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Chapter 1721 Emperor Weapon Battle!

Outside the trial arena, Goat Beard and others were still unaware of the sudden change inside the trial arena; they continued to watch everything happening within.

In the mid-stage trial field of the Lord Realm that Ancient Immortal entered, the teacher monitoring the trial arena was puzzled, as he found that ever since Ancient Immortal entered the trial arena, she hadn't moved, continuously cultivating in a seated position.

Moreover, the strong people from the Demon Clan in the trial arena didn't attack her while passing by, puzzling that teacher even more, unsure of what had happened.

Actually, that was nothing more than an image left behind by Ancient Immortal, devoid of any combat ability and would not be noticed by those Demon Clan strong people formed by remnants activated through array patterns.

The situation was the same over at Goat Beard elder's side, leaving them equally puzzled, not understanding what was happening.

They would never have thought that Ye Fan and Ancient Immortal had long since left the trial arena and were now in an uncharted space turbulence.

Time rewound to after Ancient Immortal spoke her final words, she summoned the Emperor's Golden Bronze Furnace, directly activating it to tear through space, engulfing Ye Fan and pulling him into a space turbulence.

Outside the space where people lived, there were many unknown spaces; no one knew exactly what these spaces were like.

Beyond the space lies a sea of space turbulence; time and space entangle here, creating a brightly colored, miraculous space.

However, such spaces are lethal for ordinary people, especially the bright colors of these spaces, which must never be touched. Who knows whether it's a turbulence of time or space.

"Hahaha..."

Ancient Immortal laughed madly, "How about that? Didn't I say you were doomed? This is a different space; even if you die here, you'd just evaporate from the world, unnoticed. Just die peacefully!"

As she spoke, Ancient Immortal activated the Emperor Weapon, launching a terrifying killing light at Ye Fan, intending to eliminate this hateful ant as quickly as possible.

In such strange space turbulence, she couldn't persist much longer and had to resolve the battle quickly, or else she'd be in trouble if discovered.

"I'm done for!"

As the killing light **** came towards him, Ye Fan bitterly smiled in his heart; although very strong, he wasn't arrogant enough to believe he could withstand an Emperor Weapon barehanded.

In this critical moment, Elder Xuan sensed that Ye Fan was in great danger and awoke instantly. The Nine Heavens Mystic Crown appeared above his head, cascading countless rays to protect him securely.

"Clang!!"

A loud noise rang out as the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown shook slightly but was not broken through, since Ancient Immortal still lacked the ability to fully unleash the power of the Emperor Weapon.

"Nine Heavens Mystic Crown?"

Ancient Immortal's eyes twitched, she naturally recognized its value, knowing this was the Emperor Weapon of the last Great Emperor, the Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor, and her eyes filled with intense desire.

After killing Ye Fan, this Emperor Weapon would belong to her. Then, with the Gu Family possessing two Emperor Weapons, who in heaven or earth would dare challenge them? Even powerful forces like the Imperial and Immortal Academies would have to bow down.

However—

Before she could change her mind, the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown flashed its light, and Elder Xuan appeared before Ye Fan, shielding him.

Elder Xuan's face was somewhat pale yet appeared calm and healthy, though Ye Fan knew he wasn't a real person but merely the artifact spirit of the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown.

"Ancient Immortal, don't you think you're going too far?"

Elder Xuan sternly reproached Ancient Immortal.

Swish!

Ancient Immortal's face turned deathly pale instantly. Her own Emperor Weapon's artifact spirit had not appeared, but Ye Fan's did, putting her in big trouble.

"Hehe... Not too far, not too far at all!"

With a strange voice, an older man in a green robe descended from the Azure Gold Furnace. He looked younger than Elder Xuan and exuded a terrifying aura.

When this elder appeared, Ancient Immortal's face showed a confident smile. Not only did the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown have an artifact spirit, but her Azure Gold Furnace did, too, and it seemed stronger than Elder Xuan.

"Why bother?"

Elder Xuan sighed, realizing today it would be hard to avert calamity, with the artifact spirit of the Azure Gold Furnace appearing and Ancient Immortal's malicious intent, Ye Fan's chances of survival were slim.

"Indeed, why bother?"

The Azure Gold Furnace's artifact spirit echoed, though clearly in jest, having already grasped the situation.

In terms of Emperor Weapon power, the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown was weaker, having been seriously damaged in the last Emperor Weapon battle to suppress the dark chaos, far from recovering its peak strength.

While it suffered the least damage, it could completely defeat Elder Xuan.

In terms of strength, Ye Fan was far from a match for Ancient Immortal, the Emperor's son sealed until now!

This battle indeed posed slim chances for Ye Fan!

"Brother Qingjin, what is your intention?" Elder Xuan frowned and asked.

"No intention at all; if a battle is to be fought, it should determine a winner and loser, life and death. I think you should surrender; you're not my opponent."

The Azure Gold Furnace artifact spirit was quite arrogant, and it had reason to be.

"Brother Qingjin, the Human Race is at the brink of survival and peril. I hope you prioritize the greater good, refrain from meaningless internal conflict, and avoid exhausting the Human Race, giving the Demon Clan and human-shaped creatures an advantage."

"You must understand, the Demon Clan is about to emerge, and they will definitely compete with the Human Race for the sovereignty of this world. Moreover, human-shaped creatures will also be stirring. Our kind of fight is simply irresponsible to the entire Human Race," advised Elder Xuan earnestly.

"Hahaha..."

The Artifact Spirit of the Emperor Weapon Azure Gold Furnace laughed wildly, "What I'm doing is the greatest contribution to the Human Race."

"What do you mean?" Elder Xuan sensed something amiss and asked with a furrowed brow.

"The meaning is simple, it means that I am now devouring you, strengthening myself, allowing the Azure Gold Furnace to surpass the limits of an Emperor Weapon, becoming the greatest deterrent presence. Is this not the greatest contribution to the Human Race?"

"What... what?"

Ye Fan and the Ancient Immortal were both stunned. Ye Fan didn't expect the Emperor Weapon of the Ancient Emperor to be so shameless and to express such warped logic.

Meanwhile, the Ancient Immortal couldn't fathom the ambition of the Azure Gold Furnace's Artifact Spirit, wanting to devour another Emperor Weapon, which is not something to be taken lightly.

It must be understood, each Emperor Weapon is unique, accompanying a Great Emperor in battles across the Nine Heavens and Ten Earths, arguably the strongest Spiritual Treasure.

And each Emperor Weapon is crafted using Immortal Gold, making the act of devouring exceedingly difficult.

However, looking at the Azure Gold Furnace's Artifact Spirit, it seems there is indeed hope for success.

At this moment, the Ancient Immortal's heart burned with excitement. No matter how powerful the Azure Gold Furnace becomes, it was once his father's weapon. The stronger the Azure Gold Furnace, the more beneficial it is for the Gu Family.

Naturally, it also aids his future proof to the imperial throne. Who dares to act against someone possessing power beyond an Emperor Weapon? It's simply inviting defeat.

"You have already fallen into the Demon Path!"

Elder Xuan's expression also turned stern as he coldly addressed the Azure Gold Furnace Emperor Weapon.

"There's no real distinction between the righteous path and the Demon Path. As long as it can make oneself stronger, there is nothing that cannot be done," the Azure Gold Furnace Artifact Spirit said nonchalantly.

Afterward, his face darkened, almost turning blue, and with a gesture of his hand, the Azure Gold Furnace appeared in his hand, directly launching a beam of blue light toward Elder Xuan.

Striking first is key; the Azure Gold Furnace's Artifact Spirit was very aggressive, determined to consume Elder Xuan and enhance itself.

"Swish!"

Elder Xuan was forced to retaliate, taking the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown from Ye Fan's head, likewise launching a beam of mystic light, colliding with the light emitted by the Azure Gold Furnace, erupting with destruction-level power.

He genuinely did not wish to fight with the Azure Gold Furnace Emperor Weapon of the Ancient Emperor, but now it seems unavoidable, and he must fight, otherwise, it would be impossible to safely leave here.

"Boom!"

The collision of the two Emperor Weapons is definitely at the destruction level; within thousands of miles, nothing will remain, life will be extinguished.

If not for Elder Xuan and the Azure Gold Furnace's Artifact Spirit simultaneously sharing some power to protect Ye Fan and the Ancient Immortal, during this collision, the two would have been reduced to ashes.

"To the depths of space to duel!"

Elder Xuan realized that when ensuring the safety of Ye Fan, he would undoubtedly lose, unable to fight unfettered, suggesting the duel move to the depths of space, not affecting the two.

The Azure Gold Furnace Artifact Spirit readily agreed, after all, the Ancient Immortal was the offspring of the Ancient Emperor, his ambition could not disregard the life of the Ancient Immortal.

Soon, Elder Xuan, holding the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown, disappeared into the depths of this space turbulence.

Following closely, the Artifact Spirit of the Azure Gold Furnace also pursued while carrying the Azure Gold Furnace, disappearing together. The two Emperor Weapons began a deadly battle in the depths of space turbulence.

This battle had no spectators but decided the life and death of the two Emperor Weapons. If the Azure Gold Furnace defeats Elder Xuan, it will surely devour him.

At this moment, outside the Trial Arena, no one knew what happened, only feeling that Ye Fan and the Ancient Immortal were both motionless.

"What are these two up to? This is the Trial Arena, not their seclusion mansion. Why have they both started cultivating?"

The Goat Beard elder and other teachers of the Imperial Academy scratched their heads continually, but no one knew exactly what happened.

You couldn't beat it out of them; they would never guess that Ye Fan and the Ancient Immortal had long left the Trial Arena, residing in the turbulent space.

"Should we report to the dean to see what happened?" suggested a teacher.

"Forget it, after all, they aren't in any real danger. If they wish to enter seclusion in the Trial Arena, let them. I want to see how long they can last," said the Goat Beard, stroking his beard.

He cherished his beard greatly, often stroking it with a smile, as if there's nothing that could stump him.

He didn't know, precisely because of this decision, he nearly endangered Ye Fan. If they had detected earlier that both individuals were no longer in the Trial Arena, things wouldn't have escalated later.

However, nobody has foresight, this can't be helped; nobody anticipated developments reaching such a degree.

Within Space Turbulence!

After the two Emperor Weapons flew away, the Ancient Immortal revealed a contemptuous smile, "Ye, you little bastard, meet your end! Next year on this day, you'll be commemorated!"

Chapter 1722 Slim Chances for Survival

The Ancient Immortal was quite arrogant, as if Ye Fan had already become fish on a chopping board, ready for slaughter at his whim.

Whether he had an Emperor Weapon or not, in this chaotic space, he could easily kill Ye Fan.

As long as he killed Ye Fan, it wouldn't matter even if someone found out in the end; he believed no one would oppose the Gu Family over a mere Ye Fan.

Especially since he was the Ancient Emperor's own child, with unparalleled bloodline power, yet he was humiliated by Ye Fan in the sparring of the same realm. This shame must be avenged by killing Ye Fan, or Ye Fan would haunt him as a Heart Demon!

Ye Fan's face was gloomy; he hadn't expected the Emperor Gu's Ancient Immortal to be so shameless, unable to defeat him in the same realm, resorting instead to absolute strength to kill him.

He knew that this time he was truly in peril, for Ancient Immortal was not only two realms higher but also had unparalleled bloodline power.

As the Great Emperor's own child, sealed since ancient times, he must have received direct guidance from the Ancient Emperor.

This was extremely significant; direct guidance from a Great Emperor was coveted by many, yet Great Emperors themselves were scarce, and receiving direct guidance was even rarer.

In this aspect, Ye Fan had misunderstood Ancient Immortal. Although he was the Great Emperor's own child, he hadn't received guidance from the Great Emperor.

Because every Great Emperor knew that to walk an invincible path, their descendants must forge it on their own, uninfluenced by anyone, not even a Great Emperor.

To ensure Ancient Immortal could smoothly prove Dao in the future, even paving the Immortal Path and ultimately becoming Immortal, the Ancient Emperor imposed strict requirements on him from childhood.

Even as a young boy, Ancient Immortal would engage in life and death battles against the shadows his father created, constantly hovering at the edge of annihilation, molding his incredibly tenacious personality.

However, his character was extremely radical, narrow-minded, arrogant, and dismissive of everything, considering all cultivators outside the Great Emperor's lineage as ants.

At this moment, Ancient Immortal emanated a terrifying killing intent, punching towards Ye Fan, with a Tao Mark spiraling around the fist, which could pierce eternity.

Even chaotic space couldn't conceal the towering killing intent. His eyes were icy, viewing Ye Fan like a lifeless object.

