure!" someone roared.

Everyone's eyes blazed with fighting spirit at the mention of the Star Debris Meteorite.

The higher the grade of the Star Debris Meteorite, the more precious and rare the treasures inside it would be. A top-grade meteorite the size of a palm leaf would no doubt fetch a sky-high price regardless of what treasure it contained!

Roar!

However, to the surprise of the experts, the bear seemed infuriated as it launched a counterattack instead of running away.

The next scene sent a chill into everyone's hearts. In the blink of an eye, the giant silvery white bear grew several hundreds of feet tall like a towering mountain!

Pu! Pu!

It swung its arm across the universe like an iron pillar, blasting the bodies of several experts into a shower of blood and flesh.

"This is bad! Quickly run!"

"Damn it! How can that beast suddenly become stronger?"

"It deceived us! It deliberately pretended to be weak just now!"

The remaining experts panicked and were in a hurry to escape.

However, the giant bear unleashed an earthshaking roar and began its counterattack.

From a distance, it looked as if a silver mountain was moving. Not a single one of the experts it caught up to managed to survive. All were smashed to smithereens.

In the end, only a handful of experts escaped. The rest lay dead on the river.

With no more opponents, the giant bear transformed itself to the height of the average person and opened its mouth to spit out a silver Star Debris Meteorite.

The giant silvery white bear muttered disdainfully, "Hmph, a bunch of idiots. I can't believe they are after something that belongs to me, do they want to die?!"

"That guy looks rash and tyrannical, but it turns out to be so cunning," Miss Le said in surprise. She never imagined that the giant silvery white bear could be so scheming. It unquestionably pretended to be weak just so it could wipe out several people in one go.

"Go, let's go and take a look." As Lin Xun spoke, he had already started to act.

"Who is it!?" The giant silver bear became guarded. It opened its mouth and swallowed the Star Debris Meteorite before it widened its eyes and stared ferociously at Lin Xun who was approaching it.

"Are you a starry sky beast or a creature from this world?" Lin Xun studied the bear with great interest.

The bear's fur was glossy and soft, but it exuded an overbearing aura even from just standing there casually.

"I..."

Just as the giant silvery white bear was about to answer, it rolled its eyes and changed its tone, snorting coldly, "It's none of your business!"

"If you are a starry sky beast, you will inevitably be killed," Lin Xun remarked indifferently.

The bear was taken aback for a moment and then said, "What if I'm not?"

"You will still die."

Lin Xun stroked his chin, staring at its huge bear paws. "I have never tried bear paws before. I wonder how it tastes."

The giant bear roared aggressively, "So I am going to die either way, is that right?"

"It depends on whether you are going to cooperate or not." Lin Xun grinned. "For example, hand over the meteorite in your stomach..."

Lin Xun froze before he finished speaking because the giant silvery white bear had swiftly slipped away!

"Hahaha, big idiot! Do you think I'm as stupid as you? If I didn't sense danger from you, I would have slapped you to death already!"

The uncontrollable laughter of the giant bear rang in the distance, filled with triumph and craftiness.

By the time Lin Xun wanted to chase after it, it had already vanished without a trace.

The corners of Lin Xun's lips twitched imperceptibly. The speed of the bear also surprised him. It was unbelievably comparable to teleportation.

When he looked into the distance, he noticed Miss Le and the others scrunching up their faces, trying their best to hold back their laughter. Who would have imagined that the mighty Demon God Lin would be tricked by a giant fluffy bear?

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Lin Xun couldn't help reddening with shame. It indeed didn't seem right that he allowed a dumb bear to slip away.

However, after thinking about it more, Lin Xun had a feeling that was beyond words.

The giant silvery white bear seemed nothing special, yet it made Lin Xun feel a tingle of danger in the depths of his heart.

It was as if terrifying power was lying dormant within the bear's body, and once it erupted, it would unleash unimaginable destructive power.

How bizarre!

Lin Xun fiercely shook his head to stop thinking about it.

The group continued onwards, and the atmosphere grew increasingly deathly still and silent, while the sky became stippled with glittering silvery stars.

Chi!

Before long, another ferocious beast charged out. It was a huge tarantula with a crystal-clear body that was suffused with silvery light. It stood over ten feet tall and had limbs that were thick and sharp as blades.

It was very powerful, exuding a foul and evil-foreboding air. As it moved through the sky, it thrust its long and thick legs out straight like sparkling blades dancing in the air, tearing cracks into the void.

