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## Chapter 891: Kneel! (Part 1)

Were you provoking me?

Xu Xiaoshou should have not been affected by such a low-level provocation. However, under the demonic Qi of the God Devil Eyes and the attack by the demonic aura from the Fourth Sword, his anger was instantly stirred up.

He raised the Fourth Sword and slashed wildly in front of him again.

However, no matter how the sword energy shot out, he was unable to slash Yi's soul body.

"Calm down..."

"Calm down!"

Xu Xiaoshou, who had been transformed into a berserk giant, calmed down a little after venting his anger.

He kept telling himself that he needed to calm down even more at this moment.

Great Void was not so easy to kill.

If Great Void could be killed so easily, it would not have enjoyed such a high status on Shengshen Continent.

"I don't have a soul weapon. Even the only move that can attack the soul, the Disillusionment Finger, has used up all of my charge points..."

Xu Xiaoshou kept thinking about what other methods he had that could kill Yi's soul body.

However, after much thought, it seemed like he had to watch Yi recover his physical body after he recovered his soul body.

"That's not right!"

A thought flashed through his mind. Xu Xiaoshou thought of 'Soul Reading'.

In the process of casting this awakening skill, it would cause great pain to one's physical body.

He found out this when Yi was attacked previously and was unable to suppress the trembling of his body even with his Great Void cultivation.

If he used 'Soul Reading' directly on Yi's soul body and cast it non-stop, would it 'read' and bring Yi's soul body to death?

"Perhaps... it's possible!"

Xu Xiaoshou felt that this method had a 70-80% chance of success.

The berserk killing intent urged him to release Soul Reading immediately, but Xu Xiaoshou forcefully restrained his impulse.

Xu Xiaoshou could even read a Demi-Saint Zang Ren out of Duo'er's spiritual memory.

He didn't believe that Yi had never seen a Demi-Saint's true appearance in his entire life.

If he happened to about Dao Qiongcang, the current Hall Master of the Holy Divine Palace...

Xu Xiaoshou was taken aback and his berserk beast desire halted immediately. He seemed to have realized that this was a very unwise move.

"Xuan Wuji!"

He turned his head and shouted.

Patriarch Wuji looked over feeling puzzled.

Xu Xiaoshou dispelled his berserk giant form and returned to the size of a normal person. He immediately felt that the demonic Qi's influence on him had weakened significantly.

He held the Fourth Sword and asked in a deep voice, "Yi's body has been shattered, but why can't I see his spatial ring?"

Patriarch Wuji was stunned. While drawing the power of Divine Secret to fight for the control of the Cloud Realm world, he freed his one hand to perform the hand postures.

In just a moment, the divine path pattern appeared in his eyes. He looked at Yi's soul body.

Yi was still holding the Spirit Recovery Spiritual Flowers in his hand and his soul body was standing in mid-air. At this moment, he seemed to have thought of something and his movements were completely frozen.

Patriarch Wuji only took a glance and his eyes lit up. He replied, "Xu Xiaoshou, Yi's spatial ring and other treasures have all been stored in his soul space!"

Soul space... Xu Xiaoshou suddenly thought of the Holy Blood in his mind.

It seemed that Elder Sang had used some kind of method to erase the physical properties of his treasures in the Great Void world and store them in his soul space.

With just a thought, the items could be used.

It was very convenient.

Thinking of this, Xu Xiaoshou frowned and asked, "Is there a way to take them out?"

Patriarch Wuji laughed. "If it was an ordinary person, even a Great Void, it would be impossible to take out the treasures directly from the other Great Void's soul space. But I, Patriarch..."

"Get to the point!" Xu Xiaoshou's eyebrows shot up.

He was not in the mood to listen to Xuan Wuji"s comments.

If not for the fact that this fellow was still of some use, Xu Xiaoshou would have stabbed between his eyebrows using the Fourth Sword.

Patriarch Wuji shuddered and quickly sent a telepathic communication.

"Yi only has one soul body left, and his abilities have been greatly reduced.

"I do have a way to set up the Divine Array and then plunder the treasures in his soul space. But there are people in the Cloud Realm who are fighting against me now. It is difficult for me to free up my hands.

"Furthermore, during this process, Yi will definitely use the power of the Great Void and release the world of the Great Void to protect his body.

"To get his spatial ring, the process is too complicated, and it's both time and energy consuming..."

Xu Xiaoshou interrupted him with a cold voice and transmitted, "Aren't you confident that you can kill Yi by yourself?"

Patriarch Wuji was speechless and blushed.

He was confident that he could kill Yi. Even if Yi had the Soul Avoidance Bell to save his life, he could not escape from his control.

But killing people required time!

The Divine Secret technique was a wise man's strategy, just like how Dao Qiongcang controlled the world.

If he stepped in personally and only killed one person, the process involved would not be as simple as that of a boorish man.

"How about this!"

He gritted his teeth and stopped the actions of his hands. He said resolutely, "I'll temporarily let go of the Divine Secret against the Cloud Realm world and go directly to kill Yi's soul body. Now, we can only go all out!

"But if that's the case, we don't have much time left.

"Once the red-clothed people regain control of the Cloud Realm in a short period of time, we won't have much time to set up a backup plan..."

Xu Xiaoshou sneered when he heard that. He retorted, "You still remember the backup plan?"

Xuan Wuji had initially planned to completely abandon Mu Zixi and only wanted to kill Yi to resolve his grudge.

After Xu Xiaoshou dispelled his berserk state, he had calmed down quite a bit. And naturally, he could not act according to his previous thoughts.

Chapter 892: Kneel! (Part 2)

Yi was here for Mu Zixi.

As long as something happened to Yi, no matter how stupid Rao Yaoyao was, she would be able to figure out that there was something to do with Mu Zixi, wouldn't she?

In the end, the matter would revolve around the First Pavilion in the Sky.

The current situation seemed to be critical. But at the very most, only Saint Servant Xu Xiaoshou would be exposed. It wouldn't be related to the First Pavilion in the Sky.

Xu Xiaoshou had come to help with the identity of 'Saint Servant Xu Xiaoshou'.

What did Saint Servant Xu Xiaoshou have to do with Xu Deye of the First Pavilion in the Sky?

As long as Mu Zixi's matter was dealt with well, even if Yi died, at most, it would only reveal the insignificant information that Saint Servant Xu Xiaoshou was also hiding in the Yunlun Mountain Range, and he had successfully taken revenge with a large number of Saint Servant higher-ups.

