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Chapter 591: Killing a Fifth Grade Perfection Expert Takes Only One-Thirtieth of a Breath

This colossal palm appeared too suddenly!

Just when everyone thought Lin Xuankong would die in the explosion, or at least be heavily injured by it, this colossal palm unexpectedly rescued Lin Xuankong at the critical moment and suppressed the self-destructive power of the Flame Spirit Sparrow King....

Besides Lin Xuankong and Galin Bodhisattva, almost no other cultivator predicted this scene, resulting in every cultivator who saw this colossal palm showing a face full of surprise!

Obviously, the most shocked at this moment was the Flaming Blade Duan River, who had just been extremely pleased with himself. This dignified Vice Sect Leader of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect never imagined that the Spirit Talisman of 'Mu Shiba' could not only have the effect of Defensive Buddha's Light but could also summon such a terrifying and immensely powerful entity!

The Flaming Blade Duan River, whose body was nearly four thousand zhang, looked at the center of that astonishing giant hand which was sealing the self-destructive power of the Flame Spirit Sparrow King. His pupils suddenly shrank; on his eyes, which were several dozen zhang in diameter, the pupils contracted to a mere few centimeters across. This revealed the shock and panic gripping his heart at this moment!

He couldn't help but be shocked; he couldn't help but be terrified!

Because the might and power that this astonishing giant hand exhibited were far beyond his expectations!

This method of sealing the entire self-destructive power of a late-stage Third Grade Demon King-level entity was completely unimaginable for the Flaming Blade Duan River....

The Flaming Blade Duan River was extremely certain that in the entire Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, there was absolutely no cultivator who could achieve this. This was because such a method far exceeded the limits of any late-stage Fifth Grade cultivator!

The Flaming Blade Duan River's pupils shrank sharply as he gazed into the depths of the sky, trying to discern what kind of entity this astonishing giant hand belonged to, what kind of powerful being it was...

Unfortunately, when he looked up, he found that the entire high sky was filled with gentle Buddha's Light. Though the Buddha's Light wasn't overly bright, at tens of thousands of zhang high in the sky, it shielded the gaze of any cultivator attempting to peer through!

The Flaming Blade Duan River could only see an arm, several thousand zhang thick, extending down from the high sky amidst the Buddha's Light that permeated tens of thousands of zhang. That arm was draped with a thin layer of Buddha's gauze. At its end was the astonishing giant hand which sealed the self-destructive power of the Flame Spirit Sparrow King!

The Flaming Blade Duan River's four-thousand-zhang Immortal Body was already considered quite powerful among the several hundred Earth Immortals of the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance. After all, cultivators like him, who were extremely close to Perfection in the third layer of cultivation, were relatively rare among those hundreds of Earth Immortals. As for Fourth and Fifth Grades Earth Immortals, there were only a few dozen.

However, the Flaming Blade Duan River's four-thousand-zhang body was completely insignificant before that astonishing giant hand, which was ten thousand zhang wide and long. It was truly minuscule! Before that arm—several thousand zhang thick and tens of thousands of zhang long, extending down from high in the sky—his four-thousand-zhang body appeared even smaller and more fragile!

It could be imagined that if that astonishing giant hand on the astonishing arm were to lightly wave towards the Flaming Blade Duan River, the power carried by this Immortal Body would be sufficient to shatter Flaming Blade Duan River's Immortal Body and annihilate his Immortal Yuan, leaving him with absolutely no power to retaliate!

This was not just because the astonishing arm and giant hand were massive, but more so because of the partial power displayed when the astonishing giant hand sealed the self-destructive power of the Flame Spirit Sparrow King!

"No! Something's wrong! This entity summoned by Mu Shiba is definitely not some Otherworldly being! This kind of power, this kind of Buddha's Light, this body—this is absolutely the body of a High-Grade Earth Immortal!"

Among the more than twenty Earth Immortals of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, the Grand Elder, who floated at the forefront, suddenly showed a change in expression and shouted in astonishment.

With the shout from the Grand Elder of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, the many Earth Immortals, who had been in shock and surprise, suddenly snapped back to their senses.

The several hundred Earth Immortals from the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance all looked with trepidation at the giant arm and astonishing hand in the high sky, and began discussing animatedly.

"That's right, absolutely right! Grand Elder Duan Qianchou of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect is absolutely correct! An Immortal Body of this size, without any illusory parts, is clearly something only a High-Grade Earth Immortal can possess!"

"A High-Grade Earth Immortal.... Only Earth Immortals of the Seventh Grade and above qualify to be called High-Grade Earth Immortals! Could it be that this astonishing arm and giant hand belong to a Seventh, Eighth, or even Ninth Grade High-Grade Earth Immortal?"

"My heavens, is this truly a High-Grade Earth Immortal? I have wandered in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region for thousands of years, and even visited the Central Earth of the Central Divine Dynasty, but I have never personally witnessed a High-Grade Earth Immortal in action! And now, because of a mere initial tier Tenth Layer Transcendence Realm cultivator, a true High-Grade Earth Immortal has taken action? This feels so dreamlike! This can't be some illusion I've fallen into, can it?!"

"I feel the same! Who would've thought? This Mu Shiba not only possesses an Artifact Refining Technique far superior to others but is also acquainted with Galin Bodhisattva of Spirit Platform Buddhism, giving him protection that almost no one dares to challenge.... Yet, it turns out Galin Bodhisattva isn't his ultimate support. Mu Shiba could actually enlist a true High-Grade Earth Immortal to act for him?"

"But judging from these flashes of Buddha's Light, this High-Grade Earth Immortal probably has deep connections with a Buddhist Sect! Perhaps this High-Grade Earth Immortal is one of the Great Accomplishment Bodhisattvas of Spirit Platform Buddhism!"

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"Damn, the Great Accomplishment Bodhisattva of Spirit Platform Buddhism has taken action against this Mu Shiba? You're joking, right? How is this possible? This is absolutely impossible! The Great

Accomplishment Bodhisattvas of Spirit Platform Buddhism—aren't they all high and mighty, solely focused on cultivation, and unconcerned with worldly affairs? How could a Great Accomplishment Bodhisattva from Spirit Platform Buddhism come to help this Mu Shiba? Do you think the Great Accomplishment Bodhisattvas of Spirit Platform Buddhism are like Independent Practitioners with no hope of advancement, such as you and me? HA HA HA!"

"Regardless of whether it is a Great Accomplishment Bodhisattva of Spirit Platform Buddhism, this is definitely a true Top-level Earth Immortal of at least the Seventh Grade! Fellow Daoists, shouldn't we show our respect?"