Ye Fan was aghast; Ancient Immortal's presence pressured him immensely, as if facing a Saint Lord, forcing him to exert his full force.

"Kill!"

In that moment, Ye Fan held nothing back, with Tao Mark and Thunder Power spiraling on his fist, fiercely meeting Ancient Immortal's punch.

The Xuandi Fist astonished eternity, created by the Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor after meticulously researching other Great Emperors' cultivation techniques and martial arts, an alternative and unparalleled fist technique.

Yet, no matter how great a fist technique, it required strength. Without absolute power, even the strongest martial arts couldn't exert true might.

"Boom!"

Their fists collided like small suns, emitting dazzling light, explosively clashing dramatically.

"Ah..."

Ye Fan screamed in agony; his entire fist shattered, blood splattering, flesh flying, falling at a disadvantage immediately, even with Tao Mark proving useless.

"Swish!"

In a critical situation, Ye Fan used Chasing Star Step, transforming into a Flowing Light, instantly fleeing, coldly watching the Ancient Immortal who didn't pursue.

"To think you hid your strength and actually injured me!"

Ancient Immortal said expressionlessly, with blood droplets falling from the lowered fist, clearly shocked.

"Crack..."

Under the Phoenix Nirvana Technique, Ye Fan's shattered fist rapidly regenerated, glowing with a bronze hue.

"I've always tempered my body with various Divine Medicines, yet you still managed to injure it. I'm curious how you conduct Body Refinement?"

Ancient Immortal leisurely regarded Ye Fan after fully recuperating from the shock due to Divine Power.

"There's no need to tell you, but I'm indeed shocked at the toughness of your body." Ye Fan replied coldly.

"Whether you speak or not is irrelevant, for you must die today. Once you're gone, none among the younger generation of the Five Domains will rival me."

Ancient Immortal shook his head, his eyes emitting sharp gleams, sweeping towards Ye Fan like Heavenly Swords.

"Roar..."

Ye Fan roared, spewing Innate Primordial Essence Qi which obliterated the Heavenly Sword.

"Don't futilely struggle; you're no match for me!"

Ancient Immortal confidently advanced as if strolling leisurely, stepping forth, shrinking space, suddenly appearing ten feet before Ye Fan, punching again.

"Swish!"

Ye Fan used Chasing Star Step, evading instantaneously, and then traced mysterious marks with both hands, emanating a primitive aura, manifesting a miniature mountain within his embrace.

"Strike!"

Ye Fan shouted, hurling the mountain, directly using the Mountain and River Seal as a stone towards Ancient Immortal.

"Buzz!"

As light flickered, the Mountain and River Seal cast a large shadow, descending with terrifying force upon Ancient Immortal.

"Trivial trick!"

Ancient Immortal smirked slightly, forcefully plunging his hands into the Mountain and River Seal, tearing it apart like a mountain.

"Boom!"

The energy turbulence spread everywhere, and the Mountain and River Seal transformed into raging Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi, slowly disappearing into the air.

"Show all your strength, or you won't have any chance."

The Ancient Immortal looked down at Ye Fan like a Saint King and said.

Ye Fan's eyes were cold. He knew this time he was truly in dire straits. He didn't expect the Ancient Immortal to envelop him in space turbulence. In such a situation, his cries for help would go unanswered.

His Dragon Seeking Formulas couldn't be deployed, and he couldn't borrow any Earth Vein Dragon Qi; he could only rely on his strength to endure.

Thinking of this, Ye Fan let out a loud shout, raised his right hand, and unleashed the Immortal Stele Scattering Hand, a huge black palm suddenly appeared above the Ancient Immortal's head and slapped down fiercely.

"Using the same trick again? It seems you've run out of moves!"

The Ancient Immortal shouted and sent a punch up, directly punching a large hole through the black palm.

"Bang!"

The black palm could no longer hold, exploding violently, and the turbulent energy squeezed toward the center, even shaking this Different Space.

The Ancient Immortal shouted, radiating Infinite Light all over his body, completely blocking out the raging energy outside, without the slightest harm.

"I gave you a chance, but you didn't seize it, so you can't blame me."

The Ancient Immortal's eyes turned cold, and he punched towards Ye Fan's chest.

"Do or die!"

Ye Fan gritted his teeth, manifested the Heart Protecting Armor refined with Ancient Shield Fragments, and also punched towards the head of the Ancient Immortal, a stance of trading life for life.

"Bang!"

The Ancient Immortal's punch shattered half of Ye Fan's body, blood spraying across this Different Space, making it appear exceptionally tragic.

Simultaneously, Ye Fan charged through, his purple-golden fist taking half of the Ancient Immortal's head with it, blood mixed with brain matter splattered.

Such severe injuries would absolutely be lethal for ordinary cultivators; no matter how strong they are, with a shattered head and half the body missing, they'd be doomed.

This bloody scene had no audience, no one knowing about the fiercest clash between Ye Fan and the Ancient Immortal in this obscure Different Space.

Outside the Trial Arena, Goat Beard and a group of teachers had become impatient, seeing Ye Fan and the Ancient Immortal sitting cross-legged without any attacks from Demon Clan strong people or human-shaped creatures; they couldn't fathom it.

"What's going on?"

"What exactly happened?"

"That kid named Ye Fan was just killing vigorously, how come he's not moving now?"

A group of Imperial Academy teachers were discussing, some suggested going in to find them and see what happened.

But they ultimately didn't go, fearing it would affect the two. Since no Demon Clan or Xuan Beast were attacking them, it at least showed they were currently safe.

"I sense something unusual, better report it and let the vice-dean decide what to do."

An elder teacher finally decided to report it to the vice-dean stationed here, letting the vice-dean make the decision.

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In space turbulence, Ye Fan operated the Phoenix Nirvana Technique, rapidly repairing his damaged half body, blood flowing backward and torn flesh condensing.

The Ancient Immortal also deployed the Ancient Emperor Secret Technique, his shattered half head quickly restored as if it was never injured.

What is most precious to cultivators?

It's Life Force. Both had heaven-defying secret techniques, allowing them to infinitely repair their bodies, leaving other cultivators astonished.

"My blood never flows in vain!"

The Ancient Immortal's expression was stern as a Hand Blade slashed toward Ye Fan with intense brilliance like a Heavenly Blade, surrounded by Heaven and Earth Tao Markings.

Ye Fan silently lamented; he simply couldn't withstand the Ancient Immortal's sure-kill strike now. Helpless, he could only manifest the Heart Protecting Armor.

"Buzz!"

The Heart Protecting Armor shone brightly, emitting an ancient and grand aura, standing in front of Ye Fan to endure the strike from the Ancient Immortal.

"Bang!"

The Heart Protecting Armor, refined from Ancient Shield Fragments, revealed old patterns, unexpectedly withstanding the Ancient Immortal's fatal blow.

"Puff!"

However, Ye Fan was still sent flying, spitting out a spray of purple blood, his Qi and blood boiling rebelliously, even the Holy Embryo was jolted violently.

"This is..."

The Ancient Immortal's eyes twitched, never expecting Ye Fan's inconspicuous Heart Protecting Armor to actually resist his all-out fatal strike; it's simply incredible.

Moreover, he found the ancient patterns on the Heart Protecting Armor somewhat familiar, like he'd seen them somewhere before, but for now, he couldn't recall what exactly.

Ye Fan was even more shocked; through this blow, he fully understood the true strength of the Ancient Immortal, reaching Mid-Stage of Lord Realm, indeed far stronger than himself, they were not on the same level at all!

Chapter 1723 A Desperate Battle to the Death

Ye Fan used the Heart Protecting Armor refined from the Ancient Shield Fragments to withstand the Ancient Immortal's killer strike, feeling immensely shocked while determining that this Ancient Shield Fragment was a precious item.

According to Elder Xuan, in ancient times, when the Ancient Shield fully unsealed, it could withstand the full strike of a Great Emperor, proving its extraordinariness.

Originally, Ye Fan had some doubts, but now he fully believes that even just a fragment of the Ancient Shield could withstand the full strike of an Ancient Emperor's descendant, let alone a complete Ancient Shield.

However, even though the Ancient Shield Fragment blocked this strike, Ye Fan was still shaken and injured by the sheer power of the Ancient Immortal's attack.

Meanwhile, the Ancient Immortal was also extremely shocked, as the Hand Blade that he had just used contained all his Divine Power, originally expecting to strike Ye Fan down immediately, but unexpectedly, it was blocked by an inconspicuous Heart Protecting Armor.

"I have to fight desperately now!"

Ye Fan secretly steeled himself, knowing that if he didn't use his strongest power, he wouldn't last long and would most likely die here.

In this space turbulence, there's no Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi to supplement Divine Power in a battle, making it extremely exhausting to Divine Power.

Ye Fan wanted to engage the Ancient Immortal in a battle of attrition, competing in total Divine Power because he possessed the Holy Embryo Illusions within his 360 acupoints, all storing Divine Power.

Ye Fan's total Divine Power was several times that of cultivators in the same realm, his greatest trump card, never used unless absolutely necessary.

But at this moment, hiding his power would be tantamount to risking his own life; the Ancient Immortal was too powerful, forcing him to go all out.

Thinking of this, Ye Fan shouted fiercely, burning his Divine Power recklessly, his combat power soaring rapidly, his entire demeanor turning dangerous.

"Even burning your Divine Power won't help; you're still not my match." The Ancient Immortal sneered disdainfully.

"Suppress!"

Ye Fan shouted loudly, using the Divine Soul Resonance Sound Wave Technique, the first Heavenly Sound roared from his throat, directly attacking the Divine Soul.

"Humph!"

The Ancient Immortal snorted coldly as if his Divine Soul had a layer of protection, the Divine Soul Resonance Sound Wave Technique couldn't affect him.

"Stop your futile struggle!"

The Ancient Immortal shouted fiercely, rushing quickly towards Ye Fan, determined to leave him no chance.

After all, the space turbulence was too dangerous, and even he couldn't survive in this different space for long, so Ye Fan had to be dealt with quickly.

"Kill!"

Ye Fan's black hair flew as he raised his fist to attack the Ancient Immortal. He knew escaping this space turbulence was impossible; he could only kill the Ancient Immortal first.

But how easy is this?

In both realm and power, the Ancient Immortal surpassed him greatly; even burning Divine Power made it hard to match him.

Yet he had no retreat unless Elder Xuan could defeat the Gu Family's Emperor's Golden Bronze Furnace—which was almost impossible!

The Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown was severely damaged, while the Gu Family's Golden Bronze Furnace was barely harmed, and despite Ye Fan's efforts, the Mysterious Crown wasn't yet the match of the Golden Bronze Furnace.

Currently, they didn't know where in this different space they were fighting, possibly having pierced through this space to who knows where.

After all, Emperor Weapon battles are apocalypse-level, terrifying upon collision, and if not for concern over the Ancient Immortal and Ye Fan's safety, the Golden Bronze Furnace would likely disregard fighting here.

"Boom!"

Soon, Ye Fan and the Ancient Immortal's fists clashed again, exploding into dazzling light, illuminating the scattered space turbulence.

"Crack!"

Ye Fan's fist broke again, even his arm bone cracking, leaving his whole arm hanging limp.

"Pfff—"

Unsurprisingly, Ye Fan was blasted away again, coughing up a mouthful of fresh blood.

This collision heavily injured him, despite burning Divine Power, due to the stark realm difference, he was still no match for the Ancient Immortal.

"Hahaha..."

The Ancient Immortal laughed wildly, sweeping away previous frustrations, proving his strength far exceeded Ye Fan's.

Previously, in the Central Domain Dynasty, during the Life and Death Battle Arena against others of the same realm, were it not for Ye Fan recklessly using that peculiar Immortal Stele Scattering Hand, he wouldn't have been defeated so miserably.

As an Ancient Emperor descendant, the Ancient Immortal received the entire legacy of the Ancient Emperor, with superior cultivation techniques, formidable martial arts, and many wondrous secret techniques.

Now without deploying secret techniques, he had already forced Ye Fan to fight desperately; once he used secret techniques, he believed Ye Fan was doomed.

"Time to end this!"

Not wanting to delay further, though trusting his family Emperor Weapon highly, the Ancient Immortal sought no surprises.

The Ancient Immortal unleashed his Domain Power, controlling everything within hundreds of meters around him, becoming an absolute master like a god in his domain.

Though he knew Ye Fan could break Domain Power, he felt Ye Fan breaking it would still accelerate his Divine Power exhaustion.

How much Divine Power could a Divine Power Realm ant have to squander like this?

The Ancient Immortal was convinced that enveloping Ye Fan in his domain would enable him to quickly kill Ye Fan.

Every previous use of Domain Power had practically annihilated opponents, so he held immense confidence in it.