This was only a preliminary idea, and the key details were still to be studied.

Xu Xiaoshou did not intend to let go of Yi. Since the other party had made great efforts to exterminate him to such an extent, he would not only want Yi's spatial ring.

On the contrary...

Given Yi's special abilities, the 'Imitator' that Patriarch Wuji had mentioned and the various special abilities...

Xu Xiaoshou had a very wild idea in his heart!

Others might not even dare to think of such an idea.

But for Xu Xiaoshou who had even created a Demi-Saint force...

Was there anything in the world that he didn't dare to dream of?

"What do you think?"

Patriarch Wuji looked at Xu Xiaoshou who was pondering. He knew that although this young man was young, sometimes his brain was really useful.

"Is the Divine Array that you mentioned difficult?" Xu Xiaoshou glanced at Yi, who was recovering from his injuries at an accelerated speed, and asked through telepathic communication.

"Yes, it is!" Patriarch Wuji nodded solemnly. "There is nothing not difficult about Divine Secret. The entry threshold itself has stopped so many people..."

"Why did you make so much noise?" Xu Xiaoshou frowned, and his tone suddenly turned cold. "When I ask if it's difficult, you just need to tell me how difficult it is. Did I ask you to talk nonsense and other and other things?"

Patriarch Wuji was retorted rudely and his face turned dark.

He had never been reprimanded by a junior in such a manner before.

But when he thought of how he had let Mu Zixi and Xu Xiaoshou down...

He felt relieved.

"Even if I can control Yi, at the very least, one has to be a Divine Sorcerer of Sovereign (stage) to learn Divine Array. Moreover, it is based on the fact that a lot of time is needed to study the fundamentals of the array."

Patriarch Wuji sighed. He shook his head at Xu Xiaoshou, "I know you have learned a little bit of the Divine Secret technique which I don't know where you have learned it from. That thing can suppress Liu Changqing but it's nothing in my eyes..."

"Are you still making so much noise?" Xu Xiaoshou was impatient and raised his Fourth Sword.

Patriarch Wuji immediately shut his mouth.

"Criticized, Passive Points +1."

"Cursed, Passive Points +1."

Xu Xiaoshou turned to look at Yi.

He had been observing the state of Yi's soul body.

With a wave of his Fourth Sword, a streak of black fiendish sword energy shot out. Yi's urge to forcefully condense his physical body before his soul body had fully recovered was immediately suppressed.

"If you dare to condense your physical body, I dare to cut you!" Xu Xiaoshou sneered in the distance.

Yi was angered.

Without his physical body, it was inconvenient for him to move but he was not afraid of the Fourth Sword.

However, once he condensed his physical body, though it was convenient for him to move, his physical body would be infected by Fourth Sword's fiendish sword energy which could invade his will.

This seemed to be a vicious cycle.

The result of it would be under the pressure of Saint Servant Xu Xiaoshou, Yi could only be in his soul body state...

And wait for death?

Yi was very smart.

He did not make a second fearless attempt, nor did he obediently wait for death.

Instead, he casually glanced at Lei Xi'er who was still cultivating at the other side with her eyes closed as if she did not intend to participate in the next battle.

Anyone could be unimportant.

But this woman, she had to die tonight!

If she lived on, the five domains of the continent would be in chaos!

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"Teach me the Divine Array."

On the other side, Xu Xiaoshou transmitted a message to Patriarch Wuji.

Patriarch Wuji was speechless.

He had explained everything. But Xu Xiaoshou was still so conceited that he planned to grasp the essence of the Divine Secret that was passed down from thousands of generations in such a short period of time.

What could he do?

Patriarch Wuji had no other choice but to do as he was told.

"I'll enlighten you. This is the fastest way to help you 'learn' the Divine Secret," Patriarch Wuji shook his head and reached out his hand to touch Xu Xiaoshou's head.

Xu Xiaoshou narrowed his eyes. There was still coldness in his eyes. "Nonsense, can you not do so much?!"

Patriarch Wuji was extremely angry. He had the thought of killing this young man with a slap. However, he did not dare to do it. He only passed the chant of Spirit Shifting Six Profound Formation, handprint, and true meaning over.

Xu Xiaoshou immediately felt a large amount of information in his mind.

It was the complete definition of the 'Spirit Shifting Six Profound Formation'. It also included Patriarch Wuji's full comprehension of the Divine Array.

The information of the Divine Array array was obscure and difficult to understand, like a book from heaven.

Just as Patriarch Wuji had said, if an ordinary person wanted to learn the array, even the Divine Secret Sorcerer of Sovereign (stage) would have to spend several months before they could get a glimpse of it.

But Xu Xiaoshou was different.

Although his 'Weaving Expertise' could not bring him the creativity of the Divine Secret, he could easily 'understand' and 'grasp' the obscure information of the divine path pattern sketching technique similar to 'weaving'.

### Chapter 893: Kneel! (Part 3)

In the City Lord Mansion of Tiansang City, Xu Xiaoshou could still use the Master (stage) Weaving Expertise to solve the powerful Thirty-Six Heavens Sealed Array.

The Sovereign (stage) Weaving Expertise covered almost everything in the Divine Secret.

In just a while, Xu Xiaoshou had comprehended all the subtleties of the Spirit Shifting Six Profound Formation.

He had even found 12 flaws in it.

However, at this moment, he did not want to go into detail and perfect it, nor did he have a way to perfect it.

Although it was a lousy formation, it was enough for use.

Seeing that the bewilderment in Xu Xiaoshou's eyes had been cleared, Patriarch Wuji knew in his heart that this fellow had given up.

However, he did not dare to say it out for fear of losing the Young Man's face. He could only say, "I can help you control Yi's soul body. As for you... Well, no matter what the outcome is, let's try it out first!"

Even though he knew that it was a waste of time, Patriarch Wuji still decided to let Xu Xiaoshou try it out. As long as he could forget about the previous unpleasant incident.

However, what he feared most happened.

Xu Xiaoshou's eyes were still as cold as ever. He turned his cold eyes and said coldly, "I've said it, don't talk nonsense unnecessarily. Similarly, don't do anything when I don't tell you to do it. Don't ever cross the line!"

Patriarch Wuji finally couldn't hold it in anymore.

How could he not hear Xu Xiaoshou's insinuation?