A battle broke out without any surprise. Lin Xun rushed forward to face it head-on. To his shock, he struggled to break the silver tarantula's defense with just his fists and kicks!

Moreover, its limbs were bright and silvery white like blades, almost impenetrable, and contained terrifying destructive power.

Lin Xun reckoned that, in terms of combat strength alone, the silver tarantula was not inferior to any of the peerless geniuses in the world!

This was unbelievable, but it proved that this area was very mysterious and unusual.

In the end, Lin Xun had to summon the Broken Blade before he could slaughter the silver tarantula.

He put away its corpse for later, but it was not over yet. They continued to encounter fierce beasts rushing out from time to time, including silver tigers, vipers, and mountain rhinos.

These beasts clearly did not belong to the Ancient Wasteland Domain and should be starry sky beasts. Every beast they encountered was stronger than the previous, and the weakest one was still stronger than the top Cyclic Derivation experts in the world!

The thousand-foot-long viper that Lin Xun ran into was no doubt at the level of a half-step king. In its fit of anger, the wind raged, clouds scudded across the sky, and the earth seemed to be splitting apart.

It also took Lin Xun a lot of effort to defeat and kill them.

Several hours later, Lin Xun had slaughtered over a dozen of the starry-sky-beast-like creatures, but to his puzzlement, he never met another that brought him a feeling of danger as the giant silvery white bear did.

Finally, Lin Xun and the others spotted the mystical silver lake that the Lightning Wing Clan teenager mentioned.

It was indeed a miraculous lake, surrounded by islands and reefs, and the lake water glowed a sacred silvery hue.

It was so dreamy and magnificent that it looked like a lake of starlight.

It is indeed unusual!

"Didn't that guy say that beneath this lake lies an unrivaled Star Debris Meteorite that is the size of a little mountain? I wonder if that's true or not." Kou Xing's eyes blazed as he peered into the bottom of the lake.

"Everyone, be careful, many cultivators are hiding around here." Lin Xun instantly captured the presence of many powerful auras hiding on the nearby islands and reefs with his spirit sense.

But to his surprise, quite a few were half-step kings, and there were very few experts at the Cyclic Derivation Stage in comparison.

However, it made sense. Ordinary people could not possibly reach this far. If Lin Xun was not watching over the operation, then Kou Xing and the others would not have been able to come here.

“Strange, since those guys have already come, why is there no one taking action?” Kou Xing and the others looked perplexed.

“It’s very simple, they are all waiting for the best time. No one wants to be the first to throw away their lives.” Miss Le’s beautiful eyes sparkled with intelligence and wisdom. “This suggests that there is great danger within the silver lake since even those half-step kings are so cautious to take action.”

“Ignore them, you guys stay here and I will set up a large formation to protect you all. I will go and investigate the lake myself,” Lin Xun suddenly said aloud as an imperceptible strange light flashed in the depths of his eyes.

This was because Little Silver, who had been imprisoned in the Mind-Sea to reflect, was bubbling over with excitement, which was very abnormal!

“Won’t it be too dangerous?” Miss Le sounded a little worried. “Don’t forget that many ruthless characters are hiding around here. Even if you manage to find something at the bottom of the lake, when you return, you will be targeted by them!”

She wanted to remind Lin Xun not to be so focused on the gains ahead that he forgot the dangers behind them.

“I understand, even if I encounter danger, don’t I still have a trick up my sleeve?” Lin Xun said with a smile. As he spoke, he flicked his sleeve, and bronze flags shot out one after another, inserting into the void.

In the blink of an eye, the Four Divisions King Array had been set up.

At the same time, Lin Xun handed the formation plate and a storage bag filled with high-grade aeth essence to Miss Le. Those were the key to activating the array.

If they encountered danger, they only needed to manipulate the formation plate and feed it with aeth essence to activate the forbidden array.

“Now I can’t wait for some ignorant guys to come over to die. If they do, I can collect some loot. After all, those guys must have found a lot of Star Debris Meteorites while here,” Miss Le said with a smile.

Kou Xing and the others also couldn’t help but laugh.

Meanwhile, Lin Xun acted by himself, inching towards the silver lake.

He seemed to be strolling in a leisurely manner, but in fact, he was ready and waiting for action like a drawn bow itching to fire at any moment!

He only stopped his steps when he reached the lakeside.

“Little Silver, don’t you think we should talk now?” Lin Xun spoke slowly in his Mind-Sea.