"Swish!"

The Ancient Immortal expanded his domain, swiftly charging towards Ye Fan, his eyes gleaming with a ruthless light, like a Death God who had killed countless times.

Ye Fan's gaze was exceedingly cold, knowing that merely evading was futile; he had to face the Ancient Immortal head-on. Although it seemed hopeless, he still wanted to try.

Without the protection of an Emperor Weapon, even with such a powerful body, survival in space turbulence was impossible for long; a quick resolution was necessary.

Thinking of this, Ye Fan decisively rushed towards the Ancient Immortal's domain, executing the Chasing Star Step to the extreme, his entire being like a streak of flowing light.

"Boom!"

Ye Fan charged through, the Xuandi Fist incredibly powerful, fiercely striking the Ancient Immortal, piercing through half of his body.

However, Ye Fan's entire right arm also shattered once more; the Ancient Immortal's body was slightly more formidable, making it difficult to injure him without a bloody price.

"You truly exceeded my expectations!"

The Ancient Immortal stood his ground, deploying secret techniques, the blood hole in his body rapidly regenerating at a visibly noticeable pace.

Ye Fan also activated the Phoenix Nirvana Technique, using Pure Yang Qi to repair his blasted arm; neither of them gained an advantage.

"You didn't exceed my expectations!"

Ye Fan retorted sharply, coldly sarcastic: "For someone who is an Ancient Emperor's child, you have thoroughly disgraced the Ancient Emperor. You can't defeat me in a duel of the same realm but resort to such base tactics; don't you feel ashamed?"

"Ashamed? Haha..."

The Ancient Immortal sneered: "In victory, there is no shame; here is a different space, no longer our world. As long as you die, who will know what happened here?"

"You..."

Ye Fan's heart sank, realizing the Ancient Immortal was determined to kill him, but he couldn't understand how the Ancient Immortal came to his trial area.

Moreover, he and the Ancient Immortal had mysteriously vanished from the trial arena; had the high-ranking members of the Imperial Academy not detected this, or had they simply failed to locate this place?

The Imperial Academy might not have an Emperor Weapon, but they possessed several Quasi-Emperor Weapons, and breaking open the space shouldn't have been difficult.

However, now was not the time for Ye Fan to ponder these issues because the Ancient Immortal was attacking again, each blow containing destructive power.

If not for this different space, filled with turbulent flows of time and space, the place would likely have collapsed long ago.

"Ah..."

Ye Fan shouted to the heavens, his black hair standing on end, his whole body enveloped in purple flames, akin to a burning human-shaped torch.

"Boom!"

Ye Fan burned his Divine Soul Power; since the Divine Soul Resonance Sound Wave Technique couldn't affect the Ancient Immortal, he would reveal his strongest card.

In an instant, Ye Fan's aura surged dramatically, far stronger than before, with a purple-gold Holy Embryo manifesting, overlooking Zhou Tian Ten Thousand Worlds like an Immortal King.

"Woo woo woo..."

Beside him, human-shaped creatures of severed limbs and shining Golden Light Divine Race strong people lined up, with the aura of life and death mingling, looking extremely bizarre.

"I truly didn't expect you were hiding so deeply, but no matter how strong you are, you must die today!"

Seeing Ye Fan exhibit his overwhelming power, the Ancient Immortal was stunned; he never imagined Ye Fan still had such a trump card.

If it wasn't him, switching to another person would likely lead to instant annihilation, for Ye Fan was far too strong now, utterly capable of slaying Mid-Stage Lord Realm strong people.

Of course, that's ordinary Mid-Stage Lord Realm cultivators; he, the Ancient Immortal Emperor's child, couldn't be compared.

"Boom!"

The Ancient Immortal also burned his Divine Power, his combat power skyrocketing, still firmly pressing Ye Fan down, sneering: "Not only can you burn Divine Power, but I can also!"

Though he spoke confidently, internally, the Ancient Immortal felt displeased for being forced by Ye Fan, someone he viewed as an ant-like little cultivator, to burn Divine Power; to him, it was humiliating.

"Die!"

The Ancient Immortal struck again, deploying martial arts created by the Ancient Emperor, forcing Ye Fan to continuously retreat, severely injuring him in moments.

"Die for me!"

The Ancient Immortal's expression twisted maliciously, employing various techniques to annihilate Ye Fan, rays of Mystic Light like Death God's scythes harvesting Ye Fan's Primordial Power.

Once Ye Fan's Primordial Power was depleted, death was certain; even a Great Emperor couldn't save him.

"Swish!"

Ye Fan arduous activated the Phoenix Nirvana Technique, reborn in flames, retreating a thousand feet away momentarily, a serious expression on his face; he feared he might truly die here.

"Repair as you will, I allow you to heal, let's see how long your Primordial Power lasts; each time you repair, I'll kill you again, until you can no longer repair!"

The Ancient Immortal wore a vicious grin, full of killing intent.

At this moment, he established his invincible mentality and Martial Arts Will, truly like a Great Emperor himself, unbeatable!

Chapter 1724 Deadly Escape for Survival

At this moment, Ancient Immortal seemed as if possessed by a Great Emperor, full of confidence, utterly disregarding Ye Fan.

However, in his heart, there remained a slight flaw — the invincible stance of Ye Fan who had crushed him like a dog in the same realm.

To know, the reason Ancient Immortal could force Ye Fan into this situation is largely because he utilized the strength of the Mid-Stage of Lord Realm.

This has a flavor of relying on superior power to bully; as a Great Emperor's blood, unable to attain invincibility in the same realm, his mental realm revealed a flaw.

Nevertheless, he forcibly buried that slight flaw deep down; once he kills Ye Fan, he will be invincible in the same realm.

Ancient Immortal believed that besides the abnormal Ye Fan, absolutely no one could stand against him in the same realm, not even the blood of Human Emperor or Moon Emperor.

"Hoo~"

After repairing his body, Ye Fan retreated from the state of burning Divine Soul and Divine Power, took a deep breath, and his eyes shot out resolute light.

For cultivators, advancing later on becomes increasingly difficult; each Xiao realm is a great chasm, almost impossible to cross, reverse Defeating Immortals is a rare phenomenon.

Yet Ye Fan, across a Great Realm that seemed like an impenetrable barrier, forced Ancient Immortal, an Ancient Emperor's blood, to this degree, truly defying heaven.

However—

What Ye Fan wanted was not defying heaven, but to survive!

However, the current situation is extremely unfavorable to him!

"To think you, while not a Great Emperor's blood, merely a mixed breed with impure blood, had such talent, truly surprising!"

Ancient Immortal's face darkened, even though he defeated Ye Fan, there was not a hint of joy, because he utilized the strength of Mid-Stage of Lord Realm and was forced to burn Divine Power.

For someone as proud as him, this was not honor, but rather a kind of shame; fortunately, this shame would remain unknown to others.

Ye Fan did not respond, striving to calm the boiling Divine Power; at this moment, he was already critically injured, the consumption of Divine Power was also severe, origin damaged, and Pure Yang Qi nearly depleted.

It could be said, this was the most dangerous moment for Ye Fan since being pursued by Qing Family, with death possibly looming at any time!

"Your shamelessness surprises me too!" Ye Fan mocked.

"At death's door, still trying to win a war of words!"

Ancient Immortal's face sunk; he certainly understood the meaning of Ye Fan's words but was powerless to retort.

"Kill!"

To prevent complications from arising, Ancient Immortal decided to act immediately, to kill Ye Fan here, as only the dead posed no threat and would tell none of what occurred here.

"Swoosh!"

After the earlier intense battle, Ye Fan knew he was absolutely no match for Ancient Immortal, and hence altered his strategy, turning around and fleeing at the speed of light using Chasing Star Step.

"Trying to run? Can you even escape?"

Ancient Immortal never expected Ye Fan to still have the strength to flee at this moment, stunned for a second, then dashed in pursuit.

Chasing Star Step is the fastest in the world, few Step Techniques could match it.

Though Ye Fan's Divine Power consumption was severe with body and Divine Soul greatly wounded, Ancient Immortal could not catch up to him in the short term.

Firstly, Chasing Star Step is incredibly miraculous, revered as the fastest under the heavens, once unfolded, it seemed as if traversing through space.

Secondly, though Ye Fan's Divine Power consumption was severe, he, after all, was different from common people, the Divine Power stored in his three hundred and sixty acupoints sufficed for him to exhaust for a while.

Sadly Ye Fan was unable to escape this Different Space, could only evade Ancient Immortal's pursuit in this place full of time and space disturbances.

"Little mixed breed Ye, if you have the guts, stop and fight me head-on!"

After chasing for a while, stunned that he hadn't caught up, Ancient Immortal angrily provoked Ye Fan.

"What's the use of relying on a higher realm than me? You've utterly embarrassed the face of Ancient Emperor!" Ye Fan continued his fast pace, retorting.

"You..."

Ancient Immortal was fuming, his seven orifices smoking; utilizing high realms to oppress Ye Fan was a fact he did not want to face nor hear mentioned, yet Ye Fan gave him no leeway.

"I am willing to battle you in the same realm to wash away past humiliation; do you dare to fight me head-on?" Ancient Immortal shouted.

"Hehe..."

Ye Fan sneered.

"Aren't you quite formidable? Let's battle in the same realm, I'll give you a chance for revenge."

Ancient Immortal continued to entice; if Ye Fan should stop, he would unleash a thunderous storm of attacks to kill Ye Fan.

Unfortunately, Ye Fan fell for none of it; Chasing Star Step performed to the utmost, faster than meteor lightning, even though Ancient Immortal had raised his speed to the limit, he still could not catch up to Ye Fan, eating dust from behind.

"In the same realm, I'd kill you like a chicken!"

Naturally, Ye Fan knew what Ancient Immortal's scheme was, and certainly would not let him have his way.

Moreover, at this moment, he no longer had the ability to fight. If he stopped rashly, he would surely face the powerful attacks of the Ancient Immortal, which he did not want to confront yet.

"Do you think you can escape? This is a different space, filled with chaotic currents of time and space everywhere; I'd like to see where you can run to!"

The Ancient Immortal became ruthless, willing to burn divine power to quickly catch up with Ye Fan and finish him off.

"What should I do?"

Ye Fan was secretly anxious. Although the Chasing Star Step was the strongest and fastest step technique in the world, this place was filled with colorful streams of chaotic time and space. These brilliantly colored lights looked splendid but were extremely dangerous.

Such a light may seem insignificant, but its power was immense. If hit, not even Ye Fan's body could withstand it.

Therefore, he had to be constantly vigilant, making sure not to be hit or surrounded by these seemingly beautiful lights, or else he would be doomed.

After fleeing for a quarter of an hour in such a restrictive environment, Ye Fan was finally caught up by the Ancient Immortal, who blasted over with an Ancient Emperor Fist.

"Boom!"

In the midst of his busy defense, Ye Fan countered with a punch, using a soft force to instantly separate upon contact with the Ancient Immortal's Punch Ray, propelling himself further away with the rebound force.

"Ahhhhhhh..."

The Ancient Immortal was nearly driven mad, never expecting Ye Fan to be so cunning, using his powerful fist force to once again widen the gap between them.

During the chase, Ye Fan narrowly escaped danger several times, almost being killed by the Ancient Immortal on the spot.

This could be considered Ye Fan's closest brush with death.

That day, he had narrowly escaped the clutches of the Death God numerous times, with no escape route from the Ancient Immortal's pursuit.

Although this different space was vast, the chaotic currents of time and space were not to be trifled with, and no one could escape unscathed if swept by those rays of light.

In just a few hours, Ye Fan had his body shattered by the Ancient Immortal three or four times, each time only able to be reborn using the Phoenix Nirvana Technique with great effort from Primordial Power.

"Ye, you little bastard, let's see how many times you can be reborn!"

The Ancient Immortal arrogantly taunted, though at this moment, his strength had also significantly diminished.

After all, battling in such space-time chaos was extremely exhausting of divine power, and he didn't have the abnormal capacity to store divine power all over his body like Ye Fan.

Nonetheless, his realm was indeed higher than Ye Fan's, with a very considerable total amount of divine power, otherwise, he would have long run out of it by now.

"What kind of freak is this little bastard, as if his divine power is endless, fighting until now, yet his divine power hasn't exhausted?"

The Ancient Immortal muttered to himself while desperately giving chase.

Meanwhile, Ye Fan was drenched in blood, with tattered clothes, in a particularly wretched state, as if he had been fished out from a pool of blood.

"I wonder how Elder Xuan is doing..."

Ye Fan didn't care about his injuries but was secretly worried about Elder Xuan, as despite both being Emperor Weapons, Elder Xuan was significantly damaged and couldn't compare to the Gu Family's Azure Gold Furnace.