How could this young man be so calculative about a small matter until now?

"Xu Xiaoshou!

"I know I've let both of you down, and I've wanted to make it up. But you shouldn't have behaved in this manner, should you?

"No matter what, I'm still your senior. How can you speak to me in such a tone and manner?!"

Patriarch Wuji was so angry that his face turned red, and even the veins on his neck bulged out.

"Shut up."

Xu Xiaoshou turned around coldly and stepped forward, preparing to use the Divine Array.

When Patriarch Wuji heard this unbearable sentence and saw the scene before him, he almost laughed out of his anger. "I'm being so polite to you because of Baizhu'an. Do you really think that within such a short time you can grasp..."

"I've told you to shut up!" Xu Xiaoshou couldn't take it anymore. He looked back and scolded angrily.

Patriarch Wuji was furious, "What if I say no?"

"No?"

The demonic Qi in Xu Xiaoshou's eyes surged, and his killing intent exploded uncontrollably.

He took out the Four Pillars of Destiny Token of Baizhu'an and threw it onto the ground between the two of them, stirring up sand and dust.

"I told you to..."

He had wanted to say 'shut up'.

But at this juncture, the Sword Observation Manual, which had been hidden in his mind for a long time, suddenly appeared again. The pages of the book were flipped open, and the demonic Qi, the Fourth Sword, the Four Pillars of Destiny Token, and other inexplicable forces on his body made him change his words.

"Kneel!!!"

Xu Xiaoshou's eyes were bloodshot, and together with the Swallow the Mountains and Rivers, he threw out the command token. As soon as he finished speaking, the sky shattered, and the earth collapsed.

Patriarch Wuji's soul trembled, and his face instantly turned pale.

He suddenly looked up.

At that moment, Xu Xiaoshou was no longer that young junior in his eyes...

Behind the little brat, the illusory images of the three ancestors of the White Vein appeared. Among them, the Great Infernal Ancestor was the most distinct.

And behind the three ancestors of the White Vein, there was a towering figure of Bazhu'an!

Patriarch Wuji could almost see the young Bazhu'an conquering everything on the inner island of Abyss Island. Stepping on the Demonic Emperor Black Dragon, he pointed his swords at the three ancestors of the White Vein. He was arrogant and aggressive, looking down on the world as he spoke these arrogant words...

"Both the Black and White Vein respect me! Who isn't convinced?"

A boom sounded.

At this point, Patriarch Wuji finally couldn't stop his knees from trembling. It was exactly the same as what the three ancestors of the White Vein did in his mind.

His knees hit the ground with a loud noise and he kneeled down.

# Chapter 894: Lord of the White Cave! (Part 1)

"Buzz, buzz, buzz..."

Next to him, layers after layers of spiritual source mist suddenly spread out from the silver-haired Lei Xi'er's body. It was a sign of a breakthrough in her realm and the rise of her energy reserve.

While the others were fighting and arguing, Lei Xi'er finally used the White Cave's Source of the World to devour all the power of the Holy Blood.

The Source of the World had long been integrated into her

After borrowing the power of the Holy Blood, she had perfected and activated all the power of the Path Principles in the White Cave World.

At this moment, through her Memory Legacy Secret Technique, Lei Xi'er had truly taken over the Source of the World of White Cave and obtained complete ownership.

The Source of the World acknowledged the ownership and was successfully activated.

This meant that Lei Xi'er had transformed and become the child of the plane in the extradimensional space of White Cave.

If the world of the Shengshen Continent was the only greater world recognized by the Great Path of heaven and earth...

Then, the extradimensional space that was born in various places on the continent was the lesser world.

The Sovereign (stage) could cultivate a bounded domain.

However, the bounded domain was only the embryonic form of the world, and could not be compared to the real lesser world.

Xu Xiaoyou had Yuan Mansion.

However, Yuan Mansion was only a large-scale spatial secret treasure that was formed after the lesser world withered and gathered its power.

The difference was that Xu Xiaoshou had used all kinds of methods to successfully activate the lesser world that had withered. It then began to evolve and give birth to a new world.

However, White Cave was different.

White Cave was truly a mature extradimensional space that still stood on the Shengshen Continent. It had perfect orders, its own life, and the World's Will.

As long as one was recognized by the Source of the World and the World Will, and obtained the ownership and activated it...

Then, the person who had the Source of the World would be the only master of the world of White Cave. It was like Xu Xiaoshou of the Yuan Mansion and Yi of this bounded domain.

In the world of White Cave, Lei Xi'er at this juncture could transform into a god-like existence as long as she knew how to use the various Path Principles of heaven and earth.

The Holy Blood had fixed all the shortcomings.

After the Source of the World had completely recognized its master, the energy that was being fed back would be extremely huge.

After becoming the Lord of the White Cave World, Lei Xi'er no longer had to worry about the Path Principles comprehension of the Grandmaster Realm.

The world of White Cave could completely be self-sufficient in these low-level Path Principles comprehension. There was no need for its lord to painstakingly comprehend the orders of the Shengshen Continent.

As a result, Lei Xi'er was able to receive the energy feedback from the world of White Cave without restraint. Her cultivation instantly rose from the Heavenly Image State to Yin Yang, and then the Star Worship State.

And it was still rising!

From early stage to middle stage, late stage, perfect stage...

She was just one step away from breaking through to the Sovereign (stage)!

If it were any other time, as long as a spiritual cultivator of the Sovereign (stage) appeared in the Yunlun Mountain Range, the controller of the Cloud Realm would immediately notice it.

But now...

The controller was in the hands of her people!

Lei Xi'er had no scruples at all. If she wanted to help Xu Xiaoshou, she could only rely on the cultivation of the Master (stage). At most, she could only do some chores. It was not enough.

There was only one method...

"Sovereign!"

With a low groan in her heart, Lei Xi'er slowly floated in the air with her eyes closed while cultivating. Complicated Path Principles could be seen with the naked eye on her body.

A magnificent airwave was pushed away.

Then, the sky resounded with a shocking buzz. Dense world energy spread out and even completely covered Yi's bounded domain, devouring and assimilating it, forming the initial bounded domain of the Sovereign Lei.

Chaos...

Nothingness...

It was like a newborn world that had yet to be developed.

However, in just a breath's time, this world of chaos and nothingness rapidly evolved.

Mountains, lakes, rivers...

Reappeared!

