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Chapter 1851: Arranging the Killing Array

"As long as we can kill the Skull Venerable, any cost is worth it!" The Great Elder said decisively.

He knew well that the Lei Clan was lacking successors; if the strongest Death Creature, Skull Venerable, is not eliminated during his lifetime, the Lei Clan would be in danger!

In order to fulfill the ancestors' legacy, and to completely remove the threat to their clan's existence, both the Great Elder and the Clan Leader were willing to risk everything.

Seeing both the Great Elder and the Lei Clan's Clan Leader agree, Ye Fan immediately contacted Bai Yan wolf and briefly explained the previously discussed matters.

Bai Yan wolf was originally sleeping soundly in the thatched hut of Thunderfire Grass, drooling over the Thunderfire Grass beside it. Upon hearing Ye Fan's Transmission, it jumped up with bright eyes, with no signs of intoxication left.

Extremely greedy, it would never miss a chance to take advantage of the situation, and rushed to the residence of the Lei Clan's Clan Leader.

Along the way, it didn't know how many things it knocked over; even the cultivators of the direct lineage guarding the Clan Leader's residence were knocked over like tumbling gourds.

"This... dog, what's it going crazy for?"

The knocked-over Lei Clan cultivator from the direct lineage got up and mumbled quietly.

He also knew that Bai Yan wolf had once followed his ancestor. In terms of seniority, it was far beyond him. Even if it caused turmoil in the Clan Leader's important residence, no one dared to do anything to it, they could only let it act crazily.

"Bang!"

Bai Yan wolf didn't even bother to knock and directly slammed the door open with its big head, rushing into the living room and asking the Great Elder: "Old man, are you wanting to test my King's Killing Array?"

The Great Elder stared dumbfounded at the door that was knocked to pieces; this creature's head was too hard! That was a door made from Yin Spirit Wood, a specialty of this world, incredibly sturdy, yet it was shattered by a single headbutt from it.

"Hey, old man, you still haven't answered me!" Bai Yan wolf impatiently glared at the Great Elder and said another sentence.

The Great Elder finally came back to his senses, glaring and saying, "I'm at least a strong person in the Venerable Realm, right? Can't you just respect me a little? Moreover, I have a name, I'm called Lei Mingxiao, stop calling me old man all the time, am I that old?"

Seeing Lei Mingxiao and Bai Yan wolf bickering with anger and annoyance, Ye Fan couldn't help but chuckle.

Clan Leader Lei Yuanhang was even more amused and helpless; in terms of seniority, Lei Mingxiao was a level higher than him, he should call him Clan Uncle.

Normally, Great Elder Lei Mingxiao was absolutely composed, showing neither joy nor anger, but today he was baited into a squabble with a wolf. He didn't know whether to laugh or cry, feeling exceedingly stifled.

"Stop it!"

Bai Yan wolf arrogantly raised its big head and said, "Even if you're in the Quasi-Emperor Realm, you're still my junior, not calling you a brat is already a courtesy from my King."

This statement was absolutely outrageously arrogant, yet Great Elder Lei Mingxiao couldn't retort.

Because what Bai Yan wolf said was true, Lei Mingxiao was only over a thousand years old, technically the great-grandson of Thunder Venerable, while Bai Yan wolf had followed Thunder Venerable, even lowering one generation, it was still higher in seniority.

"..."

Great Elder Lei Mingxiao bit his teeth and ultimately decided to endure it, why argue with a wolf? Winning wouldn't be honorable, furthermore, he wasn't skilled at verbal sparring.

"Old Bai, enough with the nonsense, we decided to eliminate the Death Creature on this Ancient Star, need you to arrange several Killing Arrays, how long will it take you to set up? Do you have confidence to kill the Death Creature in the Venerable Realm?"

Ye Fan diverted the topic to relieve the Great Elder.

"Kid, how can you say that? Others might not know my King's Killing Array, don't you know it?"

Bai Yan wolf squinted at Ye Fan, saying, "Not to mention Venerable Realm, even against Early-Stage Quasi-Emperor, my King can arrange several Emperor Killing Arrays and obliterate him."

"Uh..."

Great Elder Lei Mingxiao and Clan Leader Lei Yuanhang exchanged glances, then both looked at Ye Fan, meaning: Is this guy reliable, why does this sound so mysterious!

Ye Fan couldn't help but feel a bit puzzled, he had no choice but to speak to Bai Yan wolf, "It's not that I don't believe, but they don't believe. Hopefully, you can arrange a Killing Array to show them the power of the array, also give them peace of mind."

"Sure, sure!"

Bai Yan wolf's attitude suddenly took a 180-degree turn, smiling and saying, "You want to test my King's Killing Array, right? That's quite simple, but wanting me to set up Killing Array requires at least a piece of Purple Crystal Divine Stone, correct?"

"..."

Great Elder Lei Mingxiao and Clan Leader Lei Yuanhang glanced at each other, and simultaneously thought: Why don't you just go ahead and rob?

There are only two pieces of Purple Crystal Divine Stone in the entire Lei Clan, left by the ancestors, without a trace of a third piece on the entire Ancient Star, yet it just asked for one.

"You first set it up, if you can really kill the Skull Venerable in the Death Zone, my clan will give you a piece of Purple Crystal Divine Stone." Great Elder Lei Mingxiao grit his teeth, accepting Bai Yan wolf's extortion.

However, he was someone who wouldn't give away a rabbit without seeing an eagle; unless Bai Yan wolf's Killing Array could be confirmed capable of killing the Skull Venerable, he wouldn't provide it.

"Deal!"

Bai Yan wolf responded readily and then said, "I need nine Heaven Grade Spirit Stones, each no less than fist-sized, and also need Thunder Stone, Divine Blood Soil, Netherworld Water, Death Spirit Grass..."

It listed over a dozen materials in one breath, making Great Elder Lei Mingxiao and Clan Leader Lei Yuanhang look at each other.

These materials, the Lei Clan actually had them; after all, they've lived and propagated on this Ancient Star, managing it for over ten thousand years, they had this kind of savings.

In these hundreds of thousands of years, numerous geniuses and demons from Linxian Ancient Star had passed through here, and they traded various materials with these people.

"Old Bai, are you taking advantage of the situation?"

Ye Fan used divine consciousness Transmission to inquire Bai Yan wolf, as he had seen Bai Yan wolf arrange Killing Arrays before but never using so many materials.

"Kid, what do you mean?" Bai Yan wolf glanced at him displeased, saying, "Does this King look like such a lowly wolf?"

"You do!"

"Alright! We'll provide the materials, please let the great White Wolf King showcase the power of the Killing Array!" Great Elder Lei Mingxiao spoke to Bai Yan wolf almost ingratiatingly.

"I'm tired, we can talk about it tomorrow!"

Bai Yan wolf yawned, swaggering out without giving Lei Mingxiao and Lei Yuanhang another glance.

"..."

Great Elder Lei Mingxiao was so annoyed that he gritted his teeth, wishing he could slap this mischievous wolf into a meat patty, it was too infuriating.

Early the next morning, Ye Fan, Bai Yan wolf, Great Elder Lei Mingxiao, and Clan Chief Lei Yuanhang headed directly to the Death Zone.

Since the Killing Array needed to be tested, trying it in their own survival area was clearly not feasible; testing it in the Death Zone could also eliminate some Death Creatures.

"This time, it's all up to you!"

Upon arriving at the Death Zone, Great Elder Lei Mingxiao shook his sleeve and dumped all the materials Bai Yan wolf mentioned yesterday onto the ground. Nine Heaven Grade Spirit Stones emitted dazzling light, suspended in the air without touching dust.

"Chomp!"

Bai Yan wolf directly held onto a Heaven Grade Spirit Stone and bit off half, eating as he said, "I'm tasting for authenticity!"

"..."

Great Elder Lei Mingxiao and Clan Chief Lei Yuanhang were completely defeated by it; this was a guy with no bottom line—whoever stays with it is bound to be infuriated.

However, Bai Yan wolf didn't continue fooling around; instead, he started seriously carving the Killing Array, spitting out nine Qingyu Platforms one after another, each engraved with complex mysterious Array Patterns, using Heaven Grade Spirit Stone to power the operation.

"Kid, don't stand idle either, go carve an ordinary Killing Array powered by Earth Vein Dragon Qi; my Killing Array will be set within yours, borrowing your array's energy." Bai Yan wolf instructed Ye Fan.

"Alright!"

This time, Ye Fan didn't refuse; he nodded, using the Earth Observation Technique from Dragon Seeking Formulas to examine the terrain and dragon vein direction here.

Soon, he had an idea in mind and began carving the Killing Array on a dragon vein in the Death Zone.

Compared to Bai Yan wolf, his skill in Array Patterns was far inferior, but Dragon Seeking Formulas was a remarkable book; besides secret techniques of observing heaven and earth, it had secret techniques for using Earth Vein Dragon Qi and celestial stars to arrange Killing Arrays.

Ye Fan had only learned a smattering, but it was enough to arrange a flawed Killing Array.

Kunlong Formation!

Ye Fan was arranging a powerful Killing Array recorded in Dragon Seeking Formulas, but due to his inadequate skill, he could only arrange a rough version, yet he could still activate the Earth Vein Dragon Qi.

At any rate, this Killing Array wasn't the main part of the entire array; as long as it could provide Dragon Qi for Bai Yan wolf's array, it was sufficient.

After spending half a day sketching, Ye Fan's Kunlong Formation was finally completed; merely a light stomp of his foot could initiate the Killing Array.

Meanwhile, Bai Yan wolf had almost finished carving his array, nearly exhausting himself to the point of spitting blood, recovering only after gulping down two large mouthfuls of Divine Liquid.

"Buzz!"

Bai Yan wolf threw the array platform into the Void, where it vanished completely without a trace, even Martial Arts Heavenly Eye couldn't detect any abnormality.

Once Bai Yan wolf arranged the array platforms, Ye Fan, Great Elder Lei Mingxiao, and Clan Chief Lei Yuanhang divided into three directions, commencing a massacre, attracting Death Creatures into the Killing Array.

A quarter of an hour later, Ye Fan, followed by thousands of Death Creatures, charged into the Killing Array. Great Elder Lei Mingxiao and Lei Clan Patriarch Lei Yuanhang also followed with a large number of Death Creatures, rushing into the array, then retreated as guided by Bai Yan wolf.

Ye Fan's eyes emitted two Dragon shaped Divine Light beams, stomping fiercely to initiate Kunlong Formation, the earth almost flipped upside down, the dragon vein reversed direction, and streams of Dragon Energy shot out like Divine Swords, shredding Death Creatures.

"Ye, come out quickly!"