In Ye Fan's heart, Elder Xuan was like half a mentor to him; in this world, Elder Xuan was his guide and support!

For a while, the two sides were in a chase and escape, without further confrontation for a short time.

Outside the Trial Arena, Vice President Old Monster Zhou of the Imperial Academy received the news, but had some matters to handle before he could rush over.

The Emperor's Secret Realm was the Imperial Academy's highest secret, known only to very few people apart from these old teachers.

Vice President Old Monster Zhou naturally had the privilege. After President Seng Dao Yan brought Ye Fan and others in and arranged the guardians, he left.

As the Imperial Academy's highest secret place, it naturally needed someone to be stationed. The President returned to the academy, so the Vice President had to stay on duty.

There was a great deal of work to transfer, and Old Monster Zhou was busying himself like crazy. Although he felt it was strange for Ye Fan and the Ancient Immortal to be cultivating in the Trial Arena, he didn't pay it much mind.

After finishing his immediate tasks, he leisurely headed to the Trial Arena to check on why the two were acting so unusually, while the activated array patterns didn't make the Demon Clan, human-shaped creatures, or Xuan Beasts attack them.

Arriving at the Trial Arena, Old Monster Zhou was somewhat surprised after briefly understanding the situation. After all, the Trial Arena existed solely for self-tempering; if one didn't battle those Xuan Beasts, Demon Clan, and human-shaped creatures within the Trial Arena, what was the point of self-tempering?

"I'll go take a look!"

Saying this, Old Monster Zhou took a step and entered the Mid-Stage of the Lord Realm Trial Arena where the Ancient Immortal had entered.

"Die!"

As Old Monster Zhou stepped into the Trial Arena, in the different space, the Ancient Immortal seized another opportunity to deliver a fatal blow to Ye Fan, nearly killing him outright, leaving his body full of cracks, like a beautiful porcelain viciously smashed with a hammer!

"Pfft..."

Ye Fan spat out a mouthful of blood, his consciousness nearly blurred, hanging by a thread, almost being slain by the Ancient Immortal on the spot.

In his current state, Ye Fan was extremely weak, and any cultivator could easily kill him, yet after launching this deadly attack, the Ancient Immortal did not immediately strike with a killing blow.

Because he feared Ye Fan still had unknown cards up his sleeve, he prudently made brief adjustments, preparing to launch the final strike!

Chapter 1725 The Ambition of the Azure Gold Furnace Artifact Spirit

Since his debut, Ye Fan has experienced the most dangerous moments, both his body and Divine Soul have suffered tremendous trauma, grievously wounded and on the brink of death!

If it weren't for forcibly boosting a breath of Primordial Essence Qi to hang on, he might not have been able to hold on until now.

Especially here, in this dangerous Different Space, the chaotic time and space currents may look beautiful and brilliant, but they are actually extremely dangerous, with each beam capable of piercing through someone at the Lord Realm Peak.

Before reaching the Venerable Realm, the chaotic time and space currents in the Different Space are extremely dangerous for everyone.

"Am I going to die?"

Ye Fan was in a dazed state, murmuring to himself.

He didn't want to die, but the situation was stronger than he was; the realm and strength of the Ancient Immortal were far beyond his own, leaving no room for luck.

Even after burning his Divine Soul and Divine Power, he was still no match, and in this unfamiliar Different Space, he didn't even have a chance to escape!

At this moment, he felt no fear; life and death had lost all meaning, but his heart was filled with regret.

Alone in this strange world, for the stability of Earth, to search for his mother's trace, to resurrect Su Liuli!

For all this, he ran naked through time, risking his life with each opportunity for cultivation.

Yet he has not achieved a single goal and is about to die, leaving only a heart full of regrets.

"I'm not willing!!!"

Ye Fan roared inwardly, attempting to muster his remaining Divine Power, only for his Divine Soul to tremble, nearly fainting.

"Buzz!"

At that moment, the time and space currents in the Different Space boiled, and a beam of light penetrated the chaotic currents, shining on Ye Fan.

"Swipe!"

The light flashed, and Elder Xuan's figure appeared, though his image was blurred, he managed to protect Ye Fan within the light of the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, injecting a pure Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi into his body, saving his life!

"Open!!"

Immediately afterward, Elder Xuan shouted, frantically stimulating the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, which emitted terrifying waves, forcibly tearing apart the Different Space, and pushed through the chaotic space currents, returning to the Xuan Realm's space.

At this moment, under Elder Xuan's protection, Ye Fan had fallen into a deep coma, a self-protection and repair mechanism of the body.

Elder Xuan's eyes were dazzling, emitting profound ocean-like light, using nearly all his power to smash through the barrier between Different Space and the original space, enduring the overwhelming tearing force of the space, and brought Ye Fan back to the Trial Arena.

Hmm?

At the same time, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Old Monster Zhou was surprised to find that there was no sign of the Ancient Immortal in the Mid-Stage of the Lord Realm Trial Arena, and the figure seen outside was merely an illusion created using a secret technique.

This discovery caused his heart to skip a beat, and he immediately utilized his authority as a vice-chancellor to move directly from the Mid-Stage of Lord Realm Trial Arena to the Early-Stage of Lord Realm Trial Arena where Ye Fan was located.

He already knew their location before, so he quickly rushed to Ye Fan's retreat spot seen from outside.

At this moment, he was completely shocked!

Because Ye Fan was no longer in the Trial Arena either; his figure was similarly an illusion created using a secret technique, and the method was identical to the phantom left by the Ancient Immortal.

"Could it be..."

Old Monster Zhou felt an ominous premonition rise in his heart.

He suspected that the Ancient Immortal used some Forbidden Secret Technique to take Ye Fan away, which was a major event involving grievances between the two!

These days, he had already learned about the events in the Yuehua Dynasty and was deeply shocked by Ye Fan's potential.

If the Ancient Immortal was really narrow-minded and relied on being stronger in realm and power than Ye Fan to try to forcefully kill him, by now, Ye Fan would probably be in grave danger.

Standing still, Old Monster Zhou sensed carefully, and immediately noticed the void's anomaly, his heart sank.

"I must report this to the chancellor as soon as possible!"

Old Monster Zhou, though very powerful, did not have the ability to directly tear space and enter Different Space.

Even if he could do it, he wouldn't know where to find Ye Fan; only the chancellor might be able to do it.

Just as he left the Trial Arena, a rift opened in the void, and under Elder Xuan's escort, Ye Fan rushed out from the Different Space.

Then, Elder Xuan, without pausing for a moment, immediately took Ye Fan and fled from the Trial Arena, flying towards Emperor City in the central region of the Emperor's Secret Realm.

Now, Elder Xuan was supporting himself with the last bit of Divine Power; the battle with the Gu Family's Imperial Weapon deep in the Different Space nearly got him swallowed by the Azure Gold Furnace.

Now he could only rush to Emperor City to seek protection from the strong people of the Imperial Academy; otherwise, not only would he be devoured by the Gu Family's Imperial Weapon Azure Gold Furnace, but Ye Fan would also surely die.

The aura of the Emperor Weapon roamed the entire Emperor's Secret Realm, sensed by everyone, causing many old teachers of the Imperial Academy to fly into the sky in shock to see what happened.

The Goat Beard old man guarding the Early-Stage Lord Realm Trial Arena was the first to take action, following closely behind Elder Xuan to Emperor City.

"Who dares to act recklessly in Emperor City?"

Old Monster Zhou was the first to sense the aura of an Emperor Weapon. Startled, he shot up into the sky with a swoosh, his entire body exuding an aura comparable to a Saint.

"The Ancient Immortal wants to kill Ye Fan, please protect him!"

Elder Xuan didn't say much more because he sensed the aura of the Azure Gold Furnace, which was already following the Ancient Immortal.

"Swoosh!"

With a flick of his sleeve, Elder Xuan tossed Ye Fan out of the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, where he floated steadily before Old Monster Zhou!

"What?"

Instinctively, Old Monster Zhou caught Ye Fan and immediately noticed his dire condition, as if one foot was already through the Ghost Sect's gate!

"Whoosh!"

Old Monster Zhou's expression changed drastically. Without a word, he took out a strengthening Spirit Pill and stuffed it into Ye Fan's mouth, using Divine Power to help refine it, intent on keeping him alive.

Within the Imperial Academy, there were many teachers skilled in medicine. As long as Ye Fan remained alive, they would surely save him. However, whether it would affect his future cultivation achievements was uncertain.

At this moment, Ye Fan's body was severely damaged, and his Divine Soul nearly extinguished, a truly critical situation where death could come at any time.

In an instant, the sky above Emperor City was filled with a myriad of cultivators, including outstanding disciples from the Imperial Academy and elders guarding the Secret Realm. Even Li Yu'er and Wen TaDou joined the gathering.

The sky above Emperor City was shadowed by cultivators, all drawn here by the ripple from the Emperor Weapon.

Whoosh!

A flash of azure light in the sky heralded the arrival of the Gu Family's Emperor Weapon, the Azure Gold Furnace, alongside the Ancient Immortal, hovering over Emperor City in a standoff with Elder Xuan.

The simultaneous appearance of two Emperor Weapons, both clearly oppositional, emitted an overwhelming aura that left many feeling horror. Some of the weaker cultivators couldn't withstand this pressure and had to retreat further to observe the unfolding situation.

"Ancient Immortal, I require an explanation from you!"

The deputy dean of the Imperial Academy, Old Monster Zhou, coldly questioned the Ancient Immortal, "What is going on? What happened to Ye Fan's injuries?"

"Explain what? There is no explanation needed, nor any to give!"

The Azure Gold Furnace's Artifact Spirit appeared, with the ancient furnace suspended overhead, emanating a myriad of azure lights to protect the Ancient Immortal, and spoke domineeringly.

"As the Artifact Spirit of the Ancient Emperor, is speaking this way truly fitting?" Old Monster Zhou entrusted Ye Fan to a highly skilled elder for healing, then addressed the Azure Gold Furnace's Artifact Spirit.

"What do you understand? This is for the future of the Human Race, considering the grander scheme. The Ancient Emperor once said, 'To achieve great things, one must not be constrained by minor details; anything benefiting all humanity can be done.' The Azure Gold Furnace was incredibly overbearing.

"Oh? Please, enlighten me on your logic. All I see is you destroying a future elite of the Human Race, without any consideration for the grand scheme. How exactly are you considering the grand scheme?" Old Monster Zhou coldly eyed the Azure Gold Furnace's Artifact Spirit.

Though his strength couldn't compare to the Azure Gold Furnace, he remained unafraid, as the Imperial Academy possessed its own heritage, fully capable of suppressing an Emperor Weapon, even the minimally damaged Azure Gold Furnace.

"Kill this child to eliminate the minor demon in the Young Immortal's heart, enabling the Young Immortal to Prove Dao and become the strongest human Emperor."

The Azure Gold Furnace swept a disdainful glance at Ye Fan, then shifted its gaze to Elder Xuan, continuing, "As for me, I will devour the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, merging the two Emperor Weapons into one, creating an unparalleled super Emperor Weapon. No matter whether facing the Demon Clan or human-shaped creatures in the future, it would be an absolute deterrent. Isn't this considering the grand scheme for the Human Race?"

"What? It actually wants to devour the Ling Family's Emperor Weapon?"

"In the years without a Great Emperor, the Ling Family's Emperor Weapon contributed greatly to quell the dark unrest, suffering severe damage, yet its merit was the greatest. How could it be devoured?"

"The Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor foresaw greatly, left his kind unsealed, fought a lifetime in the dark unrest, and who would have thought his Emperor Weapon would be treated so unfairly."

"During the suppression of the dark unrest, the Azure Gold Furnace hardly participated, so it was the least damaged, and now it wants to devour the Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor's Emperor Weapon, what shamelessness."

The words of the Azure Gold Furnace incited exclamations from the crowd, prompting memories of the last dark unrest, as some present were well-informed about that terrifying turmoil and its suppression.

People were astonished that an Emperor Weapon intended to devour another; it was unprecedented. It was known that each Emperor Weapon was unique, unreplicable.

In such circumstances, the Gu Family's Emperor Weapon insisted on devouring the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, claiming it would forge a superlative Emperor Weapon surpassing all limits, showcasing its inflated ambition.

Hmm?

In the scene, Gu Xiao was also shocked. He never imagined his family's Emperor Weapon had such ambitions. If successful, the Gu Family would inevitably become the top clan in the Five Domains, beyond comparison to other Emperor Clans!

Given the current scenario, it's likely difficult to achieve, for arousing public anger would be troublesome!

Should the Azure Gold Furnace's Artifact Spirit persist in this course, it might not bring the Gu Family immense prestige, but rather a calamity!