The Spirit Fusion wamp, the Lijian Grassland, the dark valley in front of the Abyss Island Rift...

Lei Xi'er suddenly opened her eyes and her God Devil Eyes spun rapidly. The black and white mist and the aura of both god and devil continuously emanated from her body.

"The bounded domain of White Cave World!"

Lei Xi'er opened her red lips slightly, and her silver hair fluttered in the wind. Her God Devil Eyes looked down at the world.

At this moment, the pressure of the Sovereign (stage) she brought with her seemed to be on par with Xu Xiaoshou, who had accumulated his aura for such a long time.

The two auras coexisted at the same time.

And they completely suppressed the auras of the two mighty figures, Patriarch Wuji, who was under the control of others, and the Chief of the Transformation Division, who only had a soul left!

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"How could it be?!"

Yi was completely stunned when he saw the silver-haired Lei Xi'er standing up again.

Just a moment ago, he was still shocked that Patriarch Wuji had been forced to kneel by Xu Xiaoshou's words.

It was Xuan Wuji!

In the Transformation Division, even though his physical body had been destroyed by Yi, Patriarch Wuji had never been so humble.

However, Xu Xiaoshou was able to make the other party kneel with just a word.

This shock was not insignificant to Yi.

However, in the next second...

The shock in his heart was replaced by another person.

Lei Xi'er, who had been cultivating with her eyes closed, stood up. At that moment, the world pressure almost made Yi think that it was a Demi-Saint who had stood up!

"She has broken through?"

Yi felt his mouth dry up.

He could see that for some reason, Lei Xi'er had passed the three states of the Master (stage) in one go. Even the bottleneck in her comprehension of the Path Principle couldn't stop this girl from advancing.

All the way to the Sovereign (stage)!

"But how could a newly-born Sovereign (stage) bring such a powerful pressure?"

Yi was completely dumbfounded.

It was fine that Xu Xiaoshou was a monster.

But why no one around this fellow was normal?

A little girl who had been thrown by a Great Void and could barely catch her breath had suddenly awakened another will. Along with her breakthrough to the Sovereign (stage), she had even created such a perfect bounded domain!

### Chapter 895: Lord of the White Cave! (Part 2)

"Is this the Lei family's foundation?"

He was in charge of various intelligence missions in the Central Region and rarely went out personally. He had never been to other places, and he had never come into contact with the White Cave Small World far away in the Eastern Region.

Therefore, he could not tell that the bounded domain around Lei Xi'er was the epitome of the White Cave Small World.

He could only assume that this was her talent.

The Lei family, the God Devil Eyes...

As well as the entire Higher Void Family's desperate effort before their destruction. They had used all the treasures they had on Lei Xi'er to produce such a monstrous woman!

Yi's soul began to calculate in the void. He stared straight at the monstrous woman, twirling the Spirit Recovery Spiritual Flowers as he began to ponder.

"If it's a Sovereign (stage), it should barely meet the requirements?"

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"Watched, Passive Points +1."

Xu Xiaoshou was affected by the White Cave Small World's power of bounded domain and retracted all the almighty auras. He put Patriarch Wuji aside and silently looked to the other side.

In the quiet night sky, only the rustling of the wind could be heard.

The scene in front of him was so familiar.

Time seemed to be going backward. For some reason, everyone had returned to the Small World in the White Cave. If they took another step forward, it seemed that they could go to the Tiansang Spirit Palace.

However...

Things remained, but people had changed.

As the wind blew, a silver-haired Lei Xi'er stood alone not far away.

Her tattered green dress, which was stained with blood, could not hide her graceful figure. At the same time, it could no longer bring back the familiar feeling of the beauty of a small family.

Under the contrast of the hazy black and white demonic aura, there was only indifference and coldness on Lei Xi'er's pretty face.

Her fingers were green, and her silver hair that was blown by the wind was tied behind her ears. Her every movement had a faint charm to it.

Xu Xiaoshou was feeling lost.

If the divinity of the God Devil Eyes was represented by Mu Zixi's innocence, quirkiness, and vivacity.

Then, Lei Xi'er was truly a self-contradictory demoness, cold yet enchanting.

Xu Xiaoshou didn't want to accept that she was his junior sister.

However, the way Lei Xi'er looked at him...

That pair of God Devil Eyes revealed the color that Mu Zixi used to look at him with her eyes wide open.

Her emotions and expression were exactly the same!

"You're awake?" Xu Xiaoshou pursed his lips.

He did not take a step forward. He only felt that he and his junior sister were looking at each other from afar. In between them, there was an additional distance called 'unfamiliar'.

"Mm," Lei Xi'er nodded.

"Sovereign (stage)?" Xu Xiaoshou asked again.

"Sovereign (stage)," Lei Xi'er's red lips lifted as she smiled. Her eyes were about to curve into a crescent moon. "I can finally help..."

She suddenly stopped in the mid of her sentence. She seemed to have realized that this was not the reaction that she should have. She immediately controlled herself and her expression resumed the coldness.

Xu Xiaojie let out a long sigh.

Before she had obtained the Source of the World, Mu Zixi's cultivation level had always been able to increase inexplicably.

At first, he did not understand why. He only felt that his junior sister was also a genius, so it was understandable.

But now, it seemed like...

There was a reason for everything.

Perhaps, Lei Xi'er had always been there from the start, but he had never noticed it.

"Missed, Passive Points +1."

The information bar jumped out and interrupted Xu Xiaoshou's thought.

He turned his head.

After his aura dissipated, Patriarch Wuji stood up from kneeling.

However, it was clear that kneeling had damaged his dignity. Patriarch would remember it.

Xu Xiaobei didn't mind.

He had taken a liking to Liu Changqing and treated him as a friend.

The other party had always been respectful and had never done anything out of line. Xu Xiaoshou always treated him as a peer.

But Xuan Wuji...

When this old fellow first appeared, Xu Xiaoshou was indeed very respectful to him.

However, after the other party ignored Mu Zixi's life and death, everything changed.

Xu Xiaoshou looked at Patriarch Wuji and raised his Fourth Sword. His eyes were filled with undisguised killing intent.

"Are you injured from kneeling?"

He smiled coldly and said, "You can hold a grudge against me and secretly trick me. Even now, kill me on the spot if you can do it."

Xu Xiaoshou pointed at the sky.

"The world of Cloud Realm is now under your control. You can leak some information and borrow Rao Yaoyao's hand to kill me later."