Bai Yan wolf transmitted to Ye Fan, guiding him to a safe route, then also activated the Killing Array.

"Boom!"

The entire Killing Array activated as if creating and destroying the world, with chaotic energy surging, each strand of chaotic energy could crush countless Qing Tian, almost within an instant, tens of thousands of Death Creatures entering the array were utterly obliterated.

"So...so strong!"

The scene before them stunned Lei Clan's Great Elder and Clan Leader into jaw-dropping shock, they stammered in disbelief.

Chapter 1852: The Skull Venerable Appears

The Bai Yan wolf's killing array completely conquered the two of them. Even Lei Mingxiao himself would find it difficult to escape once he entered.

"This is nothing, merely a killing array. If two were to be superimposed, their power would more than double!" Bai Yan wolf said proudly.

This killing array wasn't actually complete. It hadn't obtained the complete Emperor Killing Array, because, aside from a Great Emperor, no one could set it up. What it knew was just a corner, less than one-tenth of the entire array.

Even so, such a killing array could still eliminate a Death Creature of the Venerable Realm without any problem.

"Good! Very good, tomorrow we will set up such a killing array. I will personally lure that Skull Venerable into the array, and you will control the array to strike it down!" said the Great Elder.

"Do you think this is child's play?"

Bai Yan wolf glared at Great Elder Lei Mingxiao and said, "Setting up a killing array is a great consumption for this king. I'm exhausted, and without resting for at least ten days to half a month, it is impossible to set up such an array again."

"This..."

Great Elder Lei Mingxiao looked at Ye Fan with a face full of difficulty, hoping he could say something to help.

Ye Fan just looked at the sky, knowing that Bai Yan wolf was definitely trying to demand more benefits. If he repeatedly spoiled its plans, it would surely rebel.

In the end, Great Elder Lei Mingxiao and Clan Chief Lei Yuanhang discussed for a long time and decided to give it a gourd of the Divine Spring from their clan to help it recover quickly.

The Lei Clan's Divine Spring was sourced from the Earth's core, extremely precious, with the effect of bringing back the dead and regenerating flesh from bones. Using it to restore divine power was truly extravagant.

Upon obtaining a gourd of the Divine Spring, Bai Yan wolf instantly became vigorous and directly stored it away, then said, "With these materials, prepare double portions. To eliminate future woes, this king will make an exception and inscribe two killing arrays for you, to utterly slay that bone spirit!"

The next morning, the Great Elder announced to the entire Lei Clan that Ye Fan and Bai Yan wolf were going to kill the Skull Venerable, which immediately caused an uproar!

"This kid is overestimating himself. The strength of the Skull Venerable is comparable to the Saint. Does he think he can kill the Skull Venerable just because he's a mid-stage Lord Realm brat?"

"Exactly, if he can kill the Skull Venerable, can we not contend with the Quasi-Emperor?"

"Listen to him boast! Even the Great Elder can't defeat the Skull Venerable, and he, a mid-stage Lord Realm little cultivator, is going just to get himself killed!"

"Just because he defeated Zhenlong doesn't mean he's invincible under heaven. Such arrogance, even if he doesn't die at the hands of the Skull Venerable, he'll be killed by someone in the future!"

The Lei Clan people were not aware of yesterday's killing array trial and naturally believed that Ye Fan couldn't possibly be an opponent to the Skull Venerable and was just bragging.

Especially since Ye Fan had decisively defeated Lei Zhenlong, the clan's top genius, making many people unhappy, their words naturally became sharper.

Even those Lei Clan practitioners who had goodwill towards Ye Fan didn't think highly of him, believing he was courting death and was too arrogant.

Skull Venerable wasn't so easy to deal with.

If he were easily slain, they wouldn't have been trapped on this desolate star for so many years.

Of course, there were also some Lei Clan maidens who blindly believed in Ye Fan, thinking that if he dared to say such words, he must have some assurance.

When Lei Bao heard about this, he was stunned for a long time, mumbling, "Incredible, simply incredible. He's crazy to challenge the Skull Venerable that even the Great Elder couldn't defeat!"

"Can he really succeed?"

Lei Zhenlong, the top genius of the Lei Clan, said calmly.

Ye Fan had defeated him with absolute superiority but hadn't made him fulfill his previous promise, improving his impression of Ye Fan significantly.

It is easy to forgive even when holding the advantage, but many people, including him, couldn't achieve this.

Ye Fan had heard a lot of such gossip, but he paid it no mind and didn't try to explain; facts would speak louder than words.

On this ancient star, half the region was a Thunder Region filled with a rich Thunderbolt Aura, whereas the other half was a Death Zone permeated with Death Aura.

The place where the Skull Venerable resided was near the center of the Death Zone, where the Death Aura was most concentrated and most suitable for Death Creatures' cultivation and survival.

Ye Fan, along with Bai Yan wolf and Great Elder Lei Mingxiao, ventured into the Death Zone and headed directly towards the near-center of the Death Zone.

Wherever they encountered stronger Death Creatures, Lei Mingxiao would take them out himself.

After slaughtering through ninety-thousand miles into the Death Zone, they finally stopped. Bai Yan wolf stayed to inscribe the killing array, while Ye Fan and Lei Mingxiao went on a killing spree, eliminating all nearby Death Creatures.

Ordinary beings would emit Death Aura when killed, but these Death Creatures wouldn't emit such aura after being slain.

As Ye Fan joyously massacred these Death Creatures, he searched for places where the Dragon Veins converged. Only in such places could he possess endless Divine Power, and his combat power could soar to terrifying heights.

Soon enough, Ye Fan used the Earth Observation Technique to find a place where Dragon Veins converged, containing over a dozen small Dragon Veins.

"Boom!"

With a gesture, Ye Fan pulled a hundred-zhang Dragon Vein from the ground and swung it toward the horde of Death Creatures.

These Death Creatures, none of which reached the Lord Realm, posed a serious threat to ordinary cultivators with their Death Aura, but Ye Fan was not among them.

"Crash!"

The hundred-zhang Dragon Vein swept across like a mountain range, instantly turning countless skeletons into dust, completely extinguishing their Divine Soul Fire.

With the support of the vast Dragon Energy in the Dragon Vein, Ye Fan seemed like an tireless War God, with each strike freeing numerous Death Creatures.

Great Elder Lei Mingxiao was even more ruthless, surrounded by Thunder Power, each blow carrying a power that could annihilate everything, sweeping the mountains flat, bone powder flying everywhere.

Under the violent Thunder Power, the Death Aura here gradually thinned, as Thunder Power was the nemesis of Death Aura.

However, in such an environment, Lei Mingxiao's Thunder Power was consumed more rapidly than in the outside world, with the Death Aura continuously eroding him, forcing him to always protect himself with Thunder Power.

Outside the Death Zone, many Lei Clan Practitioners arrived, wanting to witness this drastically unbalanced battle firsthand and see what card Ye Fan had to play that would make him boast in such a manner.

However—

Aside from a very few who could delve deep into the Death Zone, most Lei Clan Practitioners could only kill some Death Creatures on the outskirts of the Death Zone, not daring to go too deep.

"Ye, find a place with plenty of Dragon Veins, set up a Killing Array, and use the Array to nurture the Array!"

The Bai Yan wolf finally finished engraving the Killing Array and transmitted this to Ye Fan.

"Okay."

Ye Fan replied simply, then started engraving a Killing Array in an open area, each array pattern etched onto Dragon Veins.

While drawing the Killing Array, he manifested the Holy Embryo, controlling it to wield the Xuandi Fist, the fist surrounded by purple Thunder Power and Heaven and Earth Tao Markings.

"Buzz!"

Each punch from the golden Holy Embryo was like a hundred-foot mountain ridge sweeping across the void, crushing numerous Death Creatures, the golden Holy Embryo standing around ten feet tall, like a giant.

Here, deep in the Death Zone for a full hundred thousand miles, there were some Death Creatures of considerable strength, exuding Death Aura, wielding Bone Sabers to contend against Ye Fan's Holy Embryo.

Some of these Death Creatures even had strength at the Lord Realm Peak, swinging their sabers to slash the void, leaving a deep fissure in the void.

Ye Fan's Holy Embryo, much like his own body, was sturdy; the golden fist seemed to be cast from Sun God Gold, "bang" crushing the bone saber in the Death Creature's hand into powder.

Moreover, his body was filled with Thunder Power and Pure Yang Qi, both being nemeses to the Death Creatures, causing them to instinctively fear him, hesitating to approach.

"Bang!"

Ye Fan's golden Holy Embryo was like a War God, swinging a punch that cracked the skull of the Lord Realm Peak Death Creature, shaking the stability of its Divine Soul Flames.

"Possession!"

The Lord Realm Peak Death Creature long since gained Spiritual Wisdom, knowing it was doomed, thus choosing to gamble, to possess Ye Fan, seize his meat shell, risking the Heavenly Tribulation, as it faced certain death if it did otherwise.

"Whoosh!"

The Divine Soul Flames in the eye sockets of the Lord Realm Peak Death Creature abruptly shot out, flying directly towards Ye Fan's head, instantly entering his sea of consciousness.

"Ah..."

The Divine Soul Flames of the Death Creature shrieked and were immediately obliterated by the Emperor Weapon's aura within Ye Fan's sea of consciousness, with no suspense.

Even in dormancy, the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown naturally emitted a strand of Emperor's Might, which the Lord Realm Peak Death Creature could not withstand.

It was also utterly unlucky; had it just escaped, Ye Fan was occupied with engraving the Killing Array, it might have had a slim chance.

Possessing Ye Fan? Isn't this courting death?

Unless it were a Quasi-Emperor Realm strong person, capable of resisting the Emperor Weapon's Emperor's Might, completing a successful possession would be hopeful.

"Roar..."

Just as Ye Fan finished engraving the Killing Array from the Dragon Seeking Formulas, a ferocious roar suddenly echoed in his ear, causing the whole earth to tremble.

Terror waves came from afar, clearly the Skull Venerable was alerted, on route toward here.

"Finally arrived!"

Great Elder Lei Mingxiao let out a long, distant cry, heading towards the terrifying waves; it was a destiny battle, inevitable upon meeting, not ending without mutual devastation.

The Death Creatures unfortunate to be between Lei Mingxiao and the Skull Venerable were directly shattered into powder by their terrifying aura, without any suspense.

"Kill!"

The two soon met, the Skull Venerable without a word, reaching with a black bone hand, directly slapped at the head of the Great Elder, the sound as the bone claw broke through the void was like a ghostly wail.

Whoosh!