After much discussion, one of the many Earth Immortals finally realized what they should be doing at this moment.

Instantly, the hundreds of Earth Immortals from the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance solemnly turned towards Lin Xuankong's direction and bowed respectfully!

Of course, these hundreds of Earth Immortals were not bowing to Lin Xuankong, but to the High-Grade Earth Immortal supporting Lin Xuankong in attacking Flaming Blade Duan River!

Little did they know that the one they were respectfully bowing to was not a High-Grade Earth Immortal at all, but merely a projection avatar of the Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva, summoned by Lin Xuankong!

Indeed, as those Earth Immortals said, if it were a true High-Grade Earth Immortal, how could they so easily come to this godforsaken Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty? It would be even more impossible for them to take action against a mere Late-Stage Third-Grade Cultivator; that would be too demeaning!

However, Lin Xuankong, watching this scene unfold, couldn't care less.

The reason he hadn't yet allowed the projection avatar of the Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva to kill Flaming Blade Duan River was simply because he didn't want to end this despicable creature's life so hastily. Killing him in one strike would be too lenient for someone like Flaming Blade Duan River!

At this moment, on the side of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, a Fifth-Grade Sect Leader suddenly shouted loudly, "No, no, no, how could Mu Shiba possibly summon a High-Grade Earth Immortal! There isn't a single High-Grade Earth Immortal in the entire Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty, let alone one of at least the Seventh Grade. Even an Upper Grade Mid-grade Earth Immortal—a Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal—hasn't appeared in the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty for many years!

Any Earth Immortal above the Seventh Grade is practically legendary. They possess nearly limitless bodies and an immense amount of Immortal Yuan!

With their extremely long lifespans, those High-Grade Earth Immortals above the Seventh Grade often research various Immortal Techniques to the utmost. They cultivate them to perfection and develop them to their peak, possessing powerful Immortal Techniques unimaginable to Low-Grade and Mid-grade Earth Immortals!

They possess nearly limitless Immortal Bodies, immense Immortal Yuan, and unimaginable Immortal Techniques. Such abilities, nearing those of Celestial Immortals, make their thinking completely different from us Middle and Low Grade Earth Immortals. They would definitely not take action for a mere Artifact Refiner!"

This Sect Leader of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect was clearly in the throes of his final struggle; even if there was a ninety-nine percent chance that everything before him was true, he still clung to that one percent possibility!

Unfortunately, the moment his voice fell, the towering giant palm beside Lin Xuankong moved!

The explosive power from the Flame Spirit Sparrow King's self-destruction, which had been raging in its palm, had now dissipated. The enormous palm opened slightly, revealing it was completely unscathed. Then, with terrifying speed, it advanced towards Flaming Blade Duan River!

By this time, Flaming Blade Duan River was already scared out of his wits. The usual smug look on his face had long since vanished. His immense, four-thousand-zhang Immortal Body began to tremble slightly in extreme terror. Even the two rows of teeth in his massive mouth began to tremble and knock together from fear, producing a loud CLACK-CLACK-CLACK-CLACK sound. When faced with the imminent threat of death and an invincible opponent, this dignified Vice Sect Leader of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, this formidable Late-Stage Third-Grade Earth Immortal, was as terrified as any mortal coward!

Watching the immense palm grow closer, Flaming Blade Duan River couldn't even muster the courage to launch his own attack! The Fire Spirit Divine Skill, on which he prided himself so much, seemed utterly forgotten. The Flame Saber in his hand, an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, nearly slipped from his trembling grip and fell to the ground!

At this moment, a transmission of Immortal Yuan, inaudible to others, reached his ears, "Duan River, what are you thinking? Kill! So what if the opponent is a High-Grade Earth Immortal? At worst, it's just death! Moreover, it might just be an illusion created by some treasure Mu Shiba refined. Perhaps this treasure can absorb the power of the Flame Spirit Sparrow King's self-destruction and also create the illusion of such a giant palm and arm..."

Upon hearing the transmission from Great Elder Duan Qianchou of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, a final trace of hope suddenly flickered in Flaming Blade Duan River's eyes. He abruptly roared, channeling all his Immortal Yuan, and the Flame Saber, an Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, was already thrusting towards the immense palm!

The Flame Saber, capable of expanding to several thousand zhang, naturally possessed immense power—especially when wielded with the full force of a Late-Stage Third-Grade Earth Immortal like Flaming Blade Duan River! Without proper defense, such an attack could even harm the Immortal Body of a Third-Grade or Fourth-Grade Earth Immortal!

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However, the moment Flaming Blade Duan River's Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, the Flame Saber, touched that colossal hand, the last glimmer of hope that had just risen in Flaming Blade Duan River's eyes instantly vanished!

Because, the very instant the Flame Saber made contact with the gigantic hand, the enormous hand clenched slightly. The Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, the Flame Saber, immediately emitted an earth-shattering sound, flashed with countless rays of light, disintegrated into innumerable dust particles, and then completely disappeared!

That was a genuine Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, the Flame Saber! It was the powerful Immortal Artifact that Flaming Blade Duan River had relied upon to build his reputation over thousands of years. It was one of the quite famous Immortal Artifacts among the dozens in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, and a potent Initial Tier Immortal Artifact passed down within the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect for ten to twenty thousand years!

Yet, this powerful and renowned Initial Tier Immortal Artifact couldn't even last a single moment against that colossal hand. It directly turned into countless dust particles and was utterly obliterated, as if it weren't an Immortal Artifact at all, but something made of paper, molded from mud, or simply an inflated balloon!

Seeing this, no matter how much Flaming Blade Duan River clung to a sliver of hope, he had to admit that this colossal hand undoubtedly belonged to a true High-Grade Earth Immortal!

Once he understood this, how could there be any hope left in Flaming Blade Duan River's eyes?

Moreover, he had just activated his Initial Tier Immortal Artifact, the Flame Saber, to attack the hand of a true High-Grade Earth Immortal...

"AAAAHHH! I am not resigned! I, Flaming Blade Duan River, am not resigned! Why should a mere tenth-level Initial Tier Cultivator possess such astonishing opportunities! AAAAHHH!"

Flaming Blade Duan River's face was ashen with despair as he roared in fury.

The next moment, countless cracks suddenly appeared on the enormous Immortal Body of this Late-stage Third Grade Earth Immortal, who had plotted against Lin Xuankong countless times. Those cracks looked exceedingly bizarre, as if Duan River had suddenly turned into a piece of porcelain on the verge of shattering...

At the brink of death, Flaming Blade Duan River self-destructed!