Ever since they arrived at the bank of the silver lake, Little Silver had been unusually excited, but when he heard Lin Xun’s words, he calmed its emotions and said, “Master, what are you planning now? Give up, I won’t fall for your tricks again. I won’t let my pride and dignity be trampled on again, even if it’s by you!”

That sentence almost choked Lin Xun to death. He said irritably, "Little guy, what are you talking about? Do you want to rebel? I let you reflect for so many days, but this is the outcome you have come up with!"

"Master, I was right and you were wrong. You should not have deceived me so cruelly and despicably last time. If you don't apologize to me then I will never forgive you," Little Silver grumbled stubbornly like a child throwing a tantrum.

Lin Xun stared speechlessly at it. He had never seen such a proud God Devourer Insect! It called him master, but it would not listen to him at all!

"Fine, I'll apologize to you. I did go too far last time, but I did it to keep you by my side. You should understand my good intentions and not choose to go against me," Lin Xun sighed, lecturing the arrogant little guy.

"You're not sincere enough." Little Silver huffed.

"You..." Just as Lin Xun was about to lose his temper and teach the disobedient little thing a lesson, Little Silver changed his tone, "But, I forgive you."

Lin Xun groaned, "That's more like it." His anger also dissipated.

Little Silver was indeed like a child. After accepting Lin Xun's apology, the knot in its heart seemed to be untied, as it said excitedly, "Master, there is a powerful spirit source in this place. If I can find it, I can advance even further and grow to the third stage. When I do, I can transform my insect body into human form!"

"Spirit source?" Lin Xun narrowed his dark eyes.

"Yes, a very pure and powerful spirit source is hidden at the bottom of the silver lake." Little Silver's voice was shimmering with hope. "Master, don't you want to see me grow? If I can transform into a human form, I can awaken the innate power of my bloodline, and I can practice the secret inheritance arts of my God-Devourer Insect Clan!"

Lin Xun shook inwardly, realizing that he had greatly underestimated Little Silver's potential. It was one of the top ten insects in ancient times, and now it had developed the potential to become a king. It would grow even stronger if it managed to awaken its bloodline power!

"Are you begging me?" Lin Xun felt satisfied, thinking he was in an advantageous position.

"Master, this is your duty," Little Silver said seriously.

Lin Xun's forehead wrinkled. This little guy is too frank. Can he not show even a little bit of weakness and please me a little?

"Master, we God-Devourer Insects are lofty and unyielding by nature. I will never do something so shameless. Please respect me a little bit in the future," Little Silver said solemnly.

Lin Xun was completely defeated by the little guy. Although he was so angry that he gnashed his teeth with hatred and he wanted to give the little guy a beating, he held back in the end.

No matter what, Little Silver was a God-Devourer Insect and also a larval king. Its clan was known all over the world in ancient times. It was only right that he respected it.

Lin Xun cast aside the distracting thoughts and said solemnly, "I will enter the lake later. Can you guide the way? Whether or not you can obtain the spirit source power depends on yourself."

"Okay!" Little Silver nodded repeatedly.

Lin Xun was gratified to see its response. How good would it be if it was always so obedient...

Without further delay, Lin Xun was ready to act.

With a flash, he soared into the air and then carefully headed for the center of the silver lake.

"The kid finally can't control his impulse to act!"

"I don't know who this kid is, but I bet he doesn't know that he is about to die. He is too reckless and impulsive."

"Isn't that better for us? The beast at the bottom of the lake is extremely terrifying. It has swallowed an unknown number of cultivators over these days. If the kid distracts the beast, we can use the opportunity to snatch that piece of Star Debris Meteorite!"

"Haha, he is still too young and inexperienced."

Several cultivators were hiding in the islands and reefs around the silver lake.

When they saw Lin Xun act, their expressions subtly changed, some mocking, some pitying and some gloating.

Meanwhile, Miss Le and the others who were under the protection of the Four Divisions King Array tensed up nervously and closely watched Lin Xun, worried that something might happen to him.

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Chapter 970: Throw Bait

Lin Xun cautiously navigated into the high altitude and spread his spirit sense across in all directions.

Then, he began to remove corpses from the storage ring.

First, he threw the pangolin corpse into the calm lake. With a splash, the body broke the surface and silver ripples widened out.

A powerful figure commented in the dark, "This kid is quite smart. He knows how to use the flesh and blood of starry sky beasts as bait to capture the attention of the ferocious dragon turtle beast."