Great Elder Lei Mingxiao was not any less aggressive, swinging his large hand to counter, the hand filled with Thunder Power was dazzling like a purple sun, carrying terrifying Power of Destruction as it collided with the Skull Venerable's bone hand.

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"Boom!"

Thunder Power and Power of Death roared simultaneously, sweeping across half of the Ancient Star like a hurricane, dragging countless Death Creatures skyward and tearing them to shreds.

The Skull Venerable stood a hundred zhang tall, reaching into the heavens, its massive skull formed by countless smaller skeletons. Soul Fire burned intensely, emitting a ghostly green light, its entire body pitch black, shrouded in Death Aura, appearing like a death god.

In front of it, Great Elder Lei Mingxiao of the Lei Clan appeared very small, like an ant.

However—

Within this tiny body lay a terrifying Power of Destruction, enough to confront the Skull Venerable without falling behind.

They could be considered archenemies, having battled countless times, with a deep understanding of each other's tactics, neither able to gain the upper hand for now.

"Humans, you have invaded my kingdom and slaughtered my people, do you think you can bully me so easily? I will not let you leave today!"

The Skull Venerable's voice was deep, filled with the majesty of a superior.

"Today is your doom!"

Lei Mingxiao displayed his Dharma Golden Body, also standing a hundred zhang tall, his entire body gleaming with lightning, unleashing various Thunderclap Treasure Skills. The heavens collapsed, the earth shattered, darkness reigned, and the sun and moon lost their light.

"Hiss~"

Witnessing the formidable power of the Skull Venerable, Ye Fan couldn't help but gasp, the Venerable Realm Death Creatures were simply terrifying.

Fortunately, there were only Death Creatures here, no other living beings, otherwise just the Death Aura emanating from it could sweep across a vast area, even an ordinary cultivator in the Lord Realm wouldn't withstand the invasion of that overwhelming Death Energy.

"Old Bai, quickly set up the array!"

Ye Fan shouted, informing Bai Yan wolf of the location of the Killing Array he had arranged, asking him to deploy within his Killing Array, using the Earth Vein Dragon Qi to maintain the operation of the Emperor Killing Array.

"Leave it to me!"

Bai Yan wolf appeared confident, spitting out several Qingyu Platforms, each engraved with countless Array Patterns, powered by a Heaven Grade Spirit Stone the size of a fist.

"Buzz, buzz, buzz..."

Nine Qingyu Array Platforms disappeared into the void, forming one corner of the Emperor Killing Array.

Before its activation, the Killing Array seemed calm as usual, with no anomalies, and no one could see through the Array Platforms hidden in the void.

"Job done!"

After fixing the nine Killing Array Platforms, Bai Yan wolf spat out nine more platforms, complementing the previous Killing Array with a special technique, making the array more perfect.

Two corners of the Emperor Killing Array combined, once activated, it could absolutely intercept any god or foe, with Ye Fan's Killing Array drawing on the Earth Vein Dragon Qi to provide endless energy for the two arrays, unless the Earth Vein Dragon Qi is exhausted, the array's power won't diminish.

"Kid, have that old fellow lure the big guy over, I'm sure his old bones won't be a match, better to slice it apart with the Killing Array!" Bai Yan wolf suggested to Ye Fan.

"Alright!"

Ye Fan nodded, using divine consciousness to instruct Great Elder Lei Mingxiao to retreat into the Killing Array to deal with the Skull Venerable.

"Boom!"

The place where the Skull Venerable and Great Elder Lei Mingxiao battled was filled with destructive aura, mountains vanished, the earth was crisscrossed with massive cracks, and bone powder flew everywhere.

"Rumble..."

Thunder roared deafeningly, lightning dazzled, Lei Mingxiao unleashed True Fire, exhibiting his full Venerable Realm strength, striking the sky, stomping to crack the earth, each strike accompanied by lightning and thunder, the Thunder Power overwhelming.

The Skull Venerable's body was shrouded in black aura, the Soul Fire in its eyes flickered green and ghastly, bone claws ripping the void, the Power of Death rampant, nearly collapsing the celestial dome, shaking stars in the sky.

The Skull Venerable's black bones were incredibly hard, even when struck by Thunder Power there was no effect, it simply restored itself with a flicker of black light.

The two battled for a whole hour before Great Elder Lei Mingxiao slowly retreated toward the Killing Array.

"Trying to escape? Today you won't escape; I'll kill you and make you part of my Soul Fire!"

Seeing Lei Mingxiao attempting to retreat, the Skull Venerable's spirit was instantly invigorated, it sneered coldly, relentlessly pursuing.

Always, it had been Lei Mingxiao invading its kingdom, slaughtering countless of its people before engaging in a fierce battle with it.

This time, it resolved to eliminate this opponent no matter the cost, then sweep through the entire Thunder Region, turning all Lei Clan people into nourishment for itself and its people, then stepping onto the altar to challenge the Xing Kong Gu Road.

Though it retained only a trace of consciousness, it had long regained Spiritual Wisdom through years of cultivation, becoming a new form of life with autonomous awareness.

The two fought all the way, destroying many mountain ranges, making Ye Fan worried if the Array Patterns he carved on the Dragon Vein would be destroyed too.

If that were the case, all his efforts would have been in vain.

Bai Yan wolf spoke with assured confidence, "Don't worry, now you can activate your Killing Array, it surely won't care and will rush straight in. Once it enters my Killing Array, it's its doomsday."

Although Bai Yan wolf was quite unreliable with Transmission Array Runes, it had never failed with the Killing Array, and its keen eye left Ye Fan confident in its array expertise.

Slam!

Ye Fan resolutely stomped his foot, activating the Killing Array, the area turned hazy, Earth Vein Dragon Qi pierced the earth like a Divine Sword, shooting toward the sky.

"I see why you're so confident, you laid a backup. But how can this Killing Array affect me!"

The Skull Venerable laughed wildly as it rushed directly into the Killing Array. The Divine Sword formed by Earth Vein Dragon Qi dissipated automatically more than ten feet away, unable to stop its steps at all.

Great Elder Lei Mingxiao also charged into the Killing Array, maneuvering through the path Ye Fan outlined to avoid the array's slaughter, heading for the Emperor Killing Array set by Bai Yan wolf.

"Boom!"

With a wave of its hand, the Skull Venerable wiped out an Array Pattern section, significantly reducing Ye Fan's Killing Array's power.

Unknowingly, the Skull Venerable was caught in the trap, lured into the Killing Array set by Bai Yan wolf by Lei Mingxiao.

"Hey, big guy, look over here!"

The Bai Yan wolf stood at the Array Eye of the Killing Array, snickering slyly, and directly activated the Killing Array.

"Boom!!!"

Chaotic Energy filled the Killing Array, and beams of Killing Light as thick as mountain ridges directly slashed toward the Skull Venerable, causing him to stumble.

"Roar!"

The Skull Venerable roared furiously, quickly shrinking his body to avoid being hit by more beams of Killing Light, as he pressed forward under immense pressure within the Killing Array. He intended to slay Lei Mingxiao first, then break the formation.

However, obviously, he couldn't achieve that!

Lei Mingxiao exited the Killing Array calmly as instructed by the Bai Yan wolf.

The Bai Yan wolf controlled the Killing Array to continuously attack the Skull Venerable, making him extremely frustrated. Although his ability far surpassed that of the Bai Yan wolf, in the Killing Array, he struggled to advance, having to exert all his energy to counter its power.

"Big guy, I laid this Emperor Killing Array. Even if you're in the Quasi-Emperor Realm, you can't escape your fate. Just accept it!"

The Bai Yan wolf was very excited, operating the Killing Array to "slice and dice" the Skull Venerable as if slowly peeling a carrot.

"I, the Venerable, rule the heavens and earth. No one can truly hurt me, not even the Emperor Killing Array!"

The Skull Venerable was shrouded in gray Death Energy, directly using a Divine Soul Attack, as a beam of black light shot towards the Bai Yan wolf.

The Bai Yan wolf calmly manipulated the Killing Array, stirring up a beam of Killing Light to dispel the black light directly, and yelped excitedly.

"We can't waste any more time. Just in case, I'll go kill him!"

Ye Fan said this, stepping decisively into the Killing Array, freely moving within it as instructed by the Bai Yan wolf, quickly approaching the Skull Venerable.

"Little one, you dare?"

The Skull Venerable was furious, feeling humiliated. Even someone like Lei Mingxiao, who was also in the Venerable Realm, didn't dare underestimate him. And yet, this young person, who was only at the Mid-Stage of Lord Realm, dared claim he could kill him.

"You have already died; why linger unnecessarily? Such defiance against destiny is unacceptable even to the heavens!"

Ye Fan, standing within the Killing Array, directly used the Xuandi Fist to strike the Skull Venerable, his golden fist swirling with purple light.

"The audacity!"

The Skull Venerable was outraged. His black bone claws pierced the void, aiming straight for Ye Fan's head, and the terrifying Power of Death surged within the Killing Array—a strike that was guaranteed to kill!

"Ye, step aside, let me handle this!"

The Bai Yan wolf leaped about excitedly, controlling the Killing Array to strike at the Skull Venerable with a burst of Chaotic Energy.

"Sizzle!"

The Chaotic Energy was unstoppable. Even the Skull Venerable's black bones couldn't withstand it, getting pierced with a small hole.

Ye Fan deployed the deadly techniques of the Emperor Sha, wielding an Immortal Stele approximately a hundred feet tall, entirely black, within his hands.

"Kill!"

Ye Fan, gripping the Immortal Stele, fiercely smashed it toward the Skull Venerable, several Mysterious runes lighting up on the black Immortal Stele, before slamming it into the Skull Venerable's back of the head.

"Aargh..."

The Skull Venerable shrieked, swinging a palm backward, directly impacting the Immortal Stele and sending it flying.

Ye Fan quickly retreated, his palms cracked. Were it not for the Bai Yan wolf utilizing the Killing Array to prevent the Skull Venerable's pursuit, he would have been in grave danger.

"Ye Fan, if it doesn't work, just retreat and let the Killing Array wear him down!"

Lei Mingxiao shouted loudly from outside the Killing Array.

"No need, today I must finish him!"

Ye Fan replied deeply, wanting to take this opportunity to test his strongest combat power, unwilling to give up easily.

"Boom..."

Ye Fan activated the Phoenix Nirvana Technique; his injuries instantly healed.

His black hair fluttered backward, and every strand shimmered with a dazzling luster. He unleashed his strongest combat power, attacking the Skull Venerable once more.

"You're courting death!"

The Skull Venerable was enraged and humiliated. On one hand, he had to deal with the Bai Yan wolf's control of the Killing Array's attacks; on the other hand, he had to guard against Ye Fan, leaving him flustered and overwhelmed.