His Immortal Body exploded into hundreds of millions, even billions, of fragments. His Late-stage Third Grade Earth Immortal Golden Core, cultivated for thousands of years and nearly indestructible, was also utterly destroyed from the inside out in the self-detonation!

The reason Flaming Blade Duan River chose to self-destruct was certainly not out of courage, but because he was afraid. He feared this immensely powerful 'High-Grade Earth Immortal.'

In Flaming Blade Duan River's view, if he fell into the hands of a High-Grade Earth Immortal, even wishing for death would likely be an extravagant luxury!

He didn't want to endure thousands, tens of thousands, or even hundreds of thousands of years of torment...

Of course, just like the self-destructing Flame Spirit Sparrow King, the entire might of Flaming Blade Duan River's self-detonation was lightly squeezed and sealed within that colossal hand. Not the slightest trace of its power, nor the faintest sound of disturbance, spread outward. The death of this Late-stage Third Grade Earth Immortal was utterly silent...

"Flee! Scatter in different directions and flee! Quickly!"

The very instant Flaming Blade Duan River self-destructed and died, the Sect Leader of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect suddenly roared.

Facing a true High-Grade Earth Immortal, this Sect Leader of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect had absolutely no confidence he could escape...

Just as the twenty-odd Earth Immortals from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, including Great Elder Duan Qianchou, saw their expressions change dramatically and began fleeing in different directions propelled by True Essence, the colossal hand once again reached for an Earth Immortal from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect. At that moment, the space before the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect's Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal Sect Leader shimmered, and a Spirit Vein Transference gate to the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm appeared. Then, this Sect Leader, who had just shouted for others to flee, dived headfirst into his own Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm!

In his view, the Escape Speed of a High-Grade Earth Immortal was terrifying, comparable to a High-Grade Immortal Artifact. Against such speed, forget running your two legs off; even if you had twenty thousand legs and ran until every single one broke, it would be impossible to escape the clutches of a High-Grade Earth Immortal... The only possible chance of survival lay within the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm!

However, what terrified the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect's Sect Leader to his core was that in the brief time it took him to summon the Secret Realm Gate of the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm and slip

through it, the colossal hand had already crushed eighteen Earth Immortals from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect!

Among those eighteen Earth Immortals were First- and Second-Grade Earth Immortals solely focused on fleeing for their lives, as well as Third- and Fourth-Grade Earth Immortals who gritted their teeth and counterattacked as the colossal hand approached. However, whether they were desperately fleeing or frantically counterattacking, everything these eighteen Earth Immortals did seemed utterly futile!

In less than one-fiftieth of a breath, under Lin Xuankong's control, a single hand of Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's seventh-grade projection avatar had effortlessly crushed them, one after another! And this was achieved with Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's seventh-grade projection avatar using only one hand...

Seeing this, the moment the Sect Leader of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect slipped through the Secret Realm Gate of the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm, his heart plummeted into despair.

Next, as expected, the scenes devoid of suspense continued to unfold.

After the eighteen Earth Immortals of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect were completely crushed, their Divine Souls extinguished, within one-fiftieth of a breath, it was the turn of the ten Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals who had managed to flee just a fraction faster. Then, these ten Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals, proving to be virtually no different from the First, Second, Third, and Fourth-Grade Earth Immortals, were all caught by the colossal hand, squeezed, and annihilated...

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Those were Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals! All of them were Late-Stage Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals! In the entire Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, they were considered the apex power, the Earth Immortals of the highest standing.

However, under the attack from the Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's Seventh-Grade projection, these apex powers of the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region were crushed as easily as humans squash bugs—perhaps even more so. After all, the colossal hand annihilated them with incredible speed. In just one-fortieth of a breath, nine Late-Stage Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals perished, their Dao dissipated, leaving behind only their cracked Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal Golden Cores and the Tier One, Tier Two, and Tier Three Celestial Demon Bones they carried.

Those cracked Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal Golden Cores were perhaps the only items belonging to the Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals capable of withstanding the attack from the Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's Seventh-Grade projection.

Indeed, this was the Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's Seventh-Grade projection, many times more potent than a regular Seventh-Grade Earth Immortal. Otherwise, even a Late-Stage Seventh-Grade Earth Immortal would find it exceedingly difficult to crack a Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal's Golden Core and obliterate their Divine Soul.

At this moment, only two cultivators from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect remained alive. Besides their Sect Leader, who had entered the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm Gate one-fortieth of a breath prior, only Grand Elder Duan Qianchou of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect was left.

Grand Elder Duan Qianchou of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect had been fleeing frantically. He was concerned only with his own survival and dared not even glance back. However, the persistent strange fluctuations from behind, coupled with the lamentations of Heaven and Earth mourning the fallen Immortals, eventually compelled him to turn his head for a look while in mid-flight.

That glance became the last sight of his lifetime.

He did not see the fallen Earth Immortals of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect. He only saw a colossal hand, obscuring his entire field of vision, slamming towards him.

BANG!

With a crisp sound, the Immortal Body of this Fifth-Grade Grand Elder of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, which spanned thousands of zhang, shattered into countless pieces, turning into powder and dust.

Immediately after, a streak of light flashed out from the powder and dust, shooting away at an even greater speed, trying to escape the grasp of the Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's projection.

This streak of light was, naturally, the Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal Golden Core of Grand Elder Duan Qianchou from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect. Compared to the Golden Cores of the nine previously fallen

Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, Grand Elder Duan Qianchou's was clearly more lustrous and nearly a full size larger, radiating terrifying waves of energy.

This indicated that Grand Elder Duan Qianchou's Earth Immortal Golden Core was already approaching the level of a Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Golden Core.

In other words, this Grand Elder of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect was already at true Fifth-Grade Perfection. He was an outstanding figure even among the hundreds of Earth Immortals in the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance. He was not in the least inferior to the Five Elements Wanderer of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, and even stronger than Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and Grand Elder Sui He.

Unfortunately, even a Fifth-Layer Perfection Earth Immortal Golden Core had yet to undergo the refinement of a Celestial Tribulation. It had not become a true Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal Golden Core and thus could not possess the terrifying speed of one.

Therefore, in less than one-thirtieth of a breath, the earth-shattering colossal hand of the Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's projection crossed hundreds of miles. It opened its massive palm and grasped at the golden, round Fifth-Grade Perfection Earth Immortal Golden Core.

Witnessing this, the expressions of the hundreds of Earth Immortals from the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance immediately changed. Their eyes revealed clear signs of extreme panic, yet not a single Earth Immortal dared to flee on their clouds at that moment.