All Emperor Clans with Emperor Weapons would likely never wish for the emergence of a superlative Emperor Weapon formed by merging two, seeing it as a great threat.

"To kill Ye Fan and devour the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, you must first pass through me!"

Old Monster Zhou's stern shout resonated, and powerful pressure swept across heaven and earth.

Chapter 1726 The Imperial Academy's Hidden Power

The Emperor's Secret Realm is divided into three major areas: the Emperor Hall, the Elemental Ocean, and the Trial Arena!

Emperor City stands independently outside these three areas, in the central region of the entire Emperor's Secret Realm. Although small, it is very ancient, exuding the vicissitudes of history.

At this moment, in the skies above Emperor City, the vice president of the Imperial Academy, Old Monster Zhou, is confronting the Emperor's Golden Bronze Furnace of the Ancient Emperor!

He absolutely will not allow the Azure Gold Furnace to kill Ye Fan, nor will he allow it to consume the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown. There has never been such a rule since ancient times.

However, he is also aware that he may find it very difficult to prevent the Azure Gold Furnace's recklessness, as the full-force attack of an Emperor Weapon is indeed too powerful for him to withstand.

Considering the current circumstances of the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, the situation seems quite bleak, and he utterly disbelieves the Azure Gold Furnace's pompous words about considering the future of humanity.

The Azure Gold Furnace clearly is swelling with ambition, wanting to strengthen its own power, yet it cloaks this desire with grandiose claims.

"Azure Gold Furnace, it's obvious your ambition is swelling, wanting to consume the Emperor Weapon of the Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor to become the strongest yourself. Stop spouting crap about considering the big picture here!"

Kou Wenjie, the grandson of the number one fierce bandit, raised his thick eyebrows and loudly shouted.

Though he doesn't have a deep relationship with Ye Fan, he shares life-and-death bonds with Hu Fei and others. A brother's brother is naturally also his brother, and at this moment, he certainly stands up to speak a fair word for Ye Fan.

"Indeed, I, Ancient Immortal, am ashamed to share the title of Great Emperor's son with you, totally lacking in the capacity to tolerate others."

"Are you trying to incite internal conflict within the human race? Attacking Ye Fan disregarding your identity!"

"If you have the guts, fight me; I want to see how much of the Ancient Emperor's legacy you've truly inherited!"

"At least Ye Fan has slain a humanoid creature, and you? What have you done? Daring to disregard the big picture for your personal grudges? We are ashamed to associate with the likes of you!"

"Will consuming an Emperor Weapon forge a weapon that surpasses the limits of an Emperor Weapon? It's pure wishful thinking. If it were truly possible, the Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor would have done so long ago. Why would it be your turn then?"

"Clearly harboring malicious intentions, deliberately undermining the strength of the human race while claiming to consider the big picture—such nonsense!"

"..."

At once, Li Yu'er and others also voiced their support for Ye Fan, speaking out against the injustice. The cause of the whole incident is the narrow-mindedness and petty retribution of Ancient Immortal against Ye Fan.

Apart from Ancient Immortal, be it Ancient Prince Yue Haoyu or the son of the Human Emperor, as well as Buddha Yu chanzi and Demon Sect Young Master Great Demon, all spoke up for Ye Fan, unanimously believing that the Gu Family's Azure Gold Furnace harbors sinister intentions and is destined to be a major bane for the human race.

The reason is simple; during the initial collaboration of numerous Emperor Weapons to quell the dark turmoil, the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown restrained an Emperor Weapon of the humanoid creatures and suffered the greatest damage, while the Gu Family's Azure Gold Furnace lingered outside, making little effort.

It's precisely for this reason that after quelling the dark turmoil, the Ling Family's Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown is the most severely damaged Emperor Weapon, whereas the Azure Gold Furnace is the least damaged.

This is definitely a dark history of the Gu Family, and at this moment many people have brought it up, making Ancient Immortal's face blush like a pig liver, and Gu Xiao nearly hangs his head down in shame.

"A bunch of kids ignorant of the vast sky, this old man does not care to stoop to your level!"

The Gu Family's Azure Gold Furnace snorted coldly, exuding a terrifying Emperor Weapon's pressure covering the sky.

Under the formidable aura deterrence of the Azure Gold Furnace, Kou Wenjie and the other seven fell silent instantly. It wasn't that they didn't want to speak, but the Emperor Weapon's pressure was simply too overwhelming.

"Damn, had I known, I would have borrowed Uncle Hu Tian's Heavenly Weapon treasure sword. Let's see how he could still act so arrogantly!" Kou Wenjie inwardly swore.

The Heavenly Weapon treasure sword is the Emperor Weapon of Emperor Sha, incredibly powerful; combined with the nine crowns, no matter how strong the Azure Gold Furnace is, it wouldn't dare challenge.

Not only them, even some old teachers of the Imperial Academy were intimidated by such an imposing aura, making them unable to speak and forcing them to retreat swiftly.

"Pfft—"

Some with lesser strength were intimidated by this powerful aura, spurting out a mouthful of blood, their consciousness near shattering, only to be quickly carried out of the Azure Gold Furnace's intimidating range by the elderly strong people nearby, feeling somewhat better.

Old Monster Zhou frowned tightly, deeply unwilling to witness such a scene. In his view, whether it's the Gu Family's Emperor Weapon or Ancient Immortal, or the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown and Ye Fan, all are powers of the human race. A strong clash would certainly lead to losses, and no matter who perishes, it's a weakening of human strength.

Fortunately, there are no ordinary people in Emperor City. Otherwise, under such overwhelming pressure, few would resist.

With this, Old Monster Zhou was increasingly dissatisfied with the Azure Gold Furnace. Were it not for the Ancient Emperor's significant contributions to the human race, he might have wanted to awaken the depths of the Imperial Academy and suppress it.

"Senior, as the artifact spirit of an Emperor Weapon, you possess your own consciousness. You should be aware that even consuming the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown cannot forge an Emperor Weapon that surpasses limits, instead greatly weakening human strength. I hope senior abandons your obsession."

"Furthermore, Ye Fan may not be an Emperor's son, but his potential rivals Ancient Immortal's; who can guarantee that he won't be the one to prove Dao in the future? Remember, since ancient times, there hasn't been a precedent of an Emperor's son proving Dao. Although being the Emperor's son offers an advantage in bloodline, this very advantage is an obstacle in proving Dao."

"No matter what, I will not permit you to kill Ye Fan, swallow the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown. Remember, this is our Imperial Academy's territory, not your Gu Family's clan land!"

Old Monster Zhou's words were like stone and metal, forceful and clear, firmly expressing his stance that as long as he's standing here, he won't permit you to act recklessly.

"Do you think you can stop me?"

The Azure Gold Furnace sneered, not regarding Old Monster Zhou at all, as in its view, no one present could stop it.

Whoosh

While speaking, the Azure Gold Furnace directly acted, emitting a beam of blue light like a Heavenly Sword aiming towards Ye Fan****, clearly intending to kill Ye Fan first, creating a fait accompli, so that no one can alter the course thereafter.

"You..."

Old Monster Zhou's face changed, and he swiftly produced an ancient, rustic mirror to block Ye Fan's front!

"Bang!"

A loud noise reverberated as the ancient mirror trembled violently, and the surface cracked directly, yet the light was successfully reflected back.

At this moment, the Ancient Immortal completely became a puppet. Although he knew the Azure Gold Furnace meant well for him, this feeling of being hostile to the world still made him exceptionally displeased.

"No matter, every Great Emperor stands against all living beings; which one is not an enemy of the world, ultimately killing until the universe is silent and achieving the supreme Dao!"

The Ancient Immortal comforted himself in his heart.

Gu Xiao, however, felt much more awkward; the Azure Gold Furnace had no intention of protecting him. As the strongest heir of the Di Clan, he completely became a discard at this moment.

Beside him, not a single person stood; the other seven instinctively kept their distance, leaving Gu Xiao thoroughly isolated.

The sudden change in the Imperial Academy's disciples' faces, the Gu family's Emperor Weapon openly challenged the academy's authority, how could this be tolerated?

If they do not retaliate, where would the Imperial Academy's prestige be?

At this moment, emotions were running high. Even though the academy's disciples envied Ye Fan, they still respected strong people. Ye Fan earned their respect through his own strength, and they naturally wouldn't allow the Azure Gold Furnace to kill Ye Fan, especially within the academy's Emperor's Secret Realm.

"Dean, unleash the foundation!"

Many people transmitted their voices to Old Monster Zhou, urging him to deploy the academy's resources and suppress the Azure Gold Furnace.

"What I want to do, no one can stop me, and you're no exception!"

The Azure Gold Furnace said arrogantly.

At this moment, Elder Xuan was silent, masked in recovery from the severe wounds he sustained in the battle with the Azure Gold Furnace. He couldn't act for the time being.

"Is that so?"

Old Monster Zhou said flatly: "I can't stop you, but someone can. He is almost here!"

The Azure Gold Furnace's heart stirred as he shouted: "What did you say? It's impossible for anyone to stop me; no one can stop me!"

Despite his words, he felt a hint of unease, fearing that a formidable figure might indeed appear — so near the summit, it mustn't end in vain!

And at this time, within the academy, a nondescript place suddenly burst forth with a powerful aura, sweeping between heaven and earth, shaking Nine Heavens, stirring Nine Netherworld!

"Who's there?"

The Azure Gold Furnace Artifact Spirit paused, shouting loudly, and directly urged the furnace, propelling a killing light towards the source of the aura!

"Whoosh!"

A soft sound resounded as the killing light vanished silently, and a hunched elder, with hair all gone, pierced through the spatial bondage, abruptly appearing before the Azure Gold Furnace!

"Who are you? Are you going to stop me?"

The Azure Gold Furnace sensed misfortune, demanding fiercely of the elder.

"Ah..."

The elder did not speak but gave a long, deep sigh, the mighty aura instantly retracted, as if it hadn't appeared at all.

If not for standing in the void, one might easily regard him as an ordinary elder with no cultivation.

Everyone, even the old teachers of the Imperial Academy, were unaware of who this elder truly was, only Old Monster Zhou knew; he is the academy's foundation guarding the Emperor's Secret Realm.

What this elder's name was, even Old Monster Zhou did not know, only that he was a former Supreme Elder of the Academy, with cultivation slightly higher than Seng Dao Yan, undoubtedly a Quasi-Emperor Level powerhouse.

With the elder's appearance, Old Monster Zhou was completely reassured; the ancient mirror just now is a crucial Secret Treasure to awaken this elder, sharing a mysterious link with him.

Upon producing the ancient mirror, Old Monster Zhou activated it, establishing contact with the elder.

Afterwards, when the ancient mirror shattered, this elder, the Imperial Academy's foundation, surely knew something major had happened, otherwise, contact through the ancient mirror wouldn't break.

Upon emerging, Old Monster Zhou immediately conveyed the detailed events to the elder via divine consciousness.

Swoosh!

At this instant, the elder understood the ins and outs of the situation, glancing at Ye Fan, then gently waving his right hand, a Divine Light drifted soundlessly into Ye Fan's body!

Witnessing all these, Elder Xuan not only did not stop it, but showed a satisfied smile, knowing Ye Fan was safe and would soon awaken.

That Divine Light is the elder's purest essence, perfect for healing Ye Fan's injuries!

Chapter 1727 Sealing!

"You're courting death!"

The Azure Gold Furnace hadn't realized just how terrifying the elder before him was. Seeing him heal Ye Fan, he immediately knew that if he didn't deal with this old man, killing Ye Fan and devouring the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown today would be difficult.

Azure Gold Furnace was particularly displeased that Ye Fan had escaped from the Ancient Immortal's hands, believing the Ancient Immortal was too merciful.

Since they were enemies, one should do anything to kill the foe. Despite the long time, the Ancient Immortal still hadn't managed to kill Ye Fan, leaving him disappointed.

However, none of that mattered anymore. In his view, as long as he could kill the foundation of the Imperial Academy, no one present could stop him, and then he could do whatever he wanted!

He firmly believed that as long as he could devour an Emperor Weapon, he could forge an Emperor Weapon that surpassed the limits, turning the Azure Gold Furnace into an Immortal Artifact.

"Kill!"

The Azure Gold Furnace then shot two beams of killing light, targeting Ye Fan and Elder Xuan. He feared delays and didn't want to waste any more time.

Swish!

Right at this moment, the elder with balding hair smiled faintly, extending both hands. Two beams of Divine Light instantly swallowed the killing light emitted by the Emperor Weapon, then struck heavily on the Azure Gold Furnace's body!

"Clang!"

"Clang!"