The heavens and earth boiled over, mountains turned to ash, the ground cracked, and the void tore like paper under attack.

"Crack!"

Ye Fan, using his utmost strength, his golden fist enveloped in Thunder Power and Heaven and Earth Tao Markings, slammed into the Skull Venerable's calf, directly shattering the leg bone.

"Sizzle..."

A dense Death Aura surged out, enveloping Ye Fan in an atmosphere full of corrosive Death Aura.

Chapter 1854: Slaying the Skull Venerable

"Ye Fan!"

Seeing Ye Fan enveloped by the dense Death Aura, Great Elder Lei Mingxiao cried out in shock, his heart tightening instantly.

"Big guy, your life is mine!"

Bai Yan wolf was also panicked and immediately activated another Killing Array, causing Ten Thousand Divine Thunders to crash down from the sky, submerging Skull Venerable in the Thunder Sea.

This Divine Thunder summoned by the Emperor Killing Array was even more terrifying than a Heavenly Tribulation, far beyond the comparison of the one summoned by Lei Zhenlong.

"Boom~"

Thunder light rolled, heavens and earth crumbled, the entire Killing Array was filled with an aura of returning to the origin, reverting to Chaos.

"Dead dog, are you trying to strike me down too?"

Ye Fan rushed out from the Death Aura, angrily cursing at Bai Yan wolf.

"You son of a bitch, you're okay? That's great, the last straw to break the camel's back is up to you. This guy's bones are really hard, even Divine Thunder can't do anything to it, but it won't hold on for much longer."

Bai Yan wolf said excitedly.

The overlapping of two Killing Arrays increased their power manifold; even a Saint at the Early-Stage Venerable Realm entering would be struck down without a doubt.

But this Skull Venerable resisted, although it looked exceptionally miserable, it was not immediately struck down, showing its immense strength.

"Boom!"

Ye Fan directly burned Divine Power and Divine Soul, multiplying his Combat Power several times, and stepped with Chasing Star Step, quickly rushing to the front of Skull Venerable.

At this moment, Skull Venerable had a black broken bowl above its head, from which ten thousand streams of black light descended, protecting it inside, and resisting the thunder strikes from the Killing Array.

"What kind of treasure is this?"

Ye Fan was stunned, not expecting this skeleton without even flesh to possess such a Heavy Treasure.

The fact that it wasn't shattered in the Emperor Killing Array proved this black broken bowl was extraordinary.

Ye Fan unleashed Xuandi Fist, a fist thrust out with immense power, hitting Skull Venerable's breastbone, sending it flying.

"Ant..."

The Divine Soul Flames in Skull Venerable's eye sockets flickered intensely, its voice icy cold.

"Now you are the ant!"

Ye Fan mercilessly struck out another punch, batting Skull Venerable like a volleyball from east to west.

"If I escape, you'll be the first I kill!"

Skull Venerable was furious; as a strong figure at the Venerable Realm, it was being overwhelmed by a Little Cultivator at the Lord Realm, driving it to the brink of madness.

"You can't escape, today is your last day!"

Ye Fan said coldly, his hands never stopping, unleashing Xuandi Fist, Emperor Sha's deadly techniques, Forbidden Secret Technique from Thunderclap Treasure Skill, Immortal Stele Scattering Hand, Divine Soul Resonance Heavenly Sound, Mountain and River Seal...

One absolute technique after another was exhibited in succession, with the burning of Divine Power and Divine Soul, the Combat Power stacked several times, enough to pose a threat to Skull Venerable.

On top of that, the Killing Array controlled by Bai Yan wolf continuously struck, leaving Skull Venerable no chance to counterattack, only to passively endure the blows.

Although Skull Venerable was battered like a ball in the Killing Array, it remained undying, not even severely injured.

The black bowl above its head descended with ten thousand streams of black light, isolating it completely from the Killing Array, which could only strike the black light.

"That broken bowl is a treasure, we must seize it first, otherwise we can't do anything to it."

Ye Fan pondered silently, once the energy of the Killing Array was exhausted, he, and Bai Yan wolf, except for Lei Mingxiao, would have no chance of escaping.

With this thought, Ye Fan decisively reached out for the black broken bowl, forming an arm about a thousand feet long with his Divine Power.

"How dare you?"

Seeing Ye Fan moving for its bowl, Skull Venerable wouldn't have it, directly reaching out with a black skeletal claw to meet Ye Fan's transforming giant hand.

This broken bowl was a lifelong treasure accompanying it, losing it in the Emperor Killing Array, it would not last long.

"Boom!"

Ye Fan's giant hand formed by Divine Power clashed hard against Skull Venerable's bone claw, stirring the entire world to a frenzy.

"Swish!"

Ye Fan used the Ten Thousand Transformation Saint Technique to evolve Emperor Sha's deadly techniques, instantly hiding himself in the void, silently approaching the top of Skull Venerable's head.

"Suppress!"

Ye Fan fully exerted the first Heavenly Sound of the Divine Soul Resonance Sound Wave Technique, with surging sound waves directly acting on the Divine Soul Flames of Skull Venerable.

Immediately, Ye Fan again demonstrated absolute techniques, spewing from his mouth a Heavenly Sword formed by combining Pure Yang Qi with Thunder Power, piercing straight into the eye socket of Skull Venerable.

Following that, Ye Fan's brow split open, with a Heavenly Tao Seal condensed from Divine Soul rushing out, shimmering with runes of Heaven and Earth Tao Markings, suppressing Skull Venerable below.

This series of attacks had no pause in between, instantly leaving Skull Venerable bewildered.

The first Heavenly Sound of the Divine Soul Resonance Heavenly Sound was precisely meant to suppress the Divine Soul of cultivators, coupled with the combination of Pure Yang Qi and Thunder Power, it had a strong restraining effect on Death Energy.

Heavenly Tao Seal was Ye Fan's ace in the hole, directly acting on the Divine Soul, it was simply the nemesis of Death Creatures.

These were something not even the black light descending from the black broken bowl could stop, directly causing chaos in the Divine Soul Flames of Skull Venerable, throwing it into a short-lived confusion.

"Swish!"

Ye Fan decisively made his move, snatching the pitch-black broken bowl from the Skull Venerable's head. Before he could study it, he felt the bowl in his hand had signs of flying away, clearly called by the Skull Venerable summoning his treasure.

Ye Fan decisively sent the pitch-black broken bowl into the Virtual Space, cutting off the Skull Venerable's summoning.

The Virtual Space is an inherent space within the Emperor Weapon Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown. Though connected to the real world, it is not securely bridged, completely blocking the Skull Venerable's call for the bowl.

"Give me back my treasure!"

The Skull Venerable was furious beyond compare. Paying no attention to himself, he directly lunged at Ye Fan, his jet-black claws shooting out beams of death light.

He knew very well that if he couldn't retrieve the broken bowl, today he was undoubtedly doomed, so at this moment, he couldn't care about anything but killing Ye Fan and regaining his treasure.

"No treasure, let me send you on the road instead!"

Ye Fan's eyes were bright, his internal energy vigorous as a dragon, burning divine power like an ocean, delivering a palm strike.

A black hand abruptly appeared above the Skull Venerable's head, revealing the shadow of a stone stele at its center upon close inspection.

"Boom!"

The black hand struck the Skull Venerable off balance, nearly kneeling, while chaos energy surged, entirely avoiding Ye Fan, crashing towards him.

Ten Thousand Divine Thunders descended from the sky, striking the Skull Venerable pitifully, countless arm bones shattered repeatedly.

This scene stunned Lei Mingxiao, his eyes nearly falling onto his feet, his jaw almost unhinging!

Ye Fan was too fierce, such combat power was unbelievable, seemingly having crossed into the legendary Holy Forbidden Domain.

The so-called Holy Forbidden Domain refers to striking Saint level foes from the Lord Realm without reaching the Saint Lord Level.

Leaping four to five small realms, reversing the defeat of Immortality, battling Saint level powerhouses from the Lord Realm without defeat—this marks the crossing into the Holy Forbidden Domain.

Ye Fan inadvertently broke through into the Holy Forbidden Domain, stepping into this legendary realm, with limitless future potential.

In the history he knew, those who entered the Holy Forbidden Domain, as long as they don't perish, will certainly shake a domain, becoming Supreme Holy Master grade powerhouses.

"Ant..."

The Skull Venerable summoned all his strength, enveloped Ye Fan with a death aura, implementing an absolute kill.

In his mind, no creature could persist long within the intense death aura, especially not a mere ant in the Lord Realm.

However—

At this very moment, the black sphere within Ye Fan suddenly trembled, furiously absorbing the surrounding death aura.

Instead of corroding Ye Fan's divine power and flesh shell, the death aura became his nourishment, shocking the Skull Venerable.

"Die!"

Ye Fan yelled as he rushed out of the death aura, golden fists emitting dazzling light, piercing the Skull Venerable's chest, Thunder Power and Pure Yang Qi rapidly eroding his body.

"No..."

The Skull Venerable finally felt fear, this human he deemed as an ant contained two divine powers countering him, catching him off guard.

"Bang!"

The Skull Venerable's entire skeleton rapidly dyed purple-gold, streams of white air flowing within, then "bang!" it exploded.

"Howl..."

The Skull Venerable was left with only a skull, his Divine Soul Flames weakened considerably, still burning but far inferior to before.

Without the pitch-black broken bowl, his defense drastically lowered, the Killing Array controlled by Bai Yan Wolf posed a significant threat.

"Boom!"

Bai Yan Wolf was extremely excited, continually maneuvering the Killing Array to strike the Skull Venerable's remaining skull, supported by Earth Vein Dragon Qi, maintaining Killing Array operation.

Death creatures attracted just entered the Killing Array and were torn to nothingness by it.

"I am unwilling..."

The Skull Venerable roared angrily, then performed secret techniques, summoning death creatures within tens of thousands of miles to absorb their Divine Soul Flames to restore peak state, otherwise he'd surely die.

"Unwillingness is futile, today you must die!"

Ye Fan's burning divine power and soul could exponentially enhance combat power short-term but not sustain, requiring rapid resolution.

"Bang!"

Ye Fan activated Emperor Sha Secret Technique, concealed himself in the Void, approaching the Skull Venerable swiftly, both hands moving, revealing a glittering treasure sword in his palm.

This is the Eternal Slaughter Emperor's Emperor Weapon, Ye Fan emulated it with Ten Thousand Transformation Saint Technique but it's not material—woven from his comprehension of Heaven and Earth Tao Markings, capable of exerting a strand of Emperor's Might.

"Slash!"