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At the moment when the faces of hundreds of Earth Immortals turned pale, the enormous hand of Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's projected avatar had already grasped the Golden Core in its palm.

Immediately after, rays of seemingly peaceful Buddha's Light burst forth from the palm, illuminating the Perfect Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal Golden Core. Within a tenth of a breath, all the Immortal Yuan on the Golden Core was extinguished by the Buddha's Light, and terrifying cracks appeared on it as well.

The Divine Soul of Great Elder Duan Qianchou from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, which was attached to this Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal Golden Core, was annihilated as the Buddha's Light shone and the cracks appeared.

The next moment, the colossal hand returned to where the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect Leader had been, then reached into the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm Gate. Lin Xuankong's Heart Spirit also followed the enormous hand into the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect Leader's Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm.

The moment he entered the Secret Realm, Lin Xuankong felt somewhat apprehensive. After all, a Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm often covered a vast area, and its master possessed the ability of instant movement within it. Even Earth Immortals would find it difficult to capture a Master of the Secret Realm there.

However, Lin Xuankong had evidently underestimated the capabilities of Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's projected avatar. Although this projection was only at the Seventh-Grade Realm, its power was comparable to a true Eighth-Grade Earth Immortal.

The instant after entering the Secret Realm, Lin Xuankong sensed the ten-thousand-zhang hand of Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's projected avatar resonating with Buddhist chants. It transformed into countless rays of Buddha's Light, illuminating every corner of the Secret Realm.

Although this Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect Leader was evidently an extremely large Tier Three Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm, under the illumination of the innumerable rays of Buddha's Light, everything within it began to dissolve.

Within just half a breath, all life forms, mountain peaks, rivers, and even clouds within this Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm disintegrated into absolute nothingness.

A sense of understanding filled Lin Xuankong; he instantly realized the name of the Buddhist Technique used by Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's projected avatar: the Great Dissolving Technique.

Although Lin Xuankong couldn't learn or comprehend this Great Dissolving Technique because he was only controlling a projection, just hearing its name and witnessing its speed in dissolving a Little World was enough to imagine how terrifying this Buddhist Technique would be if used outside!

Even the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's proud Sect Protection Array, a legacy of tens of thousands of years, would likely be shattered instantly. All thirty-six Spirit Peaks of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect would also be dissolved into nothingness in a moment!

His own Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm, at its current size, could probably withstand an attack from this Great Dissolving Technique for three breaths at most...

Of course, if it grew stronger in the future, the Tier Nine Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm would surely become too vast for this Great Dissolving Technique to completely destroy!

While Lin Xuankong was contemplating this, a figure suddenly emerged from the depths of the Tier Three Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm—it was the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect Leader.

After everything within the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm had dissolved, this Fire Spirit Immortal Sect Leader, the Master of the Secret Realm, also lost control over it.

Then, he too was dissolved... leaving behind only a solitary, cracked Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal Golden Core and a Tier Three Celestial Demon Bone.

Thus, Lin Xuankong had completely dealt with all twenty-odd Earth Immortals of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, leaving none alive.

At this point, the projected avatar of Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva, which Lin Xuankong had summoned for the first time using the Buddha-Calling Jade Talisman, finally reached its time limit and dissipated between heaven and earth.

However, the twenty-eight Earth Immortal Golden Cores and twenty-eight Celestial Demon Bones, grasped by the colossal hand and now floating beside Lin Xuankong in mid-air, sent a clear message to every surrounding Earth Immortal and Cultivator: the scenes that had just transpired were no illusion. The Fire Spirit Immortal Sect had truly been annihilated, and a High-Grade Earth Immortal had indeed been present.

Thinking of this, even the numerous Earth Immortals of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect regarded Lin Xuankong with a hint of dread.

For the moment, even 'old acquaintances' like Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect and Spiritual Crane Fairy Qu Qiao'Er dared not casually approach and greet him.

"Gone! Just like that?"

"Those were twenty-eight Earth Immortals... the twenty-eight Earth Immortals of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect that once dominated the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region!"

"In just two breaths, they were all slain, their Divine Souls obliterated, their Dao extinguished and bodies perished!"

Grand Elder Sui He of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect muttered excitedly.

He was naturally thrilled that Lin Xuankong had dealt with the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect—but the manner in which Lin Xuankong had achieved this was so astonishing that even in his excitement, Grand Elder Sui He didn't dare approach him.

Lin Xuankong paid them little mind. His eyes gleaming with anticipation, he gathered all twenty-eight Earth Immortal Golden Cores and twenty-eight Celestial Demon Bones before him.

The Celestial Demon Bones were self-evidently valuable; even a Tier One Celestial Demon Bone, which could rarely develop into a Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm, ultimately represented a Little World.

Barring an encounter with someone like Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's projected avatar who knew the Great Dissolving Technique, a Cultivator possessing a Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm essentially had a guarantee of near-immortality.

Moreover, the crucial point was that the Celestial Demon Technique of each Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm was unique. The Celestial Demon Technique from a Tier One Celestial Demon Bone was not necessarily inferior to one from a Tier Four Celestial Demon Bone. Additionally, these Celestial Demon Techniques, which were no less formidable than Immortal Techniques, could be used simply by fusing with and nurturing the Celestial Demon Bone. This was much easier than cultivating Immortal Techniques—at least for Lin Xuankong, nurturing Celestial Demon Bones was very simple.

As for the twenty-eight Earth Immortal Golden Cores, although Lin Xuankong currently lacked any Artifact Refining Technique that could utilize them, this present lack didn't mean he wouldn't find one in the future.

Items like Demon People's Essence and Demon Pearl all had various formidable uses. Earth Immortal Golden Cores were incredibly valuable and difficult to acquire; there would surely be uses for them in the future. After all, these Earth Immortal Golden Cores were exceedingly precious, each one representing a fallen true Immortal.

Having collected all twenty-eight Earth Immortal Golden Cores, Lin Xuankong felt a deep sense of satisfaction. He glanced towards the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Ten Thousand Laws Pavilion and thought, The Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect has a legacy spanning tens of thousands of years; they must have collected numerous Artifact Refining Techniques. Once today's matters are settled, I can take a good look. But before that, there are still hundreds of Earth Immortals eagerly watching me...

Chapter 596: The Fate of Hundreds of Earth Immortals

At this moment, indeed, hundreds of Earth Immortals were staring eagerly at Lin Xuankong.

Whether it was the dozens of Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect, the Earth Immortals from the Profound Pure Immortal Sect and the Guangqing Immortal Sect, or the Earth Immortals from various other Immortal Sects, they all looked at Lin Xuankong. Yet, none dared to speak lightly.