"I have seen that pangolin beast before. It's extremely violent and savage. Ordinary Cyclic Derivation experts are no match for it at all. I can't believe that kid can kill it!"

"This is the reason why the kid is so confident, but unfortunately, he is still too young and inexperienced to know that the dragon turtle beast at the bottom of the lake is beyond terrifying."

There was a clamor of discussion.

Although Lin Xun's performance surprised them, they still believed that Lin Xun wouldn't survive.

"Hey, that kid is quite capable. He even hunted down a silver-white tarantula beast, which is also a powerful starry sky beast!"

Soon, everyone was amazed to see Lin Xun take out a silver tarantula corpse of over ten feet tall and toss it into the lake.

"I have seen that tarantula before. It has killed many powerful experts. It is extremely bloodthirsty and abnormally strong. Even a top Cyclic Derivation cultivator would choose to avoid facing that monster!"

"Could the kid be an official disciple from a certain powerful clan?"

Many experts started to look at Lin Xun differently, realizing that he might be a genius figure of the younger generation.

Inadvertently, they curbed their disdain and contempt.

Someone asked in bewilderment, "It doesn't look right. Two corpses have already been thrown into the lake. Based on what happened before, the dragon turtle beast at the bottom of the lake should have been alerted and showed up long ago. Why is there still not any movement in the lake?"

The other experts also found the situation strange, their expressions morphing indefinitely.

"Could it be that there is not enough bait?" Lin Xun was equally as puzzled. Hovering high in the sky, he pondered for a moment before he resumed throwing in corpses.

Meanwhile, the spectators, whether it was half-step kings dispersed across the nearby islands and reefs or the great cultivators of the Cyclic Derivation Stage, all dropped their jaws and gasped.

Starry sky beast tiger mastiff!

Starry sky beast mountain rhino!

Starry sky beast silver-armored mantis!

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One after another, vicious starry sky beasts were tossed from the young man's hands like garbage.

The lake water began to churn, becoming more and more violent with silver waves bubbling and hissing. The scene was magnificent and beautiful in a way.

But in the eyes of the cultivators, the scene had a unique impact. Almost all of them were stupefied.

"Isn't... Isn't that too abnormal? There are more than a dozen starry sky beast corpses! Did he really kill them all by himself?"

"Heavens! That young master is clearly a tough character. Even the peerless geniuses in the younger generation are not as fierce as him!"

"Damn it, we misjudged him!"

The experts hiding in the dark grew restless.

Previously, they had been scornful of Lin Xun and believed that his actions were no different from seeking death. They all thought that he was too inexperienced and reckless.

But now, they felt a burning sensation in their cheeks, as if they had been slapped hard in the face. They realized that they had misjudged Lin Xun.

He was neither inexperienced nor reckless, but a fierce dragon showing off his powers!

When Lin Xun pulled out a thousand-foot-long viper, even the eyes of the half-step kings almost popped out of their sockets as they fought to keep calm.

They knew that the viper was no doubt a ruthless character among the starry sky beasts. Once it was infuriated, the wind would rage and the clouds would scud across the sky. Its strength was absolutely not less than that of a half-step king!

But now...

It had been reduced to a corpse. They had no idea of how it was beaten to death, but its thousand-foot-long body was riddled with cracks and hideous scars.

Then, the body of the viper, which possessed the strength of the half-step king stage, was also thrown into the lake like garbage.

The scene chilled the half-step kings to the marrow. They shuddered. If the viper was also killed by that young man, then doesn't that mean that he is strong enough to kill cultivators of a higher cultivation level than him?

"He has to be a little monster from an ancient sect with the talent and aptitude of a peerless genius. Otherwise, he can't possibly be so strong!" A half-step king was flustered.

It struck everyone hiding in the dark that the young man who was acting alone was not as ordinary as they had thought.

"Be ready! With the young man restraining the dragon turtle beast at the bottom of the lake, our chance of getting our hands on the Star Debris Meteorite has greatly increased!" exclaimed someone with excitement, realizing that this was a fantastic opportunity.

Everyone's heart pounded.

Yes, that young man is incredibly strong, so if he restrains the dragon turtle beast, he would create a perfect opportunity for us to seize the treasure!

"Young man, do a good job!" Some people couldn't help cheering for Lin Xun. Of course, they did so in their hearts. They didn't dare to risk causing an accident.

But to everyone's surprise, what happened next was too unbelievable.