Ye Fan shouted, Treasure Sword laden with terrifying Thunder Power and vast Pure Yang Qi, swift as lightning, cleaving the Skull Venerable's head, extinguishing Divine Soul Flames.

A generation of Venerable, King of Death Creatures, slain by Ye Fan's sword, even his soul thoroughly obliterated!

Chapter 1855: Cultivation Technique of Death Energy

"Ugh..."

Outside the Killing Array, Great Elder Lei Mingxiao was utterly shocked!

Even for him, it was very difficult to kill Skull Venerable within the Killing Array. Yet, Ye Fan accomplished this feat—crossing five Xiao realms with a Mid-Stage of Lord Realm, he slew the king among the Death Creatures, Skull Venerable!

Although with the help of two Emperor Killing Arrays, that Ye Fan could kill Skull Venerable spoke volumes.

If replaced by anyone else, even Lei Zhenlong could never have killed Skull Venerable, nor could he even protect himself.

Lei Zhenlong was already the top genius among the young generation of the Lei Clan, but compared to Ye Fan, he was far inferior.

Back then, during their sparring of the Thunderclap Treasure Skill, Ye Fan even showed mercy. Otherwise, with Lei Zhenlong's combat power, he would've been smashed to pieces in minutes by Ye Fan.

As he was in utter shock, he suddenly saw the Bai Yan wolf abandoning the Killing Array, rushing towards Skull Venerable's lair like a streak of white light.

"This guy..."

Lei Mingxiao cursed with a laugh, suddenly coming to his senses, and quickly ran towards Skull Venerable's lair. Now that Skull Venerable was dead, Ye Fan was in no danger, and only needed to leisurely walk out of the Killing Array. So, he didn't need to worry.

This Bai Yan wolf was extremely greedy; it must be raiding Skull Venerable's lair. Although the stuff in Death Creatures' possession might not be suitable for it, the wolf was following the principle of better to have too much than too little. As long as it was good stuff, it had to get it first.

Whoosh!

Ye Fan quenched the burning of his Divine Soul and Divine Power, took a sip from the Divine Spring to rapidly restore his strength and mana. Although he was still a bit mentally exhausted, he couldn't care less, and directly rushed out of the Killing Array, heading towards Skull Venerable's lair.

He also knew, since Skull Venerable was the king in the Death Zone, he should possess some good treasures. From the broken bowl they found, it wasn't hard to see that Skull Venerable had some collections.

This was a grand raid, rewarding the swift and not the slow. The Bai Yan wolf was already ahead, and Great Elder Lei Mingxiao was following. Naturally, Ye Fan had to go claim a share and deal with other Death Creatures once and for all.

Unleashing the Chasing Star Step, Ye Fan reached his speed limit. With flashing steps, he moved nearly dozens of miles, as if traversing space, soon catching up with Lei Mingxiao.

"This is unreasonable..."

Seeing Ye Fan pass by faster than himself, Lei Mingxiao was dumbfounded.

Not only was he far behind the wolf, but Ye Fan was also even quicker, leaving him questioning life.

However—

After watching Ye Fan's Step Technique for a while, he was completely stunned, muttering, "Could this be the legendary Chasing Star Step, the world's fastest? This kid really has world-defying fortune."

"Set!"

After Ye Fan passed, Lei Mingxiao used Great Magical Power to set the markings under Ye Fan's feet. Then, his eyes emitted two Divine Radiances, connecting with those markings for an in-depth study.

The Chasing Star Step is the world's fastest. Under the heavens, apart from the Kunpeng Speed, spanning ninety thousand miles with a flap of wings, there's no technique comparable.

Even Kunpeng Speed must bow before the Chasing Star Step. After all, it isn't titled the world's fastest for nothing.

Suddenly, the Bai Yan wolf in the lead turned back, followed by an overwhelming horde of Death Creatures, numbering tens of thousands, pouring down like a deluge.

"Ye, clear the way quickly. This time, it's all up to you!"

The Bai Yan wolf, with the Purple Gold Bell, made by Thunder Venerable Master for it, atop its head, shouted and hid behind Ye Fan.

"Swish!"

A flash of light in Ye Fan's hand revealed a blood-red spear. Holding the spear single-handedly, he charged into the tide of Death Creatures.

Engulfed in Thunder Power, Ye Fan was like a tiger among sheep, quickly plowing a broad path through the Death Creatures. All Death Creatures blocking him were shattered by his spear.

The strongest of these Death Creatures was only at the Late-stage Lord Realm, so there was no suspense in Ye Fan's hands—destined only to be slain.

These Death Creatures were summoned earlier by Skull Venerable, but they arrived too late. Skull Venerable had already been killed by Ye Fan, leaving them no longer a threat.

Soon, Ye Fan carved a path through the Death Creatures, heading straight for Skull Venerable's lair.

Skull Venerable's lair was near the center of the entire Death Zone.

Hmm?

Before he even reached the place, Ye Fan felt a thick and pervasive Death Aura; a White Bone Hall loomed ahead, surrounded by swirling gray Death Aura.

To ordinary people, this was undoubtedly a forbidden zone of life. Even without any Death Creatures, the dense Death Energy alone could corrode someone into bones.

Whoosh!

The Bai Yan wolf led the charge, the Purple Gold Bell atop its head, darting into the Death Aura towards the White Bone Hall.

Ye Fan quickly followed, with Lei Clan's Great Elder Lei Mingxiao right behind. After scrutinizing the markings Ye Fan left, he finally sighed and gave up.

He couldn't replicate Ye Fan's Step Technique, nor even mimic it. He had no choice but to use his own Thunderclap Step to catch up.

The Thunderclap Step was as swift as lightning, considered a very fast Step Technique, yet it still couldn't compare to the legendary Chasing Star Step.

The White Bone Hall was eerie, even during daylight, making one uncomfortable. Yet, Ye Fan wasn't affected; he feared not the Death Aura, let alone the eerie yin energy, just finding it a bit awkward.

"Dammit, a poor ghost, not even a hair found."

After a sweep inside the White Bone Hall, the Bai Yan wolf came out cursing, having initially charged in excitedly, thinking of obtaining some treasures, only to end up thrilled for nothing like a dog chasing its tail.

Ye Fan chuckled, finding it apt for the Bai Yan wolf to curse Skull Venerable as a poor ghost. Without any treasures, he was indeed poor, and as a Death Creature, Skull Venerable was quite literally a "poor ghost."

Hmm?

Entering the White Bone Hall, Ye Fan was quickly attracted by a sound—it was the sound of flowing water. In this hall enveloped by death energy, the sound of running water was simply unbelievable.

Skull Venerable does not need to drink water; all death creatures do not need to drink water. Yet, Skull Venerable built his lair above a water source, which is absolutely illogical.

Following the sound, Ye Fan quickly arrived at the depths of the White Bone Hall. In the very deepest part, he saw a mysterious spring, bubbling away, yet not overflowing.

In the middle of this spring was a small blood-colored flower floating up and down with the water.

"This is... "

Upon closer inspection, Ye Fan was utterly shocked. It was the legendary Netherworld Water, the entire spring was like Corpse Water, emitting a stench of decay.

"Keep your distance. This is a Netherworld Flower; it can absorb human souls and must be destroyed. Otherwise, leaving it here will become a disaster sooner or later!" Lei Mingxiao also came in, with a serious expression, speaking to Ye Fan and Bai Yan wolf.

Then, he formed Sealing signs with his hands, gradually producing a head-sized thunderball filled with the violent Power of Destruction.

"Go!"

Lei Mingxiao gently flicked his hand, sending the thunderball flying towards the small flower in the Netherworld Water. With a booming sound, the flower was shattered, and the Netherworld Water splashed high.

"It's a pity. This thing would be absolutely a powerful weapon for Yin People!" Bai Yan wolf said with a grin.

"Do you dare to keep this thing? Use it for Yin People?" Lei Mingxiao scoffed at Bai Yan wolf.

The two individuals and one wolf conducted a thorough search within the White Bone Hall but ended up finding nothing.

Just as Ye Fan and his companions were preparing to leave, Bai Yan wolf exclaimed, "Come quickly and look, there seems to be text here."

Ye Fan was greatly surprised. Although the Skull Venerable had developed Spiritual Wisdom, he definitely couldn't understand any text, so who left this writing?

"This is human-shaped creatures' unique language, a text about how to use death energy."

Great Elder of Lei Clan, Lei Mingxiao, examined the text carved on the bones with a solemn expression.

"Old man, do you understand the language of human-shaped creatures?" Bai Yan wolf glanced at Lei Mingxiao with disdain.

"I know a bit,"

Lei Mingxiao said, "Back then, our ancestors suppressed the dark turmoil and gained some understanding of human-shaped creatures' common language, which was eventually passed down."

"Read aloud what these writings say!"

Bai Yan wolf, driven by curiosity and a strong desire to learn, pestered Lei Mingxiao for an explanation.

Ye Fan listened unobtrusively on the side, noting down Lei Mingxiao's explanations on the use of death energy for combat.

Inside him was also death energy, and it was extremely pure death energy, but he had struggled with ways to utilize it.

This was akin to someone guarding a vault but having no key to unlock it, possessing energy but not knowing how to use it.

"This text definitely wasn't left by the Skull Venerable. He only has a fragment of a residual thought and couldn't possibly possess such complete memories."

After explaining the use of death energy, Lei Mingxiao asserted.

"If it wasn't left by him, then who was it left by?" Bai Yan wolf asked.

"Naturally, it was left by a generation above him, perhaps by the Quasi-Emperor realm death creature killed by our ancestors," Lei Mingxiao speculated.

"Destroy this White Bone Hall, let's go!"

After some reflection, Lei Mingxiao spoke to Ye Fan and Bai Yan wolf.

Ye Fan remained indifferent, and Bai Yan wolf was equally unconcerned—after all, they wouldn't stay on this Ancient Star for long.

"Boom!"

Lei Mingxiao struck directly, shattering the White Bone Hall, then he, Ye Fan, and Bai Yan wolf headed out to battle. Aside from the Skull Venerable, there were many other death creatures in the Death Zone. Although they were low-level death creatures, leaving them would be a hidden danger.

Back then, the Skull Venerable had evolved from ordinary death creatures, a lesson learned that Lei Mingxiao couldn't forget.

Thus, under Lei Mingxiao's lead, Ye Fan and Bai Yan wolf began a massacre of death creatures.

Punch Rays crisscrossed, and bell chimes were like blades as Ye Fan and Bai Yan wolf combined forces, cutting down swathes of death creatures under their assault.

Lei Mingxiao was more straightforward; his every attack took out a swathe of death creatures, like harvesting crops. Hundreds of thousands of death creatures were all slain in just four hours.