Even though the projection clone of the Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva had vanished without leaving a trace, and the Spirit Talisman in Lin Xuankong's hand had dimmed, showing no further signs of activation, these hundreds of Earth Immortals remained as silent as cicadas in winter. They dared not move, nor did they attempt to flee during this time.

The more than twenty Earth Immortals from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect had already demonstrated firsthand the consequences of trying to escape.

This was, after all, the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect that had run rampant in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region for thousands of years. These were ten Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals, yet none had escaped unscathed; their Immortal Bodies were obliterated, their Golden Cores damaged, and their Divine Souls shattered.

How could they not be fearful? How could they not be apprehensive? How could they not be as silent as cicadas in winter!

Even the Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, the Five Elements Wanderer, was utterly terrified. He could use the Immortal Transformation Talisman to advance from the Late Stage Fifth Layer to the Late Stage Sixth Grade, yet he dared not make the slightest movement. He feared that any word or action might draw Lin Xuankong's attention and bring disaster upon himself and his sect.

"This... Sect Leader Duan of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, even after escaping into the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm, couldn't evade the pursuit of that powerful Earth Immortal senior!" Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect couldn't help but exclaim in astonishment.

Though filled with reverence, he wasn't as terrified as the Earth Immortals from the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance. Thus, he couldn't restrain himself from voicing the immense confusion weighing on the hearts of every Earth Immortal and Cultivator present.

After all, the Celestial Demon Bone was considered the most mysterious and powerful treasure in the Central Divine Dynasty. It possessed the ability to generate Secret Realms and was widely believed to be its owner's most formidable defensive asset.

Even a Tier One Celestial Demon Bone could generate a Secret Realm spanning at least several hundred thousand feet in circumference. Within such a vast area, the Master of the Secret Realm could move instantaneously at will—a feat even Earth Immortals couldn't achieve.

If it were a Tier Two and Tier Three Celestial Demon Bone, the range of the generated Secret Realm would be even more astonishing, comparable to the territory of a Dynasty. In such an enormous area, even a High-Grade Earth Immortal couldn't instantly appear at any location within the Secret Realm. No matter how fast a High-Grade Earth Immortal's Escape Speed—even if faster than lightning—it still had its limits. The Master of the Secret Realm, however, could move wherever their mind willed within the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm, a speed clearly unmatched by High-Grade Earth Immortals.

Yet, just moments ago, in front of hundreds of Earth Immortals, Sect Leader Duan of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect had clearly hidden within his Secret Realm Gate. However, that gate collapsed within less than a single breath after an astonishing giant palm reached inside, turning back into a Tier Three Celestial Demon Bone.

To so swiftly kill a Master of the Secret Realm within a Secret Realm generated by a Tier Three Celestial Demon Bone was evidently beyond the common knowledge of the numerous Earth Immortals present.

Even the old monsters at the Late Stage Fifth Grade from the various Immortal Sects, including their Supreme Elders, had never heard of any High-Grade Earth Immortal from any Immortal Sect possessing such fearsome means. They were naturally filled with immense curiosity, shock, and terror.

Upon hearing Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect ask this, Lin Xuankong nodded slightly. "Sect Leader Li is correct. That High-Grade Earth Immortal senior indeed killed the Sect Leader of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect directly within the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm. However, as for the specifics of how he accomplished it, I am not aware."

After saying this, Lin Xuankong raised the Spirit Talisman in his hand. "This Spirit Talisman can only communicate with that High-Grade Earth Immortal senior and request his assistance. As for his Immortal Techniques and how he killed that Sect Leader, I, Mu Shiba, really do not know!"

Of course, Lin Xuankong was lying. His Heart Spirit had followed the giant palm into the Celestial Demon Bone Secret Realm and witnessed firsthand how the realm was annihilated and how Sect Leader Duan of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect was obliterated. But... Lin Xuankong knew very well that the unknown breeds the greatest fear!

If he revealed that the giant palm was the projection clone of the Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva, and that this projection clone could only last for two and a half breaths before needing to be reactivated... even though the hundreds of Earth Immortals present would still fear the terrifying projection clone, the fear in their hearts would be greatly diminished. After all, the deterrent effect of a projection clone is different from that of a truly High-Grade Earth Immortal that can be summoned at any time!

Moreover, divulging or concealing the Buddhist Technique of the Great Success Yu Zhen Bodhisattva's projection clone would yield different deterrent effects!

Just as Lin Xuankong expected, when he admitted that the astonishing giant palm came from a High-Grade Earth Immortal senior and that the Spirit Talisman in his hand could communicate with that senior at any time, the apprehension on the faces of the hundreds of Earth Immortals immediately deepened.

In an instant, the Earth Immortals who had previously maintained their enormous Immortal Bodies glanced at each other. Then, they all abandoned their Immortal Body forms, transforming back to normal human height, and one after another, floated towards Lin Xuankong.

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Among them, nearly half of the Earth Immortals had their Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts or Tier Nine Magical Artifacts cradled in their hands, ready to present their cherished treasures to Lin Xuankong personally as they approached him. Fearing any potential misunderstanding, these Earth Immortals dared not activate their Magical Artifacts and Immortal Artifacts to deliver them to Lin Xuankong from afar!

Hundreds of Earth Immortals from the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance floated close to Lin Xuankong and, led by the Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Five Elements Wanderer, they bowed respectfully to him in unison.

Five Elements Wanderer was the first to speak,

"Tributor Mu, I, Five Elements, have indeed been blind, and my judgment was clouded by greed. I was misled by Duan Qianchou, the Grand Elder of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect; the Sect Leader of the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect; Duan River; and others. This is why I have committed such a grave and irremediable mistake!

Now, although I, Five Elements Wanderer, should commit suicide on the spot to show sincerity, my life and the lives of the Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect are worthless. Our deaths would not benefit Tributor Mu in the slightest!

Upon careful reflection, I, Five Elements, have decided to give all the Immortal Artifacts and Magical Artifacts of the Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect to Tributor Mu. Furthermore, from this day on, everyone in the Five Elements Immortal Sect is willing to become Tributor Mu's Immortal Servants, henceforth prioritizing Tributor Mu's commands. What is Tributor Mu's opinion?"

As soon as Five Elements Wanderer finished speaking, the dozens of Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect immediately placed their Immortal Artifacts and Magical Artifacts dozens of zhang in front of Lin Xuankong.

These dozens of Earth Immortals then loudly swore an oath, vowing upon their cultivation paths never again to oppose 'Mu Shiba.' They pledged to follow his lead henceforth and never dare to disobey any of his commands!