With two loud sounds, the Azure Gold Furnace nearly got knocked away, but the elder remained unfazed, still looking aged as though he hadn't acted at all.

"You..."

The Azure Gold Furnace was furious, but also sank within. He sensed that something was wrong; the elder made him feel immense pressure.

From this elder, he faintly sensed the imposing presence of a Great Emperor. This nearly ancient elder was definitely a Quasi-Emperor Level strong individual.

Azure Gold Furnace secretly regretted; he shouldn't have wasted words with these people earlier. Before the elder appeared, he should have acted forcefully to create an accomplished fact. No matter how strong he was, it would have been useless.

Now, the Azure Gold Furnace was stuck in an awkward predicament: acting wouldn't allow him to unleash the full power of the Emperor Weapon, fearing he wasn't the elder's match, but not acting felt suffocating.

Victory was clearly in sight, but a Quasi-Emperor Realm strong person suddenly interrupted, leaving him frustrated enough to spit blood!

The Ancient Immortal was also shaken. He spat a mouthful of blood directly, almost dying, alarmed and fearing the elder might act at any cost, which would make his death unjust.

Though people were taboo about killing the Emperor's son, it wasn't completely out of the question. First, the Ancient Immortal wasn't in the right, making him at fault in any case.

"I know the entire situation. You, being an Emperor Weapon Spirit, can't act recklessly, killing young Human Race elites, or devour other Emperor Weapons for selfish desires—you must apologize for your actions!"

The foundation elder of the Imperial Academy said calmly, not paying any mind to the Azure Gold Furnace as an Emperor Weapon.

"Apologize?"

The Azure Gold Furnace's Artifact Spirit was furious, deciding to risk everything. Even if he couldn't kill Ye Fan, he was determined to devour the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown.

Suddenly, the Azure Gold Furnace erupted with powerful pressure, fully revived, like a Great Emperor standing in the air, causing many to kneel involuntarily.

Kneeling to a fully revived Emperor Weapon wasn't disgraceful, as an Emperor Weapon was akin to a Great Emperor's alternative life continuation.

Under the immense pressure, Ye Fan finally awoke. Though severely injured, the Spirit Pill's effects had stabilized his injuries, alongside the Quasi-Emperor Realm elder expending primordial essence to heal him, making him alright now.

However, under the Azure Gold Furnace's full pressure, like others, he couldn't speak, secretly worrying for Elder Xuan.

He knew well that with his current strength, there was no way to help Elder Xuan, going up would mean certain death!

"Whoosh!"

The Imperial Academy elder moved like a ghost, directly blocking Elder Xuan's front, throwing a punch entangled with yin and yang Divine Skills at the Azure Gold Furnace.

"Boom!"

Without any suspense, the Azure Gold Furnace was knocked away again, even a fully resurrected Emperor Weapon was not a match for a Quasi-Emperor; after all, the Emperor Weapon wasn't activated by a person.

"Ah..."

The Ancient Immortal was thrown out by the Azure Gold Furnace, covered in blood, evidently injured!

"Little Ancestor, are you okay?"

Gu Xiao rushed over immediately, catching the Ancient Immortal, anxiously asking.

If the Ancient Immortal had an accident now, he couldn't account to his clan, and as the hope of the Gu Family, the Ancient Immortal couldn't afford any losses.

"I'm fine!"

The Ancient Immortal said with a dark face, performing the Ancient Emperor Secret Technique, reversing the blood flow, instantly healing his body. However, he couldn't remove the blood stains on his body in a short time, looking a bit ragged.

Compared to Ye Fan, they could be seen as fellow sufferers, equally tattered and bloody-clad, though Ye Fan appeared more disheveled.

"Borrow the Emperor Weapon for a moment!"

At this moment, the elder from the Imperial Academy beckoned to Elder Xuan, who directly entered the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, and then fell into his hand.

There is a stark difference between self-activation and external activation of an Emperor Weapon. Although the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown was already exhausted, under the urging of a Quasi-Emperor, it was still able to exert extremely powerful strength.

"Forbid Heaven, Forbid Land, Forbid Immortals, Seal!"

The elder from the Imperial Academy seemed to have transformed into another person; his stooped body straightened up, and his eyes shot out deep divine light. He exhibited forbidden techniques, shooting out rays of divine radiance.

These rays of divine radiance formed ancient characters in the air, entrapping the Nine Heavens and Ten Earths, confining the Azure Gold Furnace in the middle, immovable!

"No..."

The Artifact Spirit of the Azure Gold Furnace roared, terror evident in his voice. Only at this moment did he realize how terrifying this elder was, someone absolutely out of his league.

"Buzz!"

Character by character landed on the Azure Gold Furnace, flickering with eerie light, forcibly sealing the Artifact Spirit within the Azure Gold Furnace.

"I hate this!"

The Artifact Spirit of the Azure Gold Furnace harbored great hatred in his heart.

In his view, had he not been injured in the Different Space while battling Elder Xuan and had his Primordial power not been severely depleted, even this elder from the Imperial Academy could not have subdued him.

The outcome would have been certain; by then, he would have devoured the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, achieving a limit-surpassing Emperor Weapon, and Ye Fan would undoubtedly be dead.

By that time, who in the world could be a match for the Ancient Immortal? In the future, the Ancient Immortal would not only prove the Dao and become an Emperor, standing shoulder to shoulder with his father, the Ancient Emperor, but because of his emergence in this era, he would ultimately ascend to the Immortal Realm, becoming an Immortal that even the Great Emperors envied!

However—

The situation did not change as per his will. The elder from the Imperial Academy used his Great Divine Power and forbidden techniques to eventually strike eighteen ancient characters onto the Azure Gold Furnace, completely sealing the Artifact Spirit, plunging it into a state of slumber.

"Eh..."

The Ancient Immortal and Gu Xiao were completely dumbfounded, never expecting such an outcome.

"Heh, self-inflicted, deserve no sympathy!"

Great Demon remarked gloatingly from the side.

"Exactly!"

Kou Wenjie, arm in arm with him, soon became inseparable friends. Seeing Great Demon mocked the two Ancient Immortals, he couldn't help but throw in a jab.

"Ancient Immortal, as the emperor's son of the Ancient Emperor, your status is noble. I shouldn't say anything, but you are narrow-minded, envious of the virtuous and talented. I must warn you, if in the future you dare to act recklessly, putting personal grudges over the big picture and attack the elites of the Human Race, even if you're the Ancient Emperor's son, I will not forgive you!"

After sealing the Artifact Spirit of the Azure Gold Furnace, the elder from the Imperial Academy turned his gaze to the Ancient Immortal, warning him coldly.

Even though he did not state it explicitly, everyone understood his intent. Should the Ancient Immortal act irresponsibly towards Ye Fan again, the elder might directly strike him within the Secret Realm!

Upon hearing this, everyone felt relieved, even those disciples from the Imperial Academy with minor grievances against Ye Fan thought the Ancient Immortal had gone too far this time.

The rivalry between the Imperial Academy and the Immortal Academy has been long-standing but limited to sparring, never resulting in life and death, for they all understood, be it Imperial or Immortal Academy, both belong to the Human Race. Internal conflict among the Human Race is never allowed; it's a fundamental precept.

After listening to the strong words from the elder of the Imperial Academy, the Ancient Immortal remained silent for a moment, then calmly said, "So if someone attacks or challenges me, am I not allowed to retaliate either?"

"If someone attacks you, it's their fault, and you can retaliate as you wish, disregarding casualties. But if it's a challenge, it must be by mutual consent. Only with mutual consent can it proceed."

At this point, the strong figure from the Imperial Academy cast a glance, intentionally or otherwise, towards Ye Fan and continued, "However, life-and-death battles are strictly prohibited. The Imperial Academy will not sanction life-and-death battles, and before the challenge begins, there must be at least two elders from the Imperial Academy present as witnesses, otherwise, it will be regarded as a challenge to the Academy's rules!"

These words were firm and resonated powerfully, clearly stating the Academy's stance while avoiding losses from life-and-death battles.

Many veteran teachers in the Imperial Academy nodded, agreeing with his perspective, deeming it the most fair and just approach.

The Imperial Academy, being one of the two major forces capable of contending with the Immortal Academy, primarily ensures fairness, differentiating itself from other sects and Holy Lands.

The reason many Saint Heirs from the Holy Lands and the strongest heirs of the Di Clan choose to further their studies at the Imperial Academy is precisely because the Academy remains absolutely neutral, never involving itself in any factional disputes.

Li Yu'er and the others had nothing to say; this decision benefitted Ye Fan, at least sparing him the constant fear of being unexpectedly attacked by the Ancient Immortal.

"You impure bloodline mongrel, didn't you say once you broke through to the Lord Realm, you'd crush me like crushing a dog? I'm waiting for you; hopefully, you won't just be blowing hot air!"

After receiving the response from the strong figure of the Imperial Academy, the Ancient Immortal sneered at Ye Fan, coldly mocking him.

"Rest assured, the day I break through to the Lord Realm will be the day I crush you, Ancient Immortal!"

Ye Fan responded coldly, his words like clashing gold and stone, powerful and resolute!

Chapter 1728 The Essence of Elements and Laws

The affairs in the sky above the Imperial City had settled down, the Artifact Spirit of the Gu Family's Imperial Weapon, the Azure Gold Furnace, was sealed and fell into slumber.

Although the Ancient Immortal could still use the Imperial Weapon in battle, its power was extremely limited.

This time, he and Gu Xiao had been utterly humiliated, leaving with their Imperial Weapon in disgrace.

Meanwhile, Elder Xuan returned to Ye Fan's sea of consciousness with the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, helping him stabilize his Divine Soul to prevent any lingering effects.

Hmm?

Upon entering Ye Fan's sea of consciousness, Elder Xuan was surprised to find that Ye Fan's Divine Soul had nearly recovered, the Divine Soul Flames had completely fused into his Divine Soul, becoming inseparable.

"He actually managed to turn misfortune into a blessing..."

Elder Xuan couldn't help but sigh, curious about what changes would occur after the fusion of Divine Soul Flames and Ye Fan's Divine Soul.

With matters coming to an end, Ye Fan did not return to the place prepared for his closed cultivation but was instead invited into the Imperial City by an elder from the Imperial Academy's foundation.

The elder had specially prepared a small yard for Ye Fan to cultivate in, advising him to stay in the Imperial City unless absolutely necessary.

It was a small courtyard, nothing special within the Imperial City, a typical set of three-tiled houses with a year-round evergreen Snow Maple Tree planted in the yard, the air filled with a faint bitter fragrance.

Like the Imperial Academy, the Imperial City was also built to cultivate an environment, transforming ordinary places into Cultivation Divine Soil, with underground Dragon Energy seething, faint rays of light flickering, and auspicious air lingering.

Ye Fan sat in the courtyard on a stone bench under the Snow Maple Tree, diligently cultivating these past two days, fully healing his injuries, but still couldn't reach the threshold of the Lord Realm.

"Lord Realm..."

Ye Fan sighed, rubbing the Snow Maple Leaf picked from the stone table in front of him, talking to himself.

"Ye Zi, we came to see you!"

At that moment, sudden clamor came from outside the door, followed by a creak as the door swung open, and Kou Wenjie rushed into the courtyard.

Behind him were the Great Demon, Li Yu'er, Wen TaDou, and others.

All except for the two from the Gu Family had come who were chosen this time.

"You look quite well!"

Kou Wenjie laughed heartily, then with a wave of his hand, two Heaven Grade Spirit Stones appeared before Ye Fan, both fist-sized, glowing brightly, suspended in the air, not touching the dust!

"Take these two Spirit Stones to heal, no need to be polite with your brother, I've got plenty of these broken stones."

Seeing Ye Fan about to refuse, Kou Wenjie immediately winked, gesturing not to refuse.

Ye Fan, feeling both amused and touched, knew Kou Wenjie's intention very well; this was an opportunity to extort the other six, since he had given them, how could the others bear not to give something?

Being stingy wouldn't do!

Sure enough, after Kou Wenjie offered the two Heaven Grade Spirit Stones, the others' expressions turned complex.

What was a Heaven Grade Spirit Stone?

Even they would feel a pinch taking out two such stones at once.

Who had the wealth like Kou Wenjie?

As descendants of fierce bandits, whenever they ran out of Spirit Stones, they would just rob some.

However, they were not stingy people; they all took out treasures comparable to Heaven Grade Spirit Stones and placed them on the table.

"Hold on, hold on!"

Seeing others bringing out all sorts of items, Ye Fan felt both amused and helpless, saying, "Don't compare yourselves to him, this guy is filthy rich and doesn't care about these Spirit Stones."

"Brother Ye, this Bodhi Seed isn't something valuable, you must accept it!"

