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Chapter 548 - 18: Heavenly Taoist

The war in the Celestial Human Realm came even faster than expected.

Just after the Water Demon was captured by Haoguang, Daoist Bai Mei, donning a Taoist robe with long eyebrows cascading to his shoulders, arrived on Luofu Island.

The Celestial One Sect stationed on this island is considered the sect closest to the common people among various cultivation sects.

Because Celestial One Sect has a tradition where every disciple, after achieving success in their cultivation, must descend the mountain once and train among the mortals.

This period spans twenty years, almost the lifespan of a generation in this era.

Especially after the "War of the End of the Dharma" two hundred years ago, the newly appointed Heavenly Taoist established a new rule for disciples to actively help mortals during their training among them.

Thanks to this, the fishermen living in the sea area near Luofu Island lived much better than mortals in other regions.

After all, for Celestial One Sect, skilled in mechanical refining, it was effortless to help those who live off fishing to build some waterwheels and fishing boats.

Over time, the mortals living near Luofu Island became accustomed to these "Immortals," who were obviously different from other cultivators.

"It's much more prosperous than before my ascension."

Walking leisurely on Luofu Island, Bai Mei casually observed those mechanical beasts flying in the sky or running on the ground, his gaze filled with nostalgia and admiration.

Even though those mechanical beasts did not have the power they did before his ascension.

But the principles and creativity they contained far surpassed his era.

Upon learning about the existence of Celestial One Sect from a branch of his sect, Daoist Bai Mei hurried here immediately.

According to his sect's branch, Celestial One Sect might possibly be the true heir of the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch, who dominated an era eight hundred years ago.

Unfortunately, the later Heavenly Taoists did not inherit the talents of the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch, so they could only excel in some minor arts.

Two hundred years ago, the new Heavenly Taoist showed amazing talent in mechanical and artifact refining, leading Celestial One Sect down a completely different path.

"Who's there? Who are you!?"

Just as Daoist Bai Mei was about to step into the mountain gate of Celestial One Sect, he was finally noticed for the first time.

Standing by the technology-filled pavilion, the Mountain Guard Disciple of Celestial One Sect raised his mechanical prosthetic, his gaze filled with fear.

In fact, the Mountain Guard Disciple didn't see Daoist Bai Mei's presence.

He was able to notice Daoist Bai Mei merely because the thermal imaging device in his hand sounded an alert.

This made the Mountain Guard Disciple realize that an unknown invader stood directly in front of him and was examining his mechanical prosthetic with great interest.

"I never expected that Celestial One Sect would accept even those whose bodies have imperfections as disciples?"

"The human body is the 'treasure of the universe,' once imperfect, it means you won't go far on the path..."

"Didn't the master who accepted you into the sect tell you this?"

Daoist Bai Mei slowly revealed himself, his tone amiable yet imposing, just like an elder.

Alas, the Mountain Guard Disciple completely ignored Bai Mei's earnest advice, pressing the alert button without hesitation.

Bang!

The next second, intense thunder spread across the entire Luofu Island.

"Foolish, you are only forfeiting your own life by doing this."

A flash of regret passed through his eyes as Bai Mei's figure instantly passed through the Mountain Guard Disciple.

Unsurprisingly, the Mountain Guard Disciple's face instantly turned pale, as if all the blood in his body had been sucked dry, showing a bizarre half-dead state.

"Senior Brother!"

"Junior Brother!"

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Seeing the Mountain Guard Disciple transform into a zombie puppet, the disciples of Celestial One Sect who appeared on the mountainside upon hearing the thunder roared in horror.

"Noisy!"

With a slight lift of his eyelid, Bai Mei's figure instantly transformed into dozens of afterimages and rushed up to the mountainside.

In the flash of electric light and stone-fire, the leading disciple of Celestial One Sect instinctively cast a handful of pitch-black Thunder Bombs towards the direction of the afterimages.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Among a series of explosion sounds, the aftermath of the Thunderfire Bomb's explosion directly shook half of the mountain.

The essence of these Thunder Bombs are disposable magical artifacts refined from various explosives mixed with "Qi."

Under the activation of Celestial One Sect's disciples, their explosion power far surpassed ordinary firearms.

Unfortunately, their opponent this time was not an ordinary cultivator but a genuine Celestial Being.

Without even glancing at the sweeping thunderfire, Bai Mei's figure suddenly appeared before the temple gate at the mountain's summit.

As for the Celestial One Sect disciples behind him?

Just like the Mountain Guard Disciple earlier, they were all drained of their vitality and souls, becoming flesh puppets frozen in place.

"Celestial Being?"

At this moment, the Heavenly Taoist finally appeared at the temple gate, gazing solemnly at Bai Mei.

"I don't recall Celestial One Sect ever offending an already ascended Celestial Being."

Faced with the cautious gaze of the Heavenly Taoist, Bai Mei simply smiled faintly.

"The common man is innocent, but possessing a treasure is a sin."

"Just inheriting the legacy of the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch is sufficient reason for me to come here."

As soon as these words were spoken, the Heavenly Taoist instantly fell silent.

"So you are a predecessor of those remnants from the Seven Evils Sect."

The Seven Evils Sect was a demon sect that vanished eight hundred years ago, as well as the last evil sect to be destroyed by the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch.

Perhaps due to his age, the Demon Vanquishing True Monarch didn't eradicate the entire Seven Evils Sect but left behind an inexperienced child.

"The Seven Evils Sect is merely a branch of my sect."

"However, I did indeed get the news from them."

Without hiding his origin, Bai Mei lightly pointed towards the Heavenly Taoist.

In an instant, a seven-colored stream of light, mixed with endless ominous energy, emerged from the body, directly aiming at the Heavenly Taoist's life gate.

Bang!

In a flash, a massive defense array unfolded at the feet of the Heavenly Taoist, shielding against the deadly strike just in time.

Seizing this opportunity, the Heavenly Taoist suddenly stomped the ground, and an unimaginable surge of primordial Qi immediately erupted from deep beneath Luofu Island.

Rumble...

The surging primordial Qi transformed into an Immortal Spirit manifesting midair.

With a ferocious expression like a towering giant, it swung a massive punch towards Bai Mei's location.

"Immortal Spirit?"

A rare flash of grave expression emerged as Bai Mei's figure vanished again, and the phantom of a white tiger, nearly matching the Immortal Spirit's size, suddenly took form.

"Roar!"

When the roar of the tiger echoed through the half sea region.

The entire Luofu Island abruptly shattered and exploded into countless fragments.

After the Immortal Spirit and the white tiger both disappeared, Bai Mei, standing proudly at the entrance of Celestial One Sect, was undeniably the ultimate victor of this battle.