After hearing the vows of Five Elements Wanderer and the dozens of Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect, even the Earth Immortals of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, who were somewhat prepared, were all left in shock, gaping in disbelief, as if witnessing the most incredible thing on earth!

Immortal Servants! The Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, in order to survive, vowed upon their Immortal Path to become Lin Xuankong's Immortal Servants!

This vow was of tremendous weight!

Which cultivator who became an Earth Immortal wasn't a genius among geniuses, wasn't truly extraordinary among millions? If they lacked even a bit of talent, how could they have passed through so many cultivation realms?

Not only were these cultivators absolute geniuses, but they were also exceptionally lucky, possessing incredible destinies. Otherwise, how could these Earth Immortals have obtained various resources, overcome countless tribulations, and survived one Celestial Tribulation after another to gain their current power and status?

Indeed, each Earth Immortal from the Five Elements Immortal Sect—which was well on its way to becoming the First Immortal Sect in the Western Region of the Central Divine Dynasty—possessed unparalleled talent and fortune. How could such cultivators lack pride? How could they be willing to become someone else's Immortal Servants, to be at their beck and call from now on?

However, in front of Mu Shiba, the forty-six Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect—including the mighty Five Elements Wanderer, who was even stronger than Grand Elder Sui He of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect—all obediently lowered their heads, willingly swearing to become Mu Shiba's Immortal Servants!

After a long, stunned pause, Grand Elder Sui He of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect couldn't help but shake his head and sigh,

"If someone had told me just a day ago that the forty-six Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect would bow their heads before the gates of our Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect—in front of hundreds of Earth Immortals and tens of thousands of our disciples—and swear to Tributor Mu to become his Immortal Servants... I, Sui He, would have thought that person was a raving madman!

But now, such a surreal scene has unfolded right before my old eyes. Tsk, tsk. Truly unbelievable, utterly unimaginable!"

The Spiritual Crane Fairy, Qu Qiao'Er, standing beside Grand Elder Sui He, couldn't help but laugh.

"Grand Elder Sui He, in my opinion, at this moment, it's probably not just the Five Elements Immortal Sect that desires to become Tributor Mu's Immortal Servants!"

Upon hearing this, Grand Elder Sui He raised his eyes. He saw that the expressions of the hundreds of Earth Immortals from the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance were constantly shifting, with a glimmer of hope appearing on most of their faces!

What they hoped for, of course, was that Lin Xuankong would accept the request of the forty-six Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect and take them as his Immortal Servants!

If that happened, the lives of these forty-six Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect would be spared!

That, in turn, would mean that the lives of these hundreds of Earth Immortals also had a chance to be saved!

In an instant, all the Earth Immortals' gazes fell upon Lin Xuankong. Every Earth Immortal's heart tightened with nervousness as they awaited his reply.

The forty-six Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect were, naturally, the most nervous at this moment... including their Grand Elder, Five Elements Wanderer!

As the highest-ranking individual in the Five Elements Immortal Sect, this Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal, Five Elements Wanderer, despite having lived for twenty thousand years, possessed a desire for survival even more intense than that of any other Earth Immortal in the Five Elements Immortal Sect.

This was because the status he held, the reputation he enjoyed, the precious resources he commanded, the treasures he owned, the various pleasures he indulged in, and even the enchanting fairies in his company—all these were the most abundant for him in the entire Five Elements Immortal Sect. The more one possessed, the less one wished to relinquish it, and the stronger the desire to continue living...

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Additionally, the Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, though he possessed the Immortal Transformation Talisman and had several opportunities to use it, allowing him to elevate his own Cultivation Realm and the strength of his Immortal Body and Golden Core to the Late Stage of the Sixth Grade in a very short time, yet he dared not try. He dared not bet his life on whether a Sixth-Grade Earth Immortal could survive an attack from that High-Grade Earth Immortal!

In his view, even a Seventh-Grade Earth Immortal would unquestionably be an old monster that has survived for nearly a hundred thousand years. Who could guarantee that such an old monster wouldn't have Second-Grade and Third-Grade Immortal Artifacts? Who could guarantee that he wouldn't have some other terrifying treasures? Who could guarantee that Mu Shiba wouldn't be able to summon that High-Grade old monster again?

Thus, while waiting for Lin Xuankong's response, the body of the extremely life-cherishing Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, Five Elements Wanderer, actually trembled slightly!

That was not a genuine physical reaction. As a Fifth-Grade Earth Immortal, Five Elements Wanderer had absolute control over his body; how could he be unable to suppress a mere tremor?

He trembled simply to indicate to Lin Xuankong: I fear you. I fear death. I am a coward. From now on, I will definitely obey you... It was like a wolf defeated by the pack leader, lying on the ground and exposing its abdomen to the victor, baring its vulnerable underbelly without reservation to show complete submission!

Lin Xuankong was slightly speechless at this moment.

He had just acquired a total of twenty-eight Earth Immortal Golden Cores and twenty-eight Celestial Demon Bones.

Among these treasures, the Earth Immortal Golden Cores had not yet fully revealed their uses, but they certainly wouldn't be disappointing. After all, they were Earth Immortal Golden Cores; despite some cracks, they remained extremely sturdy, comparable to Immortal Artifacts, and could even be used for smashing people. As for the other twenty-eight Celestial Demon Bones, they were still 'unopened.' Who knew what kinds of magical Celestial Demon Techniques were imprinted on them!

Thinking of this, he certainly felt a great urge to press on and secure more Earth Immortal Golden Cores and Celestial Demon Bones...

The other Earth Immortals had never wronged him, and he, Lin Xuankong, was ultimately not a cruel and shameless person, so he wouldn't go around killing other Earth Immortals wantonly. However, the several hundred Earth Immortals present had all previously wronged him, intending to turn him into a tool. Moreover, most of these individuals followed evil paths and harbored ill intentions. Killing them would not only yield a pile of precious and rare treasures but also come with absolutely no psychological burden!

However, just as his killing intent stirred and before he could activate the Buddha Summoning Talisman again, these several hundred Earth Immortals had queued up before him, ready to offer their treasures. The group from the Five Elements Immortal Sect were even more decisive; to survive, they were actually going to become his Immortal Servants... This development made it rather difficult for him to proceed with the slaughter!

After all, they've all surrendered, crying and begging to be my slaves, and they've even made public oaths... If I continue to kill them now, wouldn't it seem like I'm abusing slaves???

Lin Xuankong furrowed his brows, lowered his head, remained silent, and silently began to calculate the gains and losses.