Patriarch Wuji's body trembled. He had indeed thought of it just now.

"Surprised, Passive Points +1."

Xu Xiaoshou pointed at the surroundings again.

"The trial of the Yunlun Mountain Range still has a long way to go. You can also hide here and accumulate your strength.

"Just like how you need to spend a long time ignoring a person's life and death to set up an array and only strike when you are fully confident that you can kill your enemy, slow down and set up a trap to kill me."

The corner of Patriarch Wuji twitched again.

He had also thought of this just now.

"In Awe, Passive Points +1."

Xu Xiaoshou looked at the information bar and took a step forward with a smile. He said in a low voice, "I can think of all the backup plans and everything that you can think of."

He paused for a moment and said coldly.

"But I can't even guarantee that after this battle is over, you will still have the right to live.

"So, from your point of view, the best solution now is to kill me here before I grow up!"

As Xu Xiaoshoui said this, it was as if the main character in his words was not him. He was fearless.

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He grabbed Patriarch Wuji's shoulder and lightly exerted force. His five fingers pierced through his opponent's flesh and blood.

"Do you dare?"

A whisper in Patriarch Wuji's ear caused his hair to stand on end.

He looked at the cold demonic Qi in Xu Xiaoshou's eyes and felt the terrifying pressure on his shoulder.

When he lowered his head, he saw the Four Pillars of Destiny Token of Bazhun'an.

Patriarch Wuji was silent for a long time before he gritted his teeth and shook his head.

"I don't dare..."

He finally straightened his position.

A pawn would always be a pawn.

From the moment he was sent out of Abyss Island by the three ancestors of the White Vein, his life was no longer his.

Under such circumstances, how could he dare to touch Xu Xiaoshou, who might become the chess master in the future?

Not to mention Baizun'an.

Just the anger of the three ancestors of the White Vein alone was not something that he, Xuan Wuji, could bear!

At this moment...

As if he seized the opportunity during the internal strife among a few of them, Yi suddenly attacked. His soul body turned into a stream of light and headed in the direction of Lei Xi'er.

"Watch out!"

Patriarch Wuji immediately reminded him. He tried to make up for his mistakes and give up the fight for control of the Cloud Realm to help Lei Xi'er.

"Do your job!"

Xu Xiaoshou scolded and turned around.

Why did he need to be reminded?

The soul body that his Perception focused on was the one that Xu Xiaoshou had been long waiting for.

Yi's speed was fast.

But his bounded domain had been replaced by Lei Xi'er's White Cave Small World.

No matter how fast he was, he could not be faster than the master of this bounded domain, Lei Xi'er, and Xu Xiaoshou's eyes.

Almost at the same time that Yi moved...

Lei Xi'er tilted her head slightly, and without any movement, she turned her God Devil Eyes.

"God Devil Seal."

Her red lips opened, and a clear enchanting voice sounded.

The void trembled, and the God Devil Mist around Lei Xi'er bloomed like a black and white Reborn Lily in full bloom.

Then, the shadow of Yin and Yang, black and white God Devil Eyes appeared in Yi's eyes.

"Uh!"

In just an instant, Yi's figure was frozen in the air.

Xu Xiaoshou was shocked by this scene before he could even release his Soul Reading.

He recalled when Lei Shuangxing was fighting against Ye Xiaotian, he had skipped several levels and froze him in midair.

So, this was the use of the God Devil Eye?

Yi's soul body that he was clueless to deal with, Lei Xi'er could just take down using God Devil Eyes directly?

Xu Xiaoshou immediately put down the thought of using Soul Reading. His hands spun rapidly as he muttered something.

The divine path pattern appeared, and it swiftly sketched a clear and mysterious formation in the air.

"This!"

Patriarch Wuji's eyes instantly widened.

Wasn't this the construction method of the Spirit Shifting Six Profound Formation?

Did Xu Xiaoshou really learn it?

And looking at the proficiency of it...

Patriarch Wuji looked at the youth beside him in disbelief.

What monster was he? He could even learn the Divine Secret technique!

Moreover, his attainments were so high?

"Spirit Shifting Six Profound Formation, imperial order!"

Xu Xiaoshou received the seal with both hands, and the Divine Secret formation was immediately sealed away.

The path pattern seeped into Yi's soul body which was unable to move. Using the Great Paath as a bridge, it communicated with Yin and Yang and opened up a large gap in Yi's soul body's second space — the soul space.

The spatial ring, spiritual weapons, elixirs...

All the secret treasures were clearly visible!

Xu Xiaoshou skipped the others and first searched for the thing he wanted the most. In the end, he found it in an inconspicuous corner.

It was a fist-sized stone figurine that looked like a clay doll. It had a head but without facial features, and its body had bare limbs. It was very strange.

"Is this... the Imitator?"

Xu Xiaoshou was watching coldly. With a hook of his finger, the divine path pattern was constructed and drew it out.

"Give it to me!"

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The moment the clay doll flew out of the soul space, it restored all of the properties of the real thing.

This thing was not a soul weapon, to begin with.

Sensing that the spiritual source could control this thing, Xu Xiaoshou compressed the spiritual thread in his hand and threw it out, locking it into a spiritual cocoon. Ignoring the resistance of the treasure, he grabbed it from the air.

"Imitator?!"

Patriarch Wuji cried out involuntarily. He could now see clearly what Xu Xiaoshou was actually after.

This fellow, while he was still fighting and Yi had not died yet, had already set his eyes on the other party's treasure.

The Imitator was one of the 10 super performance weapons and a supreme treasure that could imitate anyone and any ability in the world!

Yi's soul body started to tremble vigorously as if it no longer could endure all of this.

However, the controlling power of Lei Xi'er's God Devil Eyes was too strong.

That pair of God Devil Seal that had completely controlled his soul body, Yi still was unable to break free from it.

"Xu Xiaoshou..."

Lei Xi'er looked sideways and muttered, her pretty face showing an expression of pain.

Her God Devil Eyes soon would not be able to hold on any longer.

Xu Xiaoshou didn't expect Lei Xi'er's control skill to be able to control the Great Void for such a long time!

Without saying a word, he blasted the Imitator into the world of Yuan Mansion. At the same time, he used his spiritual senses to pull it out...

The Divine Secret triggered the other treasures in the soul space and pulled them out one by one like a torrent.

"This is crazy!"

