#### **SOVEREIGN 991**

Chapter 991: Martial Emperor Qing Feng

"Immortal Spirit Herb, it's the Immortal Spirit Herb!"

"Hahahaha... Xiong Quan's Dantian will be healed! Xiong Quan's Dantian will be healed!"

Duan Ling Tian's joy was written all over his face. He was laughing to the point that he had lost his usual composure. There were excitement and joy in his laughter.

Xiong Quan followed him wherever he went back in the days when he was still in the Crimson Sky Kingdom. He did his best to serve Duan Ling Tian without a single word of complaint.

He even helped him extricate himself from many critical situations back in those days so that he remained safe and sound.

A few years later, when they were at the Eternal Jade Restaurant in the Ancient City of Everlast of Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, Xiong Quan had his Dantian destroyed by a Void Initiation martial artist when he was protecting Duan Ling Tian. Since then, he left Duan Ling Tian and returned to his hometown.

Throughout the years, Duan Ling Tian did not forget about Xiong Quan's Dantian being destroyed, not even for a second did he forget about that matter!

In fact, he felt guiltier as time passed, he felt like he owed Xiong Quan too much.

The last time he returned to his hometown after the Darkhan Dynasty Martial Competition ended, he did not visit Xiong Quan at all due to the guilt he felt.

At that time, he had made up his mind.

The next time he met Xiong Quan again would be the time he healed his Dantian.

"Initially, I thought that I'll only obtain the Quasi Royal Grade Resurrection Pill when I find the Rebirth Martial Emperor's great treasure to help Xiong Quan heal his Dantian... I didn't expect to see the Immortal Spirit Herb here!"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes revealed a hint of excitement when he looked at the plant with three leaves before his eyes.

Even in the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, the Immortal Spirit Herb only existed in legends, people had only heard of it but had never seen it before.

The Immortal Spirit Herb was a legendary medicinal herb.

Duan Ling Tian had to give credit to the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory for being able to identify the Immortal Spirit Herb today.

Although the Rebirth Martial Emperor had never seen the Immortal Spirit Herb before, he had heard many legends about the Immortal Spirit Herb and knew some of its characteristics.

The Immortal Spirit Herb had straight roots and leaves with a green glow.

The most crucial part is the pattern on its leaves that was completely different from usual herbs.

The usual herbs would have a straight line in the middle while its pattern branched out on both sides.

However, the pattern on the Immortal Spirit Herb was a spiral, and a green glow spread out from the middle. It gave off an extraordinary feeling.

That was how Duan Ling Tian identified the plant with three leaves as the Immortal Spirit Herb that he had always wanted.

Although he knew of the Immortal Spirit Herb's existence in the past and that it could help Xiong Quan heal his Dantian, the Immortal Spirit Herb was too ethereal and unreal that he did not dream he would obtain it one day.

He thought he would have to find the Quasi Royal Grade Resurrection Pill or the Royal Grade Resurrection Pill from the great treasure the Rebirth Martial Emperor left behind to help Xiong Quan heal his Dantian.

"With this Immortal Spirit Herb, I don't have to wait until I find the great treasure the Martial Emperor left behind to retrieve the Resurrection Pill to help Xiong Quan heal his Dantian!"

Duan Ling Tian was overjoyed as he looked at the Immortal Spirit Herb before his eyes.

"There's a total of three leaves on the Immortal Spirit Herb... I only need one to heal Xiong Quan's Dantian! As for the remaining two, I'll give one to Big Brother Zhang so that he can heal his wife's Dantian."

Duan Ling Tian came up with a plan as he looked at the Immortal Spirit Herb before his eyes.

Zhang Shou Yong's wife, Wang Qiong, also had her Dantian damaged, and she could no longer cultivate.

Perhaps Zhang Shou Yong's current ability was nothing compared to him, but it was Zhang Shou Yong who saved his life at the Eternal Jade Restaurant in the Ancient City of Everlast back then.

Otherwise, he would not be able to achieve what he had achieved today.

Therefore, he must return the favor by many folds due to the fact that Zhang Shou Yong saved his life!

"Big Brother Zhang will be very happy if he knows about this."

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and put the Immortal Spirit Herb away like a precious treasure.

The Immortal Spirit Herb was different from the usual herbs that wilted easily.

The Immortal Spirit Herb, as a legendary medicinal herb, would not wilt even if it was removed from the soil.

'Seems like I'll need to alter my plan a little after leaving the Martial Emperor's secret treasure... I must return to Darkhan Dynasty to heal Xiong Quan and Big Brother Zhang's wife's Dantians. Only after that,

I'll look for the great treasure the Rebirth Martial Emperor left behind.' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself secretly.

From the moment he killed Lei Zhong, he had planned to leave Five Element Sect. He did not plan to stay in the northern desert as well.

He would look for the great treasure the Rebirth Martial Emperor left behind in his second life despite the fact that he had yet to identify the exact location of the treasure up until now.

However, he would be able to identify the location as long as he found a rough map of Cloud Continent. He would then be able to retrieve the great treasure the Rebirth Martial Emperor left behind.

Now that he found the Immortal Spirit Herb in the Martial Emperor's secret treasure by accident, it changed his plan.

He decided there was no hurry to look for the great treasure the Rebirth Martial Emperor left behind after he left the Martial Emperor's secret treasure. He would return to the Darkhan Dynasty first so that he could help Xiong Quan and Wang Qiong heal their Dantians.

He would plan for the rest at a later date.

"I wonder what's up there."

Duan Ling Tian was pulled back to reality after putting the Immortal Spirit Herb away. He looked at the ceiling that was wide open when he lifted his head. His eyes lit up, and he leaped into the air.

'Whoosh!'

In just an instant, Duan Ling Tian leaped and arrived at another place as he left the One-in-Four Stone Room beneath his feet.

"This... looks like the other level of the central palace?"

Duan Ling Tian looked around for a while and faintly speculated as his heart jolted.

The central palace was the palace located in the central area of the Martial Emperor's secret treasure. It was also the place where the Martial Emperor who left this Martial Emperor's secret treasure behind ended his life, and where his body was located.

Most of the young powerhouses, including Duan Ling Tian, came for the three Profundity Fragments in the Martial Emperor's body.

Especially the Emperor Stage Profundity Fragment. One could imagine how precious it was since it was ranked as the top treasure in the entire Cloud Continent.

Even if the person who obtained the Emperor Stage