Thus, a bizarre scene unfolded high above the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect. The several hundred Earth Immortals stood with their 'tails tucked,' gazing at Lin Xuankong with hopeful expressions. None dared to move, all awaiting his response. The forty-six Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect, led by Five Elements Wanderer, obediently maintained their oath-swearing postures, also anxiously waiting for Lin Xuankong to speak!

The truly bizarre aspect was this: among the forty-six Earth Immortals, over a dozen were powerful Fifth-Grade Earth Immortals. Since ancient times, only Transcendence Realm Cultivators had become Immortal Servants to Earth Immortals or Immortal Sect Disciples. When had there ever been an instance of a large group of Earth Immortals swearing to become Immortal Servants!

However, what was even more bizarre was that after so many powerful Earth Immortals had sworn to become his Immortal Servants, Lin Xuankong—the one they addressed as 'Master'—didn't immediately accept. He seemed very reluctant to take these forty-six Earth Immortals as his Immortal Servants...

And yet, at this moment, not a single Cultivator, not a single Earth Immortal, dared to ask Lin Xuankong whether he would agree!

This eerie silence persisted for over ten breaths. It was only when the forty-six Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect felt almost suffocated that Lin Xuankong finally raised his head.

Seeing Lin Xuankong raise his head, the hearts of the forty-six Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect instantly tightened, and they secretly broke out in a cold sweat.

Lin Xuankong then turned to Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, who was not far away, and asked somewhat reluctantly, "Sect Leader Li, these oaths sworn on their Immortal Paths—how effective are they? How binding is such an oath? These fellows from the Five Elements Immortal Sect were just about to fight and kill us from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, and now they're swearing to be my Immortal Servants. I can't help but feel this group is unreliable!"

Hearing this, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's expression froze. In his heart, he had long harbored a deadly hatred for these Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect, especially their Grand Elder, Five Elements Wanderer. If not for this group of most powerful individuals, several Array Hubs of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array would not have been destroyed so quickly!

Therefore, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect naturally hoped Lin Xuankong would once again summon that High-Grade Earth Immortal senior to crush these members of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, annihilating their Divine Souls and shattering their Golden Cores!

But in response to Lin Xuankong's inquiry, Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, despite the hatred burning in his heart, still couldn't bring himself to lie. Of course, it was also possible he simply didn't dare.

"Tributor Mu, an oath sworn on the Immortal Path can be said to be the most solemn oath for us cultivators!" Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect said.

He glared at the Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, the Five Elements Wanderer, and continued, "If it were ordinary mortals, they would naturally swear by the name of deities, as that would be the most solemn. This is because if an ordinary mortal swears by a deity, they might attract the attention of supernatural beings. If something were to go wrong then, how could mortals possibly resist!

For cultivators who have reached the Earth Immortal Realm, swearing by deities or supernatural beings holds almost no binding power. While those legendary deities and supernatural beings can penetrate the realm barrier and project a certain amount of power, that projected power can hardly affect beings above the Initial Tier Earth Immortal Realm!

However, for any cultivator who wishes to advance on the Immortal Path, the heart of Cultivation is paramount!

Among the various Celestial Tribulations cultivators encounter, the most perilous is the Heart Tribulation. It is said that since ancient times, over countless eons, any cultivator who encounters a Heart Tribulation will have their Divine Soul utterly annihilated, with absolutely no chance of survival!

And if a cultivator swears an oath by the Immortal Path and then violates it, this will undoubtedly affect their next Celestial Tribulation, causing it to transform into a Heart Tribulation!"

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong's furrowed brow relaxed slightly. He turned to look at the forty-six Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect.

"So, you're saying that since these forty-six Earth Immortals have already sworn by the Immortal Path, as long as they wish to continue their Cultivation, they would surely not dare to break their oaths? Otherwise, they would invariably die under a Celestial Tribulation?"

Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect nodded. "Indeed, that is the case!"

After a moment's thought, he added, "Of course, one cannot rule out those who are suicidal enough to brazenly violate their oaths! Or, there might be those who decide to abandon Cultivation entirely, never to face another Celestial Tribulation, and simply wait for death!"

Once Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect had spoken, the expressions of the forty-six Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect all changed.

The leading Grand Elder, the Five Elements Wanderer, his face bitter, cupped his hands towards Sect Leader Li and said, "Sect Leader Li, our Five Elements Immortal Sect did indeed damage the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect's Sect Protection Array earlier and caused the deaths of some of your disciples. For these matters, the Five Elements Immortal Sect will absolutely pay a sufficient price. We will ensure that Sect Leader Li and our fellow cultivators of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect are satisfied!"

After speaking, the Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect respectfully cupped his hands towards Lin Xuankong. "Tributor Mu can rest assured. As cultivators, how could any of us be willing to simply wait until our Lifespan is exhausted? No Earth Immortal would want their Cultivation of thousands, or even tens of thousands of years, to come to naught overnight!

Since these forty-odd fellow practitioners of our Five Elements Immortal Sect have already sworn to follow Tributor Mu's lead from this day forward, they will certainly comply. There is absolutely no possibility of defiance!"

As soon as the Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect finished speaking, the forty-odd Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect immediately began to clamor in agreement:

"We pledge to follow Tributor Mu's lead! Whatever Tributor Mu commands, we will brave any peril and never retreat!"

"May Tributor Mu's Cultivation advance swiftly, becoming an Initial Tier Earth Immortal of the Six Paths Golden Core!"

"We, the Little Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, are honored to become Tributor Mu's Immortal Servants!"

"Tributor Mu is destined for more than just becoming an Initial Tier Earth Immortal of the Six Paths Golden Core! Attaining the Ninth-Grade Earth Immortal realm is an expected, certain, and effortless achievement for Tributor Mu in the future!"

These Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect now flattered Lin Xuankong with a surprising, shameless fluency. They had evidently cast aside all their reservations and the 'pride' of Immortals, hoping only that Lin Xuankong would relent and spare their lives.

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These forty-six Earth Immortals were flattering Lin Xuankong so blatantly, and the flattery was so nauseating that even Lin Xuankong himself found it somewhat hard to bear! Most crucially, even though Lin Xuankong had already put away the Buddha Summoning Talisman, not a single Earth Immortal thought of fleeing at this point. The scene of twenty-eight Earth Immortals from the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect being wiped out in just two breaths' time had seared a terrifying, indelible, and unforgettable image into the hearts of every Earth Immortal present!

"Alright, there's no need for such nauseating flattery!" As those Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect were enthusiastically currying favor, Lin Xuankong's expression suddenly changed, and he spoke.