Yu Chanzi took out a nut-like item that appeared quite ordinary, but with a natural Buddha statue carved on it, miraculously beautiful.

"Ye Zi, don't be polite, just accept it. This bald one's Bodhi Seed is a treasure indeed. Wearing it can calm the mind and greatly enhance comprehension, it's definitely a good thing."

Before Ye Fan could respond, the Great Demon had already taken action, snatching the Bodhi Seed and placing it in Ye Fan's hand.

As soon as it came into his hand, Ye Fan felt a wave of tranquility and emptiness, as if it truly could aid in understanding.

With this, he thought of some legends on Earth; the Bodhi Tree in Buddhism was known as the Tree of Wisdom, able to open Spiritual Wisdom and enhance comprehension; he hadn't expected it to have such effects.

However, it was evident that this Bodhi Seed was not ordinary, quite different from the usual Bodhi Seeds on Earth.

After listening to the Great Demon's introduction to this seemingly insignificant Bodhi Seed, the two Princes were somewhat amazed, for its ability to enhance comprehension was something any cultivator would love.

"This... is too precious!"

Ye Fan was well aware of how important comprehension was to a cultivator, tempted to refuse, yet reluctant to let it go.

"Just take it, it's not something valuable anyway!"

Yu Chanzi was quite generous, smiling as he spoke.

"Well, to refuse would be impolite!"

Ye Fan no longer hesitated, carefully storing it away, knowing it was of immense value to him.

After Yu Chanzi offered the Bodhi Seed, the Great Demon also presented a Blood Dragon Vine, an extremely precious Divine Medicine capable of extending a cultivator's life by several years.

Subsequently, the two Princes also brought out valuable treasures, all more precious than the two Heaven Grade Spirit Stones Kou Wenjie had offered earlier.

As Princes, they naturally had their own excellent items; this time, having Ye Fan narrowly escape death, it was only right to present something as friends.

"Brother Ye, you should take this Vajra Talisman, it'll save your life when necessary!"

Wen TaDou took out a yellowed talisman paper from his sleeve and placed it in front of Ye Fan.

"What is this for?"

Not only Ye Fan, but everyone else was also puzzled. After all, Wen Di was too distant from them, and they were truly unfamiliar with some of Wen Di's inherited methods.

Seeing the confusion among everyone, Wen TaDou smiled and explained, "This is an amulet. Once activated by Wen Qi, it can exert powerful defensive capabilities, enough to withstand a full-strength strike from the Supreme Holy Master. However, it can only withstand one strike, then it will be scrapped; it is a one-time consumable."

"Wha... What? It can withstand a full-strength strike from the Supreme Holy Master?"

Everyone's eyes widened in an instant. This was truly a valuable thing, able to save lives at critical moments. Wen Di's inheritance was indeed too miraculous.

However, the unfortunate thing was, it could only be activated with Wen Qi, and they simply didn't have any Wen Qi on them, leaving them no choice but to sigh in admiration.

"I say, such a good thing, can it be driven by Divine Power instead?"

Kou Wenjie voiced the sentiment of everyone, even the two Princes were waiting eagerly for Wen TaDou's answer.

Wen TaDou nodded gently: "Yes, it can!"

"Swish!"

Suddenly, six large hands reached out to Wen TaDou, the Ancient Prince Yue Haoyu smiled and said, "Brother Wen, you can't favor one over the other, can you?"

"Uh..."

Wen TaDou was momentarily bewildered, looking at the big hands extended in front of him, he said, "What are you doing, robbing the rich? Really think I'm a rich man? There's none left, not a single one."

After Wen TaDou's explanation, everyone realized this kind of amulet consumed a great deal of Wen Qi, even Wen TaDou could only draw one in half a year.

Over the years, he had only drawn two, kept one for himself to save his life, and gave one to Ye Fan, and truly had no more.

"Wen Di's inheritance is truly amazing!"

Several people marveled.

"That little rascal of an Ancient Immortal, despite being the Emperor's son, has done things that truly disgrace the Ancient Emperor. By the way, Ye Zi, how did you end up fighting?"

After chatting and laughing for a while, Kou Wenjie brought up the injury Ye Fan had suffered this time, which they still didn't know the whole story about.

Ye Fan briefly recounted the events, and everyone immediately became indignant, cursing the shamefulness of the Ancient Immortal.

"I just want to go beat that old guy up right now, but I'm afraid I can't win. Who will go with me to teach that old guy a lesson?"

Kou Wenjie was extremely angry, his eyes bulging with fury, the killing intent pervading the small courtyard.

Everyone else also stood up for Ye Fan, criticizing the Ancient Immortal for retaliating against Ye Fan regardless of identity, showing no concern for the bigger picture.

Ye Fan chuckled, pressing him to sit back down, saying, "Gentlemen, I appreciate your kindness, but I absolutely won't allow anyone to intervene in this matter. I will resolve it in my own way."

"Ye Zi..."

Kou Wenjie looked at Ye Fan with some concern, afraid he might act recklessly.

While the Ancient Immortal's behavior was disgraceful, his strength was undeniable. As the Emperor's son, the Ancient Immortal's power surely ranked among the top three, if not the first, among ten people.

Whoosh!

After sending a few people off, with a thought, Ye Fan stepped into the Virtual Space.

For the past couple days, he had been in seclusion, and hadn't had the chance to meet Elder Xuan.

At this moment, in the Virtual Space, Ye Fan finally contacted Elder Xuan, discovering Elder Xuan extremely weak and severely injured, causing his nose to sour with emotion.

"Elder Xuan, it is I who have burdened you..."

Ye Fan directly knelt before Elder Xuan, tears of regret falling, while in his heart he deeply hated the Ancient Immortal and the Azure Gold Furnace.

"Silly child, stand up quickly, it's not your fault!"

Elder Xuan was filled with emotion, helping Ye Fan up, saying, "This time I am gravely injured, and may have to fall into slumber again, there are things I must tell you!"

"Please, tell me!"

Ye Fan's voice choked.

"First, before breaking through to the Venerable Realm, don't attempt to forcibly use the Emperor Weapon, otherwise not only may you fail to activate it, but you might also be drained of Divine Power, losing all your cultivation. After all, the Divine Power needed to wield the Emperor Weapon is so vast, you are far from being able to endure it."

"I understand, Elder, rest assured, I will not use the Emperor Weapon until I reach the Venerable Realm!"

Ye Fan knew Elder Xuan was considering his well-being, and nodded in agreement.

"Second, you previously entered a misconception, the Lord Realm is unrelated to strength, but to the mental realm and understanding of the essence and laws of element. Only by understanding the essence and laws of element can you truly enter the Lord Realm. In the forthcoming time, stay in the Elemental Ocean to comprehend the laws and essence of element."

"Hmm!"

Ye Fan also agreed, he knew Elder Xuan was sharing the secrets of the Lord Realm through his own experience.

The Lord Realm has trapped unknown numbers of cultivators, precisely due to a misunderstanding in the comprehension of elemental laws, many, like Ye Fan, believed it was an enhancement of strength, actually they just fell into a misconception.

"Moreover, your Divine Skill is element immunity, if you want to successfully break through to the Lord Realm, perhaps you need to initially comprehend the laws and essence of all elements, it's extremely difficult, even if successful it will take a long time, you don't have much time left, strive hard!"

Just as Elder Xuan was about to vanish, he suddenly seemed to remember something and added.

All elements?!

Ye Fan froze, before he could inquire, Elder Xuan disappeared from the Virtual Space, completely falling into slumber...

Chapter 1729 Comprehending the Water Element Law

"The essence and laws of all elements? I will definitely succeed!"

After a brief moment of amazement, Ye Fan clenched his fist and muttered to himself.

Leaving the Virtual Space, Ye Fan's eyes shone with determination. Time waits for no one, and he decided to immediately go to the Elemental Ocean to comprehend the essence and laws of the elements.

He had already taken a detour earlier; he no longer had time to waste!

Exiting Emperor City, Ye Fan headed straight towards the Elemental Ocean region.

The elements in the Elemental Ocean are extremely abundant, each element occupying a large area. Viewed from high above, it resembles an ocean of elements, where each is distinct and clear-cut.

In the entire Xuan Realm, elements are divided into eight types: gold, wood, water, fire, earth, wind, thunder, and light. The Elemental Ocean is composed of these eight elements.

The Elemental Ocean is the most popular region, with people cultivating and comprehending the power of elements every day.

Upon reaching the edge of the Elemental Ocean, Ye Fan did not rush in but instead closed his eyes to think for a moment.

In the five thousand years of Huaxia's ancient history, some knowledge about the Five Elements resurfaced in his mind. According to the ancient Taoist theory of yin and yang and the Five Elements, the Five Elements generate and conquer each other, and this world is no exception.

"Which element should I comprehend first?"

Ye Fan pondered secretly.

According to Elder Xuan, he must comprehend all the laws of the eight elements.

"The greatest virtue is like water; it benefits all things without contention. Let's start with water!"

Ye Fan felt that all things are born from water, and water's characteristic does not repel any element except fire. Therefore, starting with the water element seemed like a good choice.

Soon, Ye Fan arrived at the water element area. Here, it was a black expanse, rich with water elements, and being within, one could clearly feel the fluctuation and surge of the water element.

No wonder others want to comprehend the essence and laws of elements in such an environment. Not to mention comprehending the essence and laws of elements, even a cultivator practicing Water Element Divine Power can achieve twice the result with half the effort here.

Ye Fan sat cross-legged at the center of the black area, silently connecting with the power of the water, quietly comprehending the essence and law of the water element.

This was a long process. Ye Fan sat still for a full month, and he understood the water element deeply, but he still hadn't comprehended the essence and law of the water element.

Outside the Elemental Ocean, several old teachers were discussing with each other, even beginning to argue.

"That one named Ye Fan has been in the water element area for a month, right? Why hasn't he comprehended the law and essence of the water element?"

"You're too impatient! Comprehending the laws of elements requires opportunity. Sometimes sudden enlightenment is more important than anything. Without enlightenment, it might take three months, or even half a year for him to truly comprehend the essence and law of the element."

"It's something every cultivator must go through. There's no help for it; no one can assist him. It's up to him. If he can't comprehend the element's laws, his achievements in this lifetime will probably stop at the Peak of Divine Power Realm."

"He can ignore others' Domains at the Divine Power Realm; I firmly believe he can overcome this hurdle."

"Not necessarily; do you know what cognitive obstacle means? Previous knowledge often becomes a barrier to accepting new things, and he is likely no exception."

This old teacher unknowingly hit the mark; Ye Fan indeed had a cognitive obstacle—his previous understanding of elements became the biggest barrier to his comprehension of the elemental law.

"Sigh..."

Ye Fan sighed, opened his eyes. Over the past month, he had continually tried to comprehend the law and essence of the water element, but had gained nothing.

He knew he still hadn't comprehended the law of the water element. It was an intensely strong feeling.

"Why is it? What exactly is the element's law?"

Ye Fan stood up, and while thinking, walked around the Ocean of Water Element with a furrowed brow.

At this moment, he suddenly remembered that he had a Bodhi Seed given by Yu chanzi in his possession. With a stir in his heart, he immediately took out the Bodhi Seed and held it in his palm, calming his agitated mind instantly with a warm feeling emanating from his palm.

"There is a way!"

Ye Fan's eyes lit up. The Bodhi Seed was indeed useful; he felt himself closer to the power of the element, almost merging with it.

"Having such a treasure yet forgetting to use it before—truly, the one caught in the situation fails to see their own predicament!"

Ye Fan mocked himself with a smile, then sat down cross-legged, quietly trying to comprehend the essence and law of the water element.

Time ticked away bit by bit. During this period, both Kou Wenjie and the Great Demon tried to find him but were unsuccessful.

Upon learning that Ye Fan was comprehending the essence and law of elements, they didn't disturb him anymore, knowing full well about Ye Fan's agreement with the Ancient Immortal.

Ye Fan's agreement with the Ancient Immortal caused quite a stir throughout the Emperor's Secret Realm. Many believed Ye Fan would have a hard time defeating the Ancient Immortal.

The reason was simple: The Lord Realm is indeed a turning point, and many cultivators get stuck at this point for their entire lives. But the Ancient Immortal, before being sealed, was already a Mid-Stage Lord Realm cultivator, while Ye Fan had just broken through to the Lord Realm. How could he be a match for the Ancient Immortal?

The further cultivation progresses, the greater the gap between each Xiao realm. Even if Ye Fan breaks through to the Early Lord Realm, there remains a gap of a Xiao realm between him and the Ancient Immortal, not to mention the Ancient Immortal possesses the purest Emperor Bloodline. Ye Fan defeating him is an uphill battle—difficult, very difficult, extremely difficult!