After Lin Xun threw out a dozen of starry sky beast corpses, the silver lake returned to its tranquil state after a series of silver waves lifted into the air.

From the beginning to the end, the figure of the dragon turtle beast was nowhere to be seen!

“Why...”

Even Lin Xun was taken aback. Why is it not working?

What’s going on?

In the dark, the cultivators were just as perplexed. It could only suggest that some kind of change might have happened below the silver lake surface.

“Could it be that the dragon turtle beast at the bottom of the lake sensed the strength of the young man and was too scared to show up?” Someone made a joke, but it drew many glares.

What is the situation now? How can you still joke around?

Regardless of how fierce that young man is, is he fiercer than the dragon turtle beast?

The dragon turtle had devoured more than one half-step king!

A deep frown creased Lin Xun’s brows as he contemplated for a long moment. “It seems like I have to venture into the bottom of the lake to find out.” He finally made a decision.

The silver lake was very mysterious. It could block off spirit sense and prevent outsiders from peeking into it.

This was also the reason why Lin Xun was reluctant to enter the lake.

But now, he had used up all the bait yet the dragon turtle beast still had not been lured out. He had no choice but to resort to this.

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Clenching his teeth, he dove into the silver lake. As soon as he touched the water, he summoned the Nameless Pagoda and used its brilliant golden light to protect his body.

This place was known to be very dangerous, so Lin Xun dared not let down his guard for a second.

Meanwhile, the cultivators around the lake were in shock. They never thought that the young man would be so brave as to dive directly into the lake!

The bottom of the lake was the territory of the dragon turtle beast! Was he not worried about being eaten?

“When did such a wild unrivaled figure appear in the East Victory World?” someone murmured in a trance-like state.

“Unfortunately for the young man, he is doomed. But he also made us lose the opportunity to seize the treasure,” someone lamented.

In the forbidden array, Xiaohe couldn’t help asking, “Big Sister Le, will Big Brother Lin Xun be okay?”

“Of course.”

Even if Miss Le was burning with worry, she put on a smile and said, "Your Big Brother Lin Xun is an extraordinary person. The world calls him a demon god, and he has stirred up countless storms in the West Infinity World. Isn't he powerful?"

Xiaohe's face was alight with amazement. "Impressive! I wonder if I can be like Big Brother Lin Xun in the future and make the world remember my name."

Miss Le smiled. "As long as you want to, you can do it! However, it's better to not set your Big Brother Lin Xun as your goal."

"Why?"

"Because...it will be very difficult...to follow his footsteps," Miss Le answered seriously after thinking about it for a long time.

"How difficult?"

"When you achieve what he has on the path of the great dao, you will understand." Miss Le sighed inwardly after that.

She knew very well that among the younger generation in this world, only a handful of people could catch up with Lin Xun.

And how many can truly compete with him on the path of the great dao?

Even she didn't know and could not predict what would happen.

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In the bottom of the silver lake.

"Eat, eat, eat, all you know is how to eat! A disaster is hanging over us, and you are still eating! Are not afraid of being stuffed to death!" A giant silvery white bear was exasperated, slapping a tremendous creature beside its palm-leaf-sized hand.

It was an unusual beast that looked like an old turtle but had a dragon's head. Its body stretched over hundreds of feet and its eyes alone were as huge as millstones.

It sat there like an immovable mountain, its body producing an icy sheen from the dark scales that covered its body. It was chewing delightfully on a silver tarantula, flesh and blood trapped between its long and narrow sword-like teeth.

The giant silver-white bear's slap rebounded with a sharp clang as it hit the scales, creating sparks. But it seemed to be only tickling it. It could not distract it from the delicious food.

The giant bear flew into a rage, wanting to strangle the greedy idiot.

"Do you not see that all you are eating is the bait dropped by that kid?! He is just waiting to kill you stupid thing!" the giant bear roared.

Finally, the dragon turtle opened its mouth lazily and said leisurely, "What are you afraid of? He came just at the right time. I can just eat him then."

He continued to eat the food with relish. This time it was the tiger mastiff.

The bear was so angry that smoke rose from its seven orifices and it kicked the tiger mastiff's body away. "I told you, he is different from everyone else!" He glowered at the dragon turtle.

"What's the difference?" The dragon turtle snapped after seeing its food knocked out of its hand. It quickly extended its mouth and retrieved it.

"He has the aura of that old madman!"

The dragon turtle froze with fright just as it swallowed food into its mouth and almost choked.