"Once we return to the Lei Clan tribe, I must study death energy Cultivation Technique to see if it can be cultivated!"

While slaying death creatures, Ye Fan pondered.

Chapter 1856: The Lei Clan's Gratitude

When Ye Fan, Bai Yan wolf, and Great Elder Lei Mingxiao appeared at the edge of the Thunder Region, all the Lei Clan practitioners who came to watch were stunned.

Previously, they had also sensed the intense fluctuations in the Death Zone and even heard the roar of Skull Venerable.

But they thought it absolutely impossible for Ye Fan to slay Skull Venerable; the disparity in strength between the two was too vast, even with the help of the Great Elder.

Their greatest fear was that Great Elder Lei Mingxiao hadn't fully recovered; should he fall in battle, it would be a massive blow to Lei Clan's zombie.

Because Skull Venerable was too powerful and a sworn enemy, without a power to balance it, the Lei Clan faced peril.

However—

Just recently, they keenly sensed Skull Venerable's roar disappearing, and the concentration of Death Qi in the Death Zone dropping rapidly.

What did this mean?

This meant that Ye Fan and they might have truly succeeded, having slain Skull Venerable, otherwise why would the concentration of Death Qi in the Death Zone decrease?

Yet this was all speculation; without confirmation, they dared not trust their judgment.

Until...

Ye Fan and Great Elder Lei Mingxiao appeared in front of them, and they began to believe their previous judgment might be true.

Hoo!

When Ye Fan and the Great Elder appeared before them, all the Lei Clan practitioners who came to watch immediately surrounded them, enclosing Ye Fan, Great Elder Lei Mingxiao, including Bai Yan wolf, in the center.

"Great Elder, how did it go? Did it succeed?"

A young Lei Clan practitioner asked, trembling with anticipation.

"Hmm!"

Great Elder Lei Mingxiao smiled and nodded emphatically, then loudly announced, "Ye Fan, King Bai, and I together successfully slayed all Death Creatures including Skull Venerable..."

"Boom!"

Upon hearing this, the edge of the Thunder Region erupted; every Lei Clan person was moved to tears, dancing madly without care for their image.

"Success! Finally, success!"

"It's simply astounding!"

"Ye Fan, I apologize to you; I looked down on you before and said some arrogant things, please forgive my ignorance!"

"Ye Fan, you are a great benefactor of our Lei Clan..."

After waiting countless years, finally, this great threat was eliminated, and from now on, our Lei Clan will no longer be confined to this harsh world.

All of this is the merit of this young man named Ye Fan here; many young Lei Clan practitioners wept bitterly, repenting before Ye Fan and seeking his forgiveness.

"To err is human, nobody is perfect; folks, there's no need for this; I have no intention of blaming you! Besides, this was truly a stroke of luck, before coming I wasn't entirely sure, your disbelief is understandable."

Ye Fan modestly explained to the young people of the Lei Clan.

"Today is a day of great joy; let's not dwell on these matters, let's quickly return to announce this monumental news to the clansmen."

"Indeed, we must celebrate properly; the heavy stone weighing down our Lei Clan has finally been lifted."

"Slaughter a few Star Beasts, retrieve the finest wine from my cellar that has been stored for seven thousand years, and celebrate with Great Elder and Lord Ye!"

A number of Lei Clan practitioners surrounded Ye Fan, Bai Yan wolf, and Great Elder Lei Mingxiao as they returned to the Lei Clan settlement area.

Great Elder Lei Mingxiao once again announced the result of this battle, instantly sparking excitement across the entire Lei Clan, many elderly in tears of joy.

The young were even more astounded, never having thought that Skull Venerable, whom even their strongest Great Elder Lei Mingxiao couldn't defeat was indeed slain by Ye Fan and a wolf; this appeared as unreal as a fantasy.

However—

They dared not doubt Great Elder Lei Mingxiao's words, moreover, they had genuinely sensed the concentration of Death Qi on this planet had decreased significantly, possibly even disappearing completely within a few years.

That evening, the entire Lei Clan was jubilant; fires were ignited in numerous places where clan members lived, bringing out the best things to celebrate this hard-won victory.

On the plaza of the Lei Clan settlement, heaps of bonfires illuminated the entire square, and it was crowded with people; Lei Clan members expressed their gratitude and respect to Ye Fan with their most raw, humble actions.

Barrages of fine wine were brought out, their clay seals opened, unknown chunks of Star Beast meat were placed over the bonfires, fat dripping onto the flames making crackling sounds, the entire plaza was filled with the rich aroma of wine and meat.

Ye Fan and Bai Yan wolf relied on the power of the Killing Array to successfully slay the Emperor, Skull Venerable in the Death Zone; the news whipped through the entire Lei Clan like a hurricane, causing a huge stir, with people transitioning from shock to disbelief to deep gratitude toward Ye Fan.

After this battle, the area of the Death Zone greatly shrank, many places were completely free of Death Qi; even if some Death Creatures remained, they were no longer a concern, Lei Clan's strong people can sweep them away like fallen leaves in the autumn wind.

"Ye Fan, I toast to you, thank you for removing this great menace for our Lei Clan!" The young Lei Bao walked up to Ye Fan and clinked his glass, sincerely saying.

"Yes, we really owe you for this. If it weren't for you, who knows how many more years we would be trapped on this harsh planet!" Other young members of the Lei Clan also came forward to say.

"No need to be polite, it's something I should have done!" Ye Fan clinked glasses with everyone and drank heartily.

Not far away, quite a few young cultivators of the Lei Clan surrounded Bai Yan wolf too, pouring it wine and bringing it roasted meat, treating it like a lord.

Many already knew that the reason they could kill the Skeleton Venerable this time was in large part due to Bai Yan wolf's killing array. Without it, they would never have been able to kill such a strong emperor of the death zone.

In the crowd, Lei Clan's first genius Lei Zhenlong's eyes kept changing, sometimes firm, sometimes confused, sometimes lost, sometimes profound. Finally, he gritted his teeth, parted the crowd, and walked towards Ye Fan.

"What does Zhenlong want to do?"

"Today is a very happy day, hope he doesn't do anything that spoils the mood?"

"I trust he won't be that foolish? In terms of combat power, he has already lost; he is completely no match for Lord Ye. Moreover, the clan leader and elders would not allow him to create disorder."

Seeing Lei Zhenlong walking towards Ye Fan, many practitioners of the Lei Clan started whispering, fearing that this genius, who had never faced any setbacks or defeats, might do something drastic on such an occasion.

But to everyone's surprise, Lei Zhenlong did not show any hostility. After approaching Ye Fan, he said sincerely, "Ye Fan, thank you for everything you've done for our Lei Clan. Previously, I was too arrogant, not knowing my limits, can you forgive me?"

"There's no point in bringing this up often. To not be reckless in youth is wasted youth. Who hasn't had a moment of youthful folly?"

Ye Fan smiled and clinked his glass with him, downing his millennium-old wine.

"Ye Fan, I admit defeat, utterly defeated. Not only is your strength greater than mine, your potential is greater than mine, even your character is far superior to mine!" Lei Zhenlong felt deeply ashamed.

Looking at Ye Fan's qualities and thinking back on his own previous self, he increasingly felt he wasn't as good as Ye Fan.

"Ye Fan, I take back my previous arrogant words. Your potential is far greater than mine, you wholly deserve the entire inheritance of our ancestors, only you can make the treasure technique of our ancestors shine once more. You are a great benefactor to our entire Lei Clan!"

Lei Zhenlong deeply bowed to Ye Fan.

"Wow!"

The entire plaza thundered with applause as everyone clapped for Lei Zhenlong's words, pleased with his growth.

Though Lei Zhenlong admitted in front of all the clan members that he was not as good as Ye Fan, instead of feeling humiliated, he won the respect of the clan members.

An ancient saying goes, 'Knowing shame then comes bravery,' when a genius acknowledges their shortcomings, it is when their cultivation and strength advance exponentially.

Clan Chief Lei Yuanhang and Great Elder Lei Mingxiao twirled their beards and smiled, deeply gratified that Lei Zhenlong had truly matured.

"Brother Zhenlong, you are too kind, Ye Fan dares not accept such honor!"

Ye Fan quickly supported Lei Zhenlong up, then as if suddenly recalling something, with a thought, a flash of brilliance appeared in his palm, a treasure spear shimmering with purple gleam and surrounded by thunder power emerged—it was the Fake Thunder Emperor Spear he obtained from Thunder Venerable master's underground palace.

Though this spear was fake, it was personally refined by Thunder Venerable master, and its power was extraordinary.

Now, Ye Fan already possessed the Jing Tian Divine Spear and essentially had no need for this fake Thunder Emperor Spear. He decided to make a kind gesture and give this fake Thunder Emperor Spear to Lei Zhenlong, the Lei Clan's first genius of the younger generation. With Lei Zhenlong's current capabilities, he would definitely be able to fully harness the spear's power.

"This is..."

"The Thunder Emperor Spear?"

"The ancestor's Emperor Weapon?"

When the fake Thunder Emperor Spear appeared in Ye Fan's palm, everyone was astounded, the thunderbolt aura emanating from the spear felt particularly familiar to them.

Though Thunder Venerable master didn't succeed in proving Dao, he was at the Quasi-Emperor Ninth Layer Heaven Peak, very close to being a true Great Emperor. Calling his weapon an Emperor Weapon was justified.

Because the materials used for the real Thunder Emperor Spear were all immortal materials for refining Emperor Weapons, and having followed Thunder Venerable to undergo countless heavenly tribulations, it was already not much different from a true Emperor Weapon.

"No, this isn't the real Thunder Emperor Spear. It doesn't have that strong aura of a Quasi-Emperor Weapon," Great Elder Lei Mingxiao was the first to notice the anomaly, speaking assuredly.

"Of course, this isn't the real Thunder Emperor Spear, but it is a replica personally refined by Thunder Venerable, very powerful. I acquired it from Thunder Venerable's tomb, and now I'm returning it to its rightful place, giving it to you!" Ye Fan solemnly handed the fake Thunder Emperor Spear to Lei Zhenlong.

"This..."

With trembling hands, Lei Zhenlong received the Thunder Emperor Spear, deeply bowed to Ye Fan, saying, "Lord Ye, your great kindness, I won't say thank you. In the future, if you need me, Lei Zhenlong, I'll go through heaven and earth if necessary!"

"Indeed, if you need the Lei Clan, just say the word. As long as you ask, searching the depths of the blue sky and the yellow springs below isn't too much!"

Clan leader Lei Yuanhang also said.

Chapter 1857: Star Sky Xuan Beast

A small sun rose, casting purple-gold radiance over the entire Lei Clan settlement.