Seeing the countless spiritual weapons, elixirs, and 10 or so spatial rings flying toward Xu Xiaoshou in a line according to the rules, Patriarch Wuji was dumbfounded.

This is too crazy!

When a battle was halfway through, you directly seized the other party's treasures in the inventory that had been stored for hundreds of years?

Who could tolerate this?

Clearly, Yi couldn't tolerate this at all!

His soul body trembled vigorously in the air and was so angry that it split open...

No!

It was not by anger.

This fellow's soul body had split into two on the spot!

The first half of Yi's soul body was still under the control of Lei Xi'er's God Devil Seal. But now, it seemed to have pulled back all of Yi's spiritual will and it no longer resisted.

And the other half that had split open was like a cicada escaping its shell. In the blink of an eye, it rushed towards Lei Xi'er's direction.

"Wahahaha..."

Yi laughed strangely, and its laughter was filled with arrogance. "Xu Xiaoshou! So what if you empty my soul space? Next, even your people will be mine!"

A stream of light flashed and disappeared.

Lei Xi'er, who was still trying her best to control the first half of Yi's soul body, the other half of Yi's soul body was about to rush into her body before she could stop and react.

This time, Patriarch Wuji's expression suddenly changed as if he had understood something.

"Possession!"

He cried out in shock, "Xu Xiaoshou! This guy doesn't intend to recover his physical body. He has taken a liking to your junior sister's body. He wants to possess her!"

Possession?

Xu Xiaoshou's face turned pale.

If Yi recovered his physical body, he had the Fourth Sword to slash him.

Therefore, this guy gave up on the plan to recover his body and diverted to Lei Xi'er's body?

Lei Xi'er had just broken through to the Sovereign (stage) and her cultivation realm was still unstable.

It was the perfect opportunity to possess her!

And as long as Yi's soul body got into Lei Xi'er's body...

Without knowing whether Lei Xi'er had been possessed or not, how could his Fourth Sword slash at his people?

"B\*stard!"

Xu Xiaoshou cursed angrily. His demonic Qi surged once again wreaking havoc in his mind.

His body trembled uncontrollably, and golden light blossomed. The demonic Qi seeped into his body, and the berserk giant appeared again!

"Roar..."

With a single stomp, the ground shattered.

Carrying his massive body, Xu Xiaoshu ascended into the sky with a single step, appearing in the path on which Yi's soul body was moving.

He wanted to protect Lei Xi'er with his towering physique!

Xu Xiaoshou did not know if Lei Xi'er could resist the possession.

However, he clearly understood that if Yi dared to crash into his body, the will of the big shots in his body would be able to kill Yi on the spot without thinking about whether the other party possessed his body!

Xu Xiaoshou understood this when he soul read Duo'er, and the Demi-Saint Zang Ren.

At this moment, he was still a pawn of those big shots and could not resist.

Just like what Elder Sang had said.

A pawn only needed to do its part.

As for the rest, someone would come out and clean up the mess that it could not fight against.

This was also the reason why Xu Xiaoshou dared to be so tough. He no longer gave face to Patriarch Wuji. He would drink when he needed to drink and fight when he needed to fight.

Sometimes, a pawn could be more unscrupulous than a chess player.

A truly brilliant pawn could even influence various factors in the game, and in the end... make use of the chess player!

However...

It was all in his mind.

Yi was not stupid. How could he follow the script given by the enemy and move along?

He initially didn't know about Xu Xiaoshou's status in the Saint Servant, and he indeed had the intention to choose between Lei Xi'er and Xu Xiaoshou to possess.

However, after seeing Xu Xiaoshou's Four Pillars of Destiny Token and Patriarch Wuji's kneeling...

No matter how stupid Yi was, he could figure out that Xu Xiaoshou must have the backup from the Eighth Sword Deity and all the big shots of the sects on Abyss Island.

If he wanted to possess anyone...

In fact, none of the people present were the best choice.

Patriarch Wuji was directly ruled out as this guy was previously a Holy Emperor when his cultivation level was at its peak! His will was incomparably strong!

Xu Xiaoshou's body had too many arrangements. Perhaps once he entered his body, he would provoke a will even more terrifying than Patriarch Wuji's.

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As for the remaining Lei Xi'er...

This woman carried the karma of the Lei family's tragedy. Perhaps all of the Lei family's backup plans were on her.

It was naturally not safe to possess her.

However, the Lei family was only a Great Void family after all.

As long as it was a Great Void family, it meant that there was no Demi-Saint in the family, even if the Lei family's overall strength was comparable to the Demi-Saint.

However, in terms of will...

Even if the head of the Lei family came out, at most, he would only have the Great Void level's will...

And Yi was a Great Void!

In such a critical situation, Lei Xi'er was comparatively the best choice.

Of course.

It was also the only choice!

Yi's half soul body suddenly braked in front of the berserk giant and then tilted his head to avoid him.

This scene was so familiar.

Xu Xiaoshou subconsciously tilted his head...

Soul Reading!

That pair of blood-black eyes, which were surging with demonic Qi, suddenly shot out a dark light and focused directly on Yi.

"Again?"

Yi laughed mockingly.

He had been hit once. With the previous experience, how could he not be on guard?

"The power of Great Void..."

"Chaotic Ghostly Qi, spiritual embodiment!"

Yi put his palms together. The green and black Great Void energy surrounded his body and protected him at the front, forming the second body of the spiritual will.

This body of spiritual will was only connected to a strand of his spiritual senses.

He had been hit by the Soul Reading before. Basically, when one was hit by a spiritual technique, he could deduce what method the spiritual technique used and how it launched an attack, from the battle consciousness of the Great Void.

As expected.

Everything was under control.

Yi only had a strand of his spiritual senses. According to Xu Xiaoshou's Soul Reading, that body of spiritual will had the spiritual energy from the power of the Great Void and Yi's spiritual will...

This was the foundation of a person's soul.

Hence, the perfect control skill of Soul Reading was blocked by Yi's body of spiritual will!

If it had been another opponent, he would not have been able to find a way in terms of spiritual and soul to counter Soul Reading in such a short time.

However, Yi had started with spirit and soul.

He was a master in this aspect. Even the power of the Great Void was a combination of soul attack and defense. He had used a small trick to block the awakening technique that Xu Xiaoshou was proud of.

And the second body of the spiritual will was controlled.

Even if Yi only pulled a strand of spiritual senses, his body was still affected and was delayed for a moment.