But regardless of what others think, this battle seems inevitable unless Ye Fan is unable to break through the Lord Realm. But watching him speak with such firm resolve makes it seem unlikely.

Everyone can only watch and wait to see how Ye Fan defies the odds and crushes the Ancient Immortal!

Many people were dissatisfied with the Ancient Immortal's arrogant attitude; it's just that they couldn't say much due to him being the blood kin of the Ancient Emperor.

In fact, everyone held a silent grudge, eager to see Ye Fan, after his breakthrough, triumph over the Ancient Immortal as a way to vent their frustrations!

Time flowed like water, swiftly passing. It's been almost three months since Ye Fan entered the Elemental Ocean, yet he still hadn't emerged from the Ocean of Water Element.

By now, the old teachers outside all felt puzzled. According to Ye Fan's comprehension, he should have clearly comprehended the essence and laws of the water element by now!

With the Bodhi Seed's assistance, his comprehension ability had risen a level, and finally, within two months, he had initially comprehended the laws of the water element.

If someone were beside Ye Fan at this moment, they would certainly be astonished, for an extremely ancient water-shaped symbol appeared on his chest, faintly discernible.

This is a symbol of initial comprehension of the laws of water element. As comprehension deepens, the symbol will become clearer, glowing brightly.

At that point, it will be a phenomenon of comprehending an element's law to the fullest. And if it disappears after glowing brightly, that's a transcendence of the ultimate, reaching the highest realm of returning to nature.

Judging by the degree of rune on Ye Fan now, it's only an initial comprehension, far from the ultimate, let alone returning to nature.

However, beginnings are the hardest part; as long as one can comprehend an element's law and essence, the path forward becomes easier, for he won't take as many missteps.

At the center of the Ocean of Water Element, a vortex formed with Ye Fan at its core, holding the Bodhi Seed, his face expressionless.

Through these two months of constant comprehension, he finally grasped the essence and law of the water element, a mysterious feeling, understood but not expressible, beyond words.

Three months, neither long nor short, during which the Ancient Immortal went to the Trial Arena, forcefully slaying a Late-stage Lord Realm Demon Clan strong person, causing a big commotion and reshaping many people's understanding of his power.

People vaguely felt that even if Ye Fan broke through the Lord Realm, defeating the Ancient Immortal would still be challenging, unless the Ancient Immortal agrees to fight at the same realm.

But that's impossible. Everyone knows that in the Life and Death Battle Arena of Yuehua Dynasty, the Ancient Immortal, due to his sealed power, was soundly beaten by Ye Fan while fighting at the same realm. With lessons learned, he's unlikely to repeat the mistake?

After all, he wouldn't fall into the same pit twice!

Chapter 1730 Groundbreaking Achievement

In the ocean of water elements, the fluctuation of elements is quite apparent, making it an ideal Holy Land in the minds of cultivators!

At the center of the ocean of water elements, Ye Fan sat cross-legged like a statue, with an ancient water element rune flickering on his chest.

This was a manifestation formed on his body after he initially comprehended the essence and law of water elements!

"Swish!"

Ye Fan opened his eyes, shooting out two dragon-shaped divine lights. The water element rune on his chest vanished in an instant, as if it had never appeared.

However, Ye Fan knew clearly that he had indeed comprehended the law of water elements. He felt that he had now become one with the water elements in heaven and earth, indistinguishable from each other.

This feeling was very mysterious, something that can only be understood but not conveyed in words, yet he knew for sure that he had grasped it!

In this moment, a scene buried deep in his memory for a long time emerged in his mind...

Somewhere on the snow-covered Mount Tian, a seven or eight-year-old boy was practicing martial arts with each move in the bone-chilling wind and snow!

"Master, when will I reach the Gang Qi Realm?"

As the boy practiced martial arts, he asked the elder who was guiding him by his side.

"When the time comes, it will happen!"

The elder replied calmly.

"Ugh, it's this line again..." The boy was speechless.

He didn't know how many times he had asked this question, and the answer was always the same, making him once suspect that the old man didn't know what the Gang Qi Realm was either.

Yet—

When he actually reached the Gang Qi Realm, he realized how accurate his master's words were, when the time comes, it will naturally happen!

It was a feeling that could only be intuited but not expressed in words.

That boy was Ye Fan himself, and that elder was Chu Xuanji!

Now he understood that Chu Xuanji was an absolute sage, whose words were filled with philosophical meaning.

Just like now, after comprehending the law and essence of water elements, he couldn't describe it, but he knew for sure he had grasped it.

This is exactly what the master meant by when the time comes, it will happen!

"Lord Realm, here I come!"

Upon realizing he had initially grasped the essence and law of water elements, Ye Fan was overjoyed and decided to once again attempt to break into the Lord Realm.

However, this time he was extremely cautious. After coming out of the ocean of water elements, he returned directly to his residence in Emperor City!

Breaking into the Lord Realm is a dangerous process, and he couldn't afford to be careless. The lesson from his last failed attempt still left him jittery!

Returning to his small courtyard residence, Ye Fan personally inscribed a simple array pattern, gathering Dragon Energy from all directions, transforming this little courtyard into a Divine Realm within Emperor City.

The dense Primordial Qi of heaven and earth surged like water, Dragon Energy roiled, all things revived, and even the plants in the courtyard showed signs of transforming into Spirit Grass.

Ye Fan sat cross-legged in his room, connecting with the Heaven and Earth Tao Markings on the Holy Embryo and the Water Element Law, beginning his attempt to break into the Lord Realm.

A terrifying aura emanated from him, truly having the aura of a Domain, spreading throughout the entire Emperor City!

Hmm?

This astonishing aura immediately alarmed everyone in Emperor City. People emerged from their places of seclusion, all looking towards that inconspicuous small courtyard where Ye Fan resided.

"Three months, is he finally attempting to break into the Lord Realm now?"

"To comprehend the law of elements in just three months, he can be considered a demon among demons!"

"This aura seems a bit off, too terrifying. I feel that if he succeeds, he might undergo a drastic change of heart and become a madman who only knows slaughter!"

People discussed animatedly, even the old teachers guarding here frowned, closely monitoring the situation in the small courtyard, ready to intervene if anything went wrong to prevent irreparable tragedies.

Somewhere outside Emperor City, Gu Xiao watched the small courtyard where Ye Fan was in seclusion with a sullen face, silently praying in his heart.

He absolutely did not want to see Ye Fan successfully break through, for that would mean his young ancestor, the Ancient Immortal, must accept Ye Fan's challenge.

Although he had great confidence in the Ancient Immortal and believed that even if Ye Fan broke through to the Lord Realm, he would absolutely not be a match for the Ancient Immortal, it was still an uncertainty.

The terrifying aura grew stronger and stronger, Ye Fan's body seemed to swell as if it was being inflated, the Water Element Law surging on his body surface, yet he still couldn't truly form his own unique Domain!

"Boom!"

Suddenly, a violent energy exploded, turning the entire room in the small courtyard into ruins, with Ye Fan standing amidst the debris, his clothes tattered and bloodstained.

"Uh... failed?"

"How could this happen?"

"Didn't he already comprehend the law of elements? Why did he still fail?"

Many people were puzzled. Clearly, Ye Fan had been quietly contemplating within the Elemental Ocean for three months. Logically speaking, if he hadn't gained preliminary insight into the essence and law of a certain element, how could he rashly charge into the Lord Realm?

But now, Ye Fan actually failed. Even after comprehending the essence and law of the elements, he still failed, leaving people incredulous!

"What does it matter if he understands the essence and law of elements? Even Heaven's will doesn't allow him to break through. With such fate, can he defy the heavens?"

Chu Xuanji's frown instantly relaxed, revealing a long-lost smile.

However, Ancient Immortal paid no attention at all. In his eyes, whether Ye Fan could break through to the Lord Realm or not, he was no match for him.

Even if Ye Fan really broke through, he would only be at the Early Lord Realm, while he was a strong person at the Mid-Stage of Lord Realm before being sealed.

Amidst the ruins, Ye Fan wryly smiled and operated the Phoenix Nirvana Technique. His injuries healed in an instant, and though this time's failure to charge into the Lord Realm was not as severe as the last time's injury.

Elder Xuan's warning became a reality. He truly needed to completely realize the laws and essence of all elements before he could naturally enter the Lord Realm. Without fully understanding the laws and essence of all elements, he couldn't successfully charge into the Lord Realm.

The reason why the Lord Realm blocked many cultivators at its doorstep is that it tests a cultivator's comprehension, and it is no longer something that just an increase in strength can achieve.

"It seems I truly need to comprehend all the essences and laws of elements..."

Ye Fan sighed.

It is a very long process. He didn't know whether he could fully understand the essences and laws of all elements before leaving the Emperor's Secret Realm, but regardless of success, he had to give it a try; he had no way back.

Changing into a new set of clothes, just as Ye Fan was about to go back to the Elemental Ocean to continue understanding other elements' essence and laws, suddenly news came, Ancient Immortal had comprehended the essence and law of another element in the Elemental Ocean!

This news shocked everyone!

Though theoretically, cultivators have opportunities to perceive other non-conflicting elemental laws after reaching the Lord Realm, no one was able to accomplish it.

Ancient Immortal was the first to make it happen!

In an instant, the entire Emperor's Secret Realm was astonished. Whether the old teachers of the Imperial Academy or the disciples cultivating here, or people like Li Yu'er, none of them expected Ancient Immortal to be so extraordinarily talented, actually comprehending the essence and law of two different elements—it is absolutely a pioneering achievement!

"Ancient Immortal truly deserves to be the son of the Emperor Gu, unparalleled in bloodline power, exceptionally high in comprehension."

"Throughout the ages, those who could comprehend two elemental laws during the Lord Realm did nothing but leave an endless legend in the Cultivation World."

"If nothing unexpected happens, Ancient Immortal is likely to become the first in the Emperor's sons to prove the Dao and become Emperor, making the Gu Family a double-Emperor lineage!"

"In the younger generation, I'm afraid no one is his opponent, even fellow Emperor's sons like Yue Haoyu and Yue Hui are no exceptions!"

"The number one person of the younger generation in the Five Domains!"

After learning that Ancient Immortal comprehended the essence and law of a second element, many people were discussing, believing Ancient Immortal's talent to be unparalleled and comparable to an Ancient Emperor!

Even people like Kou Wenjie, who had a poor opinion of him, had to admit that Ancient Immortal's comprehension was indeed terrifying.

One must know that when cultivators comprehend the essence and law of the first element, they will naturally choose the element that aligns with their divine skills.

However—

In comprehending the essence and law of the second element, they will inevitably be repelled by the law of the first element.

Moreover, due to the previous comprehension process, it would form preconceived notions in comprehending the essence and law of the second element.

This is called the obstacle of insight, where original experiences would instead become obstacles to understanding new elemental laws. If this barrier cannot be overcome, it is simply impossible to comprehend the law of the second element.

In this world, many cultivators have inertial thinking and experience awareness, believing that after understanding the essence and law of one element, it wouldn't be too difficult to comprehend the second one.

Yet, over hundreds of thousands of years, those who truly managed to perceive a second elemental law were as rare as phoenix feathers, extremely rare.

Of course, throughout the dynasty, Great Emperors at the Lord Realm must comprehend more than two elemental laws, which is also why people think Ancient Immortal has a hopeful future to prove the Dao.

"Really unexpected, that guy Ancient Immortal was the first to comprehend the law of the second element. It seems you and I might both not be his match!"

Upon learning that Ancient Immortal understood the second element's law, Ancient Prince Yue Haoyu said to Emperor's Son Yue Hui with a worried face.

"That young man with the surname Ye might find it hard to defeat Ancient Immortal!"

"In the same realm, there are differences in cultivation levels, Ancient Immortal comprehending two elemental laws, greatly increasing in strength, Ye Fan, even breaking through to the Lord Realm, is definitely not a match for Ancient Immortal!"

Meanwhile, there was much discussion in Emperor City.

Thinking back to when Ye Fan once said with firm conviction that the day he broke through the Lord Realm would be the day he challenged Ancient Immortal, many people felt that Ye Fan was too impulsive.

In their view, Ancient Immortal, who realized the essences and laws of two elements, had already significantly enhanced his strength, and his realm was originally the Mid-Stage of Lord Realm, even if Ye Fan broke through the Lord Realm, he was destined to be defeated!

And if even others thought so, how could Chu Xuanji think otherwise?

"Haha, the young ancestor comprehended two elemental laws, even if the one named Ye breaks through the Lord Realm, he's just courting trouble!"

That day, Chu Xuanji's boisterous voice filled the entire Emperor City.