Smoke gently drifted over the square, with cups and plates scattered about. The crowd had indulged in merriment until deep into the night, most falling asleep beside the campfires. It wasn't until the sun was high in the sky that they awoke, bleary-eyed.

"Joyful, truly joyful! It's been so long since I've had such a drink."

As soon as Lei Bao opened his eyes, he gulped down several mouthfuls from the wine jar, claiming, "This is called Resurrection Wine!"

Under the heartfelt retention of all Lei Clan members, Ye Fan and Bai Yan Wolf stayed an extra three days.

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On the fourth day, amidst fond farewells from the entire Lei Clan, Ye Fan, with Bai Yan Wolf, arrived at a secret place in the Lei Clan, ascended the altar, and crossed the void.

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"Clan Leader, once I further comprehend the Treasure Technique, I too shall embark on this strongest trial path to follow in the footsteps of Benefactor Ye Fan!"

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"That sounds well. The crisis on this star has been resolved, and the remaining death creatures are insignificant. We can completely wipe them out, and the rules left by the ancestors need to be altered."

Clan Leader Lei Yuanhang pondered for a moment before speaking.

The Skull Venerable is dead, with large numbers of death creatures slain. The remaining death creatures pose no threat to the Lei Clan's survival.

When the Thunder Venerable left behind this lineage, he asserted that only when the threat of death creatures on this ancient star was entirely eliminated could they freely leave this star.

Now, this condition has been met. With the Skull Venerable dead, the death energy on this ancient star is far less intense than before.

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Gazing at the empty altar, the Great Elder Lei Mingxiao murmured, "May your journey along the Heavenly Road be smooth, and may the Thunderclap Treasure Skill once again shine with the glory of the ancestors' era."

"Great Elder, do you think Ye Fan will encounter the descendants of our ancestors' old rivals on this Heavenly Road? If he does, as long as he displays the Thunderclap Treasure Skill, it will surely result in an earth-shattering battle." The Lei Clan Patriarch expressed his concerns softly beside the Great Elder.

"Oh no, we forgot to inform him about this." The Great Elder's face changed drastically, and then he prayed, "I hope he can overcome this challenge. If not, he will ultimately become a stepping stone for others on the Xing Kong Gu Road..."

These words, Ye Fan could not hear. At this moment, he was traveling through the barren Xing Kong Gu Road.

At Bai Yan Wolf's suggestion, every time they passed an ancient star, Ye Fan would employ the Observing Heaven and Earth Technique to search, which resulted in them finding some precious minerals and Spirit Stones.

In the Star Domain, rare materials are extremely scarce. Across hundreds of stars, not one might contain valuable minerals.

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However, Ye Fan's Dragon Seeking Formulas truly was a Supreme Strange Skill. Despite the circumstances, it still allowed him to find some overlooked divine minerals and Spirit Stones.

During the monotonous journey, Ye Fan was immersed in cultivation, secretly pondering and comprehending the use of Death Energy. He held an enormous amount of Death Energy within him, and after the battle with the Skull Venerable, it became even more abundant, to the point of being barely contained.

If not for the powerful Thunder Power and pure Pure Yang Qi barely suppressing the Death Energy in the black sphere, he wouldn't know what he would become.

At the moment, the black sphere within him had turned a deep purple, and the dense Death Energy felt like a ticking time bomb, threatening to explode and utterly destroy him at any unforeseen moment, even the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown might not be able to restrain it.

Upon learning the method to harness Death Energy, it was as if he had obtained a key to a treasure trove, delving deeply into ways to wield it every day.

The operation of Death Energy vastly differed from Divine Power, necessitating the opening of a new meridian in the body, without which it couldn't be wielded, let alone used in combat.

A gentle breeze stirred, ruffling Ye Fan's long hair. The desolate ancient star finally exhibited some signs of life, breaking the deathly silence.

He had sat cross-legged on this ancient star for nearly a month, and aside from using the Observing Heaven and Earth Technique to scour this star for resources, he quietly meditated, operating the Death Heart Scripture to blaze a channel for Death Energy within.

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In half a month, Ye Fan's body bore a new black meridian, incongruous with the rest, where pure Death Qi circulated unceasingly.

This was the result of his half-month endeavor, of relentless persistence through unknown suffering, finally opening this meridian.

Death energy, after all, is fundamentally different from that of living beings. When absorbing it, there is no particular feeling, but while opening the death energy's route within the body, he suffered excruciating pain.

The pure death energy contained strong corrosive properties, nearly corroding one of his arms completely. In the end, Ye Fan relied on immense willpower to get through this stage. When he came to, he was almost completely exhausted, his whole body feeling like it just emerged from water.

"Swish!"

Ye Fan opened his eyes, shooting out two beams of dragon-shaped Divine Light. He noticed the Bai Yan wolf rapidly approaching him. Clearly, it had found the teleportation altar.

"Old Bai, can we leave now?"

Looking at the Bai Yan wolf running swiftly from afar, Ye Fan asked softly.

"I suppose we cannot leave!"

The Bai Yan wolf said in a dejected tone, "I've searched the whole planet and almost dug to the Earth Core but still haven't found the teleportation altar. Could it be that the altar on this Ancient Star has been destroyed, severing our path forward?"

"Impossible, the Great Demon and others passed through just a year ago. If the path was severed, where did they go? Keep searching, there must be an altar; perhaps it's hidden in a small space," Ye Fan said.

"You might be right. The ancients might have hidden the altar to prevent invasion or destruction by human-shaped creatures or other creatures from other planets, possibly in a small space."

The Bai Yan wolf, as if suddenly enlightened, quickly left to continue searching.

Ye Fan resumed meditating and continued to open the death energy's route within. Despite the immense pain, he needed to go through this to use the death energy in battle.

"I found it! I found the altar!"

Just then, Ye Fan suddenly heard Bai Yan wolf shouting energetically, followed by a loud roar and Bai Yan wolf's curses.

"Damn it, how is there a Star Sky Profound Beast here? Ye, quickly, help!"

The sound of a fierce collision accompanied Bai Yan wolf's cries for help, reaching Ye Fan's ears.

"Swish!"

With a flash of light, Ye Fan suddenly disappeared from his original spot, reappearing thousands of miles away in the sky. He saw Bai Yan wolf battling fiercely with a Star Sky Profound Beast.

What kind of Star Beast is this! A hundred-zhang long, covered in black scales, each as large as a basin, as if forged from Black Gold, glinting with metallic shine.

This Star Beast was massive and agile, with a head like a tiger-leopard, majestic deer-like antlers, eagle-hawk-like steel claws, and a Scorpion Tail pointing skyward.

This was definitely a Lord Realm Peak Star Beast, exuding an overwhelming aura, each attack leaving Bai Yan wolf scrambling defensively, in a miserable state.

"Ye, stop watching, hurry and help!"

In the blink of an eye that distracted Ye Fan, Bai Yan wolf was harshly struck by the Star Beast's Scorpion Tail, sent rolling far away, shouting desperately for help.

"Old Bai, step aside, I'll handle it!" Ye Fan had just opened the right hand's death energy meridian and wanted to test the power of death energy. He stepped in front of Bai Yan wolf and punched at the Star Beast's Scorpion Tail.

"Hiss..."

Death Aura burst forth, as if Divine Power, a splendid purple color, not like the Thunder Power's raging purple, but a cold, death-infused purple.

"Crunch!"

With a crisp sound, Ye Fan punched the Star Beast's Scorpion Tail, breaking it. Death Aura instantly invaded, rapidly corroding its body and vitality.

"Oww..."

The Star Beast let out a wretched scream, its eyes shooting fearful light, then gradually dimming, finally shattering with a "boom", its body disintegrating. A strand of death aura silently merged into Ye Fan's body.

"Is this... is this the power of death energy?" Bai Yan wolf's eyes widened in astonishment, looking at the destroyed Star Beast, then at Ye Fan's composed face, stammering.

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Why were all these people arriving at this moment? Could some special upheaval have occurred?

Even the Bai Yan wolf was shocked. Were there really that many Ancient Stars of Life in the starry sky?

That was unlikely. Along the way, they had passed through many Star Domains, yet hadn't seen a single Ancient Star of Life; the only one they'd encountered was the Lei Ting Gu Star from over a month ago.

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The Bai Yan wolf slowed its speed and carefully paid attention. After traveling for several more hours, they could occasionally see such people, and there were also some ethereal, transcendent women, as lively as Immortals, riding spiritual birds like luan and phoenix as they went.

Some of them were of the Human Race, and some clearly weren't Human, yet they had also arrived on this Ancient Star of Life. Everyone was moving in the same direction.

"Are all these people ones who set foot on the Xing Kong Gu Road, this supreme trial road? Where did they come from?" Ye Fan pondered.

So many people had actually stepped onto this Xing Kong Gu Road; in just a few short hours, he had already seen no fewer than a hundred.

Why were all these people arriving at this moment? Could some special upheaval have occurred?

Even the Bai Yan wolf was shocked. Were there really that many Ancient Stars of Life in the starry sky?

That was unlikely. Along the way, they had passed through many Star Domains, yet hadn't seen a single Ancient Star of Life; the only one they'd encountered was the Lei Ting Gu Star from over a month ago.

That Ancient Star had no name. Lei Ting Gu Star was the name Ye Fan had given it, because the entire planet was saturated with Thunderbolt Aura.

Of course, before that, the Thunderbolt Aura and the Death Aura had each accounted for half. Only after he killed the Skull Venerable did the Death Aura there gradually dissipate.

After Ye Fan and the Bai Yan wolf descended on this Ancient Star of Life, they casually chose an ancient city to enter, and found that the entire city was filled with a special kind of aura. On the wide streets, people occasionally roared past riding mutant beasts.

After wandering the streets once, Ye Fan quickly learned an important piece of news: floating in the sky above this Ancient Star of Life was a Divine City. It was the First Divine City of the Xing Kong Gu Road, and also the first Heroic Pass. Countless people who came to challenge the Xing Kong Gu Road were blocked outside this Heroic Pass.

If one could not pass this Heroic Pass, it meant they had no qualification to step onto the Xing Kong Gu Road; they could only retreat the way they came, or stay in this First Heroic Pass until they died of old age.

This Divine City revolved around this Ancient Star of Life like a moon, absorbing Sun Essence and Moonlight, bathing in Starlight, never falling.

In a certain sense, this was the true starting point of the Xing Kong Gu Road. What came before was merely the elimination road. If one couldn't even reach this place from the Weapon Refinement path, then they simply weren't qualified to step onto this supreme trial road.

The Ancient Road stretched on endlessly, filled with blood and bones, filled with cruel competition. Only those who reached this place were qualified to engage in the battles to come.