However, Yi was prepared for it. He had planned to give up on that strand of spiritual senses. He immediately cut it off, and his soul body regained its mobility.

"Are you stunned?"

As he passed by the berserk giant's head, Yi turned his eyes and saw a flash of astonishment in the berserk giant's huge eyes.

Yi smiled.

"At such a young age, you should be proud of yourself for being able to use so many methods to force me into this state!"

Yi said these words from the bottom of his heart.

Patriarch Wuji and Lei Xi'er did not interfere in the previous battle.

Xu Xiaoshou had destroyed the Great Void's physical body with his own strength and the Grandmaster Realm. Furthermore, it was the physical body of the Chief of Transformation Division on the continent.

Even though he had the help of powerful external objects like the Fourth Sword which could ignore the cultivation realms.

However, external objects were also a part of his strength.

If the news of Xu Xiaoshou's battle results were to spread outside, he would be able to stir up huge waves in the five regions!

However...

That was all...

After a pause, Yi shook his head gently and sighed, "You have already used all your methods, but I still have the strength that you cannot reach. Next, you should obediently sleep!"

The Great Void energy surged again.

The power of the Chaotic Ghostly Qi was not only able to construct a second body of spiritual will as a defense.

Ultimately, the move just now was just Yi's battle consciousness in using the Great Void energy. He countered each move as he saw fit and used the move as he saw fit.

The true power of the Chaotic Ghostly Qi was not a defense, but an attack.

"Spiritual Will, Fall!"

The moment Yi passed by, he waved his hand.

The Chaotic Ghostly Qi turned into a flying spirit butterfly and flew over, invading the mind and soul of the berserk giant.

"Controlled, Passive Points + 1."

Xu Xiaoshou felt as if he was hallucinating. His eyelids instantly felt heavy, and he was about to fall asleep.

Yi's Great Void power could make the enemy unconscious and fall!

This was something that couldn't be solved in a battle!

"[..."

Xu Xiaoshou wanted to fight back and lift his eyelids.

However, he was too weak.

He was so drowsy that he couldn't even move a finger.

The absolute suppression of the cultivation realm...

The absolute suppression of the Great Void's energy...

Just like what Yi had said.

It was enough for a Master (stage) junior to do what he did.

Anything more would be too much!

But...

Was there really no solution?

Had he really done enough?

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Xu Xiaoshou's consciousness was in a daze.

But in the next second, a furious roar sounded in his mind, and he continued speaking.

"I can't sleep!"

Along with this thought, a loud sound echoed in his mind. It was as if a bucket of ice water had been poured on him, and Xu Xiaoshou instantly woke up.

Soul Awakening!

Disillusionment Finger: when it was under the control of the mind and soul, it would be activated passively. It would accumulate charge points and then counterattack.

This move was not an active skill, to begin with, but a special passive skill that was used passively for a counterattack!

"Disillusionment Finger (charge point: 4.62%)."

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#### Chapter 899: Possession! (Part 3)

Having done everything, Yi didn't think too much about anything else.

From his point of view, Xu Xiaoshou was a junior. This fellow had learned too many things. How could he even be able to dispel his Great Void energy, the Chaotic Ghostly Qi?

Thus, after dealing with Xu Xiaoshou, his soul body advanced in the direction of Lei Xi'er.

After being blocked by the berserk giant, Lei Xi'er had a moment to catch her breath.

However, the time was too short.

For the Sovereign (stage) to control the Great Void, the gap between their realms was too big. Thus the consumption was also huge.

Lei Xi'er had just barely recovered from the attack of Yi's first half soul body. Her spiritual source energy reserve could no longer support her to cast the God Devil Eyes for another round.

As the Lord of White Cave Small World, of course, she could borrow the power of the world.

Lei Xi'er had wanted to borrow the power of the White Cave Small World.

But who was Yi?

As he was approaching, he waved his hand again, not giving anyone a chance.

"Little girl, you should sleep too..."

"Spiritual Will, Fall!"

The spirit butterflies fluttered again.

It was again the absolute control of the Great Void's power over the soul.

However, this time around, although Lei Xi'er had yet to make a move, the God Devil Eyes automatically stopped rotating. It then began to rotate at a high speed in opposite direction.

At the same time, the demonic Qi on her body was restrained, and a large amount of holy divinity power was released.

Then, it formed a spiritual shield around her body.

"Divine Rejection?!"

Yi's soul body was stunned.

He did not know much about the ability of the Lei family's God Devil Eyes.

But as a spiritual cultivator who focused on spirit and soul, how could he not have heard of the Lei family's Divine Rejection?

Divine Rejection was the exclusive self-defense pupil skill of the host of the God Devil Eyes of the Lei family. It could make one immune to any spirit and soul attacks in the world.

The fame of this pupil's skill was too prominent!

Yi could recognize it immediately.

Previously, he used spiritual control on Mu Zixi and it didn't work. It was because of Divine Rejection!

However, in theory, the Divine Rejection had the effect of being immune to all spirit and soul attacks. But it was only for opponents of the same level.

At this moment, Lei Xi'er was merely a Sovereign (stage).

And Yi was in the Great Void realm. Furthermore, he had used all his strength to unleash the power of the Great Void. How could she be completely immune to it?

Thus after most of the energy being blocked by the Divine Rejection, the Chaotic Ghostly Qi was completely exhausted.

It was indeed powerful for the Sovereign (stage) to block the power of the Great Void.

After a wave of the chaotic Ghost Qi was exhausted, when it invaded the body of Lei Xi'er, it could no longer cause her to fall asleep. It only caused Lei Xi'er to become a little dispirited.

Yi's expression became dark and vicious.

The people he had met tonight could not be measured by their cultivation levels.

They were all too strange!

But...

"You're still awake?"

Yi smiled eerily and said in a ferocious voice, "It's better if you're awake! If you're awake, I'll forcefully possess you!"

The soul body pounced.

Even though Lei Xi'er was not asleep, she was controlled for a moment. She was completely unable to stop the other party's possession attack.

But at this moment, an even colder and more bloodthirsty crazy voice suddenly sounded behind Yi.

"Did I let you pass?"

Yi's soul trembled, and he suddenly stopped and looked back.

Behind him, the berserk giant that was supposed to be on the ground raised its hands high as its huge body leaned back.

This scene was too deceiving.

Even though Xu Xiaoshou had 'spiritually awakened', he did not give up on the disguise of being unconscious.