The forty-six Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect immediately fell silent and quietly looked at Lin Xuankong, waiting for his next words.

Lin Xuankong's gaze reverted to its cold demeanor. He looked at the forty-six Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect and said coldly, "Since you forty-six have sworn by the Immortal Path to serve me henceforth, I will give you an opportunity!"

The faces of the forty-six Earth Immortals from the Five Elements Immortal Sect instantly showed obvious joy. The feeling of narrowly escaping death, welling up from the depths of their hearts, made every Earth Immortal in the Five Elements Immortal Sect feel as if a great weight had been lifted.

However, Lin Xuankong continued, "But, though the death penalty is waived, punishment cannot be avoided! The lives of thousands of disciples from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect cannot be lost in

vain! And are my life and freedom—the life and freedom of me, Mu Shiba—things that scum like you can covet?"

The Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect, the Five Elements Wanderer, understood immediately upon hearing this. This was the best chance for the Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect to stay alive. He immediately cupped his hands in salute and said, "What commands does Tributor Mu have? Please, speak freely. As long as it is something the Five Elements Immortal Sect possesses, even if we have to offer up all the sect's resources, the Five Elements Immortal Sect would not dare to object. Even if it is something the Five Elements Immortal Sect does not possess, as long as Tributor Mu gives the word—be it in the depths of Boundaryless Mountain or the territory of the Profound Yin Demon Sect—I, the Five Elements Wanderer, am willing to lead the disciples of the Five Elements Immortal Sect to venture forth!"

Lin Xuankong frowned slightly. "First, from today onwards, your Five Elements Immortal Sect must cleanse its practices. If another ruthless, tyrannical, and shameless figure like Flaming Blade Duan River appears in your Five Elements Immortal Sect, that will be the day of your sect's annihilation. When that time comes, not a single member of your Five Elements Immortal Sect, from top to bottom, will be spared!"

The Five Elements Wanderer's expression turned solemn upon hearing this. "As you command!"

Lin Xuankong then continued, "Second, your Five Elements Immortal Sect needn't bother bringing me those magical artifacts of yours, which are little more than scrap. I, Mu Shiba, have more Immortal Artifacts than I can even use; what would I want with them? From today onwards, within thirty days, your Five Elements Immortal Sect must prepare for me materials for five thousand Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. Additionally, after thirty days, your Five Elements Immortal Sect must prepare for me materials for five hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts every month. As for when these materials might change, or what they might change to, I will naturally inform you at that time!"

Upon hearing the second demand, the Five Elements Wanderer's face involuntarily changed color. It was well known that even for the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, preparing materials for one thousand Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts would require considerable time. Although the Five Elements Immortal Sect was stronger than the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect, preparing materials for five thousand Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts within a month was an immense pressure. It would also require a tremendous cost, likely depleting more than half of the Five Elements Immortal Sect's foundational resources! Moreover, after that month, the Five Elements Immortal Sect would be burdened with the 'enormous debt' of providing materials for five hundred Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts every month! It was easy to imagine how much this Grand Elder of the Five Elements Immortal Sect's heart bled upon hearing the second demand.

However, despite his heart bleeding and his facial expressions betraying his inner turmoil, the Five Elements Wanderer was very rational at this moment. He knew that the fate of the forty-six Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect was at stake. Thus, with a drastically changed expression, the Five Elements Wanderer said in a slightly hoarse voice, "Tributor Mu, rest assured. I and the other Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect will immediately make arrangements upon our return to the sect. The five thousand portions of Initial Tier Immortal Artifact materials will absolutely be handed over within thirty days!"

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuankong's expression softened slightly. He smiled faintly and continued, "Hmm, I hope you, Five Elements Wanderer, will not risk death and the annihilation of your path by breaking your oath! As for other conditions, there will naturally be a third task, a fourth, a fifth, and so on, up to the five thousandth, even the fifty thousandth. However, I haven't thought of them yet. When I do, I will naturally inform you!"

Five thousand tasks, fifty thousand tasks??? Hearing Lin Xuankong's words, the Five Elements Wanderer's heart twitched. But considering that from now on they would be Immortal Servants to this Tributor Mu, the Five Elements Wanderer could only cup his hands and nod. "I will respectfully follow Tributor Mu's command. From this day forward, the forty-six Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect will all be Tributor Mu's Immortal Servants. Serving Tributor Mu is our duty. Never mind fifty thousand tasks; even if it were five hundred thousand, five million, or fifty million tasks, as long as Tributor Mu commands, we will give our full effort without the slightest hesitation!"

The other forty-plus Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect also hurriedly cupped their hands and bowed, expressing their absolute obedience, vowing to be Lin Xuankong's most loyal Immortal Servants from now on.

A few moments later, the Five Elements Wanderer led the many Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect away from the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect to prepare the Initial Tier Immortal Artifact materials for Lin Xuankong.

Materials for five thousand Initial Tier Immortal Artifacts. Even if the Five Elements Immortal Sect possessed substantial foundational resources and could afford the price, collecting such a vast quantity of materials was a colossal undertaking. Even for a sect like the Five Elements Immortal Sect, the First Immortal Sect in the Central Divine Dynasty Western Region, it would require mobilizing the entire sect's power, even drawing upon the strength of every Dynasty under its jurisdiction! The crux was the one-month deadline; it was no wonder the Five Elements Wanderer and the forty-plus Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect were anxious.

Once the numerous Earth Immortals of the Five Elements Immortal Sect had departed, the Earth Immortals from the Profound Pure Immortal Sect, Guangqing Immortal Sect, Profound Law Immortal Sect, and the many other large and small Immortal Sects of the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance immediately formed a long queue. They approached Lin Xuankong sect by sect to swear allegiance, become his Immortal Servants, receive their tasks, and so forth.

After a period of time, equivalent to several tea breaks, the more than three hundred and forty Earth Immortals had all finally received their respective tasks. With immense respect, they bade farewell to Lin Xuankong, each returning to their own Immortal Sect to prepare the Initial Tier Immortal Artifact materials.

Only after the last Earth Immortal had departed did Sect Leader Li of the Spiritual Crane Immortal Sect excitedly float over to Lin Xuankong's side. "Tributor Mu, this... taking everything into account, from the Seventy-Six Immortal Sects Alliance—excluding the Fire Spirit Immortal Sect, whose Earth Immortals were all annihilated—the remaining seventy-five sects are actually required to prepare a total of sixty thousand portions of Initial Tier Immortal Artifact refining materials for you within one month???"