Those who were defeated too early along the way and died in the starry sky could never enter this Divine City, never see this Ancient Star of Life.

This was the First Heroic Pass of the Xing Kong Gu Road, and also a critical stronghold. It accepted all rivers and gathered heroes from all sides. Only by entering this city could one continue forward on the Xing Kong Gu Road.

Chapter 1860 Encounter Before the Heroic Pass

Ye Fan never expected that there would still be practitioners in this world who knew about Linxian Ancient Star. It seems that even on this ancient star path, Linxian Ancient Star is quite famous.

"Brother, if you truly come from Linxian Ancient Star, it's best not to mention it to anyone."

The small, emaciated middle-aged cultivator was taken aback and then solemnly advised Ye Fan.

"Why is that?"

"I once heard that it was a life star where true immortals once descended, a place where talented people arose and the Divine Race lay dormant. Over countless millennia, it became a rival enemy for many star domains. If people learn you come from Linxian Ancient Star, you may find yourself an enemy to the world!"

Ye Fan was deeply surprised. He didn't expect the Xuan Realm to have so many powerful enemies on this ancient star path. His path forward might be fraught with danger, and the people he had met so far were only a small part, with many having set out long ago.

There are many tiny ancient roads in the starry sky. Some are smooth sailing, while others are interfered by the Ancient Emperors, replete with hardships. The roads of powerful ancient star domains are all hard to tread.

"It is said that besides the Human Clan's ancient star path, there are also the Divine Race's ancient road, the Demon Clan's ancient road, and others, all leading to the same main trunk in the end."

The small, emaciated middle-aged cultivator shared some secret insights he knew with Ye Fan.

Afterward, Ye Fan spent eight hundred jin of top-grade spirit stones to buy information from him about the First Heroic Pass of the Human Clan's ancient star path.

Above this life star is the Human Clan's First Heroic Pass, which, like the moon, revolves around this life star but is very independent. It is a majestic divine city that has existed for countless millennia.

Three days later, the divine city will open, and then all cultivators will jointly enter the divine city to await the test of the First Heroic Pass, which is the Purgatory Trial Ground. Only by surviving the trial

ground and obtaining certain items can one truly pass the test and head to the second station on the ancient star path.

However, the City Lord of the divine city does not inform the participating cultivators about this, leaving them to comprehend on their own. Those who fail to gain something are mercilessly eliminated.

This middle-aged cultivator was among those eliminated in the last trial, but by selling this information, he's been living quite comfortably over the years.

Not everyone steps onto this ancient road for Proving Dao; everyone has their own purpose, as ultimately, only one person has the opportunity to become the Emperor.

Most people are rational and do not want to push to the last, because the powerful figures of the entire universe are fighting for it. It is extremely brutal, with an untold number of deaths!

Finally, Ye Fan inquired about the Great Demon and Wen TaDou and learned that they had already passed the test a year ago, left the divine city, and went to the next station.

That very day, apart from the small, emaciated middle-aged cultivator, some other cultivators left on this ancient star after being eliminated last time sold another kind of secret booklet, listing some formidable figures among the trialists, which secretly stirred up a sensation.

During these three days, Ye Fan did not go out, continuously cultivating in silence. Besides conserving energy in preparation for the upcoming Purgatory Trial Ground after the divine city opens, he also quietly mapped out the routes of death energy within his body.

Three days passed in a flash, and early on the fourth day, before dawn, a grand voice resounded throughout the ancient star, "The divine city opens, all heroes advance to the pass!"

With this resounding voice, countless figures soared into the sky, with exotic beasts carrying their masters, shattering the void and heading toward the divine city in the boundless starry sky above the ancient star.

Ye Fan and Bai Yan wolf quickly ascended, flying towards the divine city.

On the way, to avoid a repeat of the events in the ancient city, Ye Fan rode on Bai Yan wolf's back, light flashed from his palm, and a blood-colored Jing Tian Divine Spear appeared in his hand, exuding a menacing killing intent.

How fast was the Bai Yan wolf, which had mastered the world's fastest Chasing Star Step?

It seemed to traverse space itself, a few flashes and it was already at the forefront, leaving many behind.

"Get out of the way!"

Behind Ye Fan, the iron cavalry shook the starry sky, a ferocious voice came, as fifteen top-notch strong people rode exotic beasts side by side, all wearing holy clothes, shimmering with varied metallic cold luster, crushing forward like an iron torrent.

All these mounts were primordial species, each rare in the world, like the golden ox ancient beast, mighty and majestic, dominating the sky. There were also nine divine birds coexisting, colorful, descendants of ancient phoenixes. Moreover, there was the gray dragon, calling the wind and summoning the rain.

It was like a group of heavenly gods, roaring through the world, chasing stars and the moon, omnipotent, with blood Qi covering the sky, terrifying beyond measure.

Especially the man riding on the golden ox in the center was extraordinary, his upper body ***, exuding a bronze luster, with an eagle-like sharp gaze, glancing around with disdain, reigning supreme over the vastness.

Although his mount, the golden ox, was an ordinary beast, not even a Xuan Beast, its strength vaguely reached the Venerable Realm, comparable to a Saint Lord, a truly holy beast.

"Get lost!"

These fifteen riders charged like lightning, fierce as a tsunami, the blood Qi slapped the opposite shore, shaking the area with turbulence, utterly disdainful, not putting anyone in their eyes.

"Haha, what a narrow road for enemies to meet!"

Bai Yan wolf sneered, spewing out seven or eight Qingyu Array Platforms, fixing them in the void, ready for a fight.

Recognizing them instantly as those who scolded it on the road from the ancient city, Bai Yan wolf would not let it go easily upon this encounter.

It directly deployed the array platforms, prepared for a grand battle, to establish dominance.

Ye Fan watched indifferently, the Jing Tian Divine Spear in his palm radiating a chilling blood glow, sitting motionlessly on top.

"Boom!"

A great formation stood between Ye Fan and the fifteen iron cavalry, with patterns within the formation flickering unpredictably, filled with the aura of destruction.

"Stop!"

The leading man riding the Golden Bull raised his hand, and the Fifteen Iron Cavalry instantly stopped in the void, their movements perfectly synchronized, as if well-trained.

Gazing at the formation before him, the leading man riding the Golden Bull frowned slightly, his eyes emitting two golden lights, seemingly wanting to see through the formation.

"Old Bai, what kind of array is this?"

Sitting atop the Bai Yan wolf, Ye Fan asked Bai Yan wolf through divine consciousness Transmission.

"Chessboard Transmission Array, hehe, if they dare to step into the formation, I will transport them to the boundless starry sky thousands of miles away. By the time they fly back, a hundred years will have passed," Bai Yan wolf said with a smug smile.

"You're ruthless!"

Ye Fan laughed silently, as this was more cruel than killing them. Sending them thousands of miles away, by the time they return, the Divine City will likely have closed, and they might not even last that long.

"Hey, brother, I don't think there's any grudge between us, right?"

The leader of the Fifteen Iron Cavalry couldn't see through Bai Yan wolf's formation, and frowned, speaking to Ye Fan.

"There's no grudge, Old Bai, let's go!"

Ye Fan had no good feelings for these arrogant and insolent people, so he directly flew toward the Divine City with Bai Yan wolf, as for the Array Platform, Bai Yan wolf had left his divine soul's imprint on it, which could be recalled in an instant, unless they destroyed the Array Platform.

Those who could walk at the front were no ordinary people; these individuals all had their own aura and pressure, clearly people of great talent.

"We're here!"

Bai Yan wolf's eyes emitted two silver rays, and with a thought, he recalled the Array Platform, staring dazedly at the Divine City ahead.

Ye Fan was also extremely shocked, never expecting to witness such a magnificent scene.

In the vast cosmic starry sky, a magnificent giant city stood ahead, with numerous phenomena, the roars of dragons and cries of phoenixes echoing, standing under the stars and moon, eternal and unyielding.

Everyone stopped here, no longer moving forward, looking far at this Ancient City, it possessed a kind of vastness, flowing with eternal power.

"An Ancient City in the starry sky..." Many showed expressions of shock.

It was grand, and also mysterious, not resting on a planet, but directly suspended in the cosmic starry sky, receiving the baptism of starlight, deeply impacting one's vision.

It covered an extremely wide area, its walls likened to mountain ridges, extending endlessly, with the grand and imposing towers, a pair of thick city gates closed, as if capable of blocking thousands of troops and the top strong people from various Star Domains!

Moonlight cascading, starlight like a waterfall, strands of silver star rivers hanging down, making the entire Ancient City appear mysterious and solemn.

In all directions, barbarian beasts roared, exotic birds circled, some with bodies like mountains, others with wings covering the sky, each occupying a dominant position, all being ancient primordial species.

The domineering Divine Tiger, the Thunder-wrapped Purple-winged Eagle, the Kunpeng with wings like clouds, and the rest were all mounts, each carrying top strong people that dominated their region.

Before the Ancient City, all heroes remained silent, only fierce birds and beasts cried out, incredibly oppressive, the old city body filled with a sense of repression.

Ye Fan furrowed his brows, feeling an ancient and domineering aura, this giant city felt very majestic and vast, as if existing eternally, narrating the ancient history of the entire Human Race.

"The origins of this city, built in which era, are long untraceable, claimed as the first pass on the Human Race's strongest trial path," someone whispered.

Ye Fan learned that in the universe there are many "small Ancient Roads," all leading to the final main trial path, this place being a node, also like a dam, unifying the paths of various human strong people.

In front of this majestic giant city, there were as many as two hundred people, each standing alone, everyone being the protagonist of their own world, all being outstanding among people.

"There are indeed numerous People, are there many Life Stars within the Star Domain?"

Bai Yan wolf was astonished, quietly assessing those around him.

None of them were weak, and some of their mounts among them had even become Saints, dominating regions, their might imposing.

At this moment, a commotion erupted from behind, the Fifteen Iron Cavalry arrived, each looking disgruntled, blocked by Bai Yan wolf's formation for a full quarter of an hour, missing the best spot.

However, it was evident the Fifteen Iron Cavalry were very forceful, even though they arrived late, they forcefully occupied an advantageous position.

Quickly, the Fifteen Iron Cavalry also noticed Ye Fan and Bai Yan wolf, each glaring, their murderous aura soaring to the nine heavens, yet they did not attack.

Obviously, they also didn't want to become the focal point upon just reaching the Human Race's first pass, as it would be unfavorable for them later, potentially being seen as threatening competitors and jointly defeated.

They did not initiate an attack, and naturally, Ye Fan wouldn't act rashly either, both parties peacefully settling down, jointly waiting for the opening of the Heroic Pass.