Thus Yi's spiritual sense had indeed sensed the berserk giant's fall, but it did not react in time. The lifting of the giant's hand behind him was not due to the inertia of his body falling, but it was Xu Xiaoshou who took advantage of the situation.

The berserk giant bent his hand and extended his finger...

One finger!

Yi's pupils constricted.

This finger that was like that of an immortal was too familiar. He had once been blasted by this finger until his spiritual body festered and could not recover for a long time.

He did not have much time to react.

Along with the loud rumbling of his soul, the strange phenomenon of the Disillusionment Finger that was difficult to see with the naked eye was a resplendent green light that could tear the sky and destroy the earth in the eyes of his soul body.

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The green light pierced through the void and drowned everything.

"No..."

## Chapter 900: Self Destruct! (Part 1)

Yi's roar came to an abrupt end.

The berserk giant pointed at the green light. As its body size increased, the coverage of the green light became larger as well.

Even if Yi had all sorts of tricks up his sleeves, under the clumsy movement of his soul body, he failed to dodge the extreme speedy Disillusionment Finger relying on displacement.

There seemed to be a 'bang' sound.

Xu Xiaoshou could only faintly hear the sound of an explosion coming from Yi's direction.

However, he could not really hear the explosion of Yi's soul body with his naked ears. He could only rely on the power of Divine Secret attached to his eyes to see Yi's soul body explode in all directions under the green light of the Disillusionment Finger.

"Is he dead?"

Specks of soul light shattered onto the ground.

Xu Xiaoshou could see it clearly, but he frowned.

It seemed that the person who was killed by Disillusionment Finger shouldn't have exploded, but... completely destructed?

He resumed his normal size and looked at Xuan Wuji.

Patriarch Wuji couldn't suppress the joy on his face but he said resolutely, "He's not dead yet!"

"Not dead yet?"

Xu Xiaoshou was shocked.

Yi was still alive under such circumstances?

How difficult was it to kill the Higher Void (level)?

If Yi hadn't conveniently used the power of the Higher Void to counterattack him in the end, the other party might still be alive.

However, there was no 'if'...

Xu Xiaoshou had never thought that Yi's Chaotic Ghostly Qi, which seemed to be a light blow, would give Disillusionment Finger a 4.62% of charge points!

This fellow, he had indeed destroyed himself.

Yi had become a crippled soul body, and he had even been split into two; these had greatly affected his ability.

If he didn't conveniently counterattack, or if he didn't use the power of the Higher Void and just spiritually controlled Xu Xiaoshou, it wouldn't give Xu Xiaoshou's Disillusionment Finger a 4.62% of charge points.

But just as Xu Xiaoshou had never thought that Yi would make a backhand attack.

Yi didn't expect Xu Xiaoshou, who he wanted to destroy, to be a hedgehog that he couldn't even touch.

This was so true!

Life was so unpredictable...

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"Xu Xiaoshou.

"The bounded domain has changed..."

Lei Xi'er woke up from Yi's control and stood up, reminding him softly.

Just as she said, Yi's bounded domain in this place was originally replaced by her White Cave Small World.

But now, with the destruction of Yi's soul body, it had been replaced by another scene.

The dark and misty space was like the netherworld. It was as if one had fallen into an ice cellar.

Xu Xiaoshou faintly felt that this kind of power was of a very high level, and it was somewhat familiar.

Without thinking, he knew that this was definitely Yi's backup plan!

That fellow had been hit twice by the Disillusionment Finger, yet he could still survive. Was he a cockroach, wasn't he?

Furthermore...

What was this world that looked like an illusion?

Xu Xiaoshou turned to look at Patriarch Wuji.

Patriarch Wuji was obviously knowledgeable. He immediately understood the origin of this scene and explained with a smile, "The Higher Void World! This is Yi's Higher Void World. He has no choice but to use this move to save his life."

The Higher Void World... Xu Xiaoshou thought of Elder Sang's straw hat.

The dead old man had used this method to give him the last help.

And now, Yi was obviously at the end of his rope. That was why he was forced to summon the Higher Void World.

But why...

The Higher Void World was obviously so powerful.

But Elder Sang and Yi were forced to use it when they had no other choice?

If they had used it earlier...

Would the situation have been different from the current situation?

Patriarch Wuji saw Xu Xiaoyou's confusion and said.

"The Higher Void World is the manifestation of the Higher Void's will. It is a place to cultivate the virtual image and train mental strength and spiritual power.

"To the low-level spiritual cultivators, they are indeed powerful. However, when they encounter enemies of the same level and be the first to release the Higher Void World, it's nothing more than exposing their most vulnerable side.

"After all, on this continent, there are very few who really focus on the Way of spirit and soul."

Xu Xiaoshou was suddenly enlightened.

But then he thought.

Wasn't Yi majored in the way of spirit and soul?

Patriarch Wuji smiled, "Do you really think so?"

He then explained, "The sword of the ancient swordsman, the spirit of the spiritual cultivator, and the spirit and soul of the way of spirit and soul; only in this way, one can be considered to be a true major.

"Yi is merely cultivating, based on the spiritual cultivation in the Sovereign level, the enhanced way of the spirit and soul.

"His ability in the way of the spirit and soul is indeed strong. Under the circumstances of ordinary people do not cultivate the way of the spirit and soul, his ability can also be considered a major.

"But a fake is just a fake after all. There are even fewer people in the five regions who are truly majored in the way of the spirit and soul than the ancient swordsman. Currently, only Bei Huai has cultivated successfully."

"Yi didn't dare to release the Higher Void World earlier because..."

Patriarch Wuji laughed arrogantly, "Others might be afraid of his Higher Void World but my ability could completely restrain him!"

Xu Xiaoshou's heart skipped a beat.

He seemed to now understand why Patriarch Wuji could still laugh happily even though he had yet to kill Yi.

"Xu Xiaoshou, you've done enough. Leave the rest to me!"

Patriarch Wuji looked up at the sky and stopped what he was doing.

Ever since he saw Xu Xiaoshou's abilities in fighting Yi, he had taken over the logistics and fully focused on the battle with the Divine Secret Sorcerer from the red-clothed people.

The other party was very powerful.

He was pressured by the Divine Secret techniques several times. Patriarch Wuji had wanted to help in the battle in front of him but it was difficult to free his hands.

But fortunately, he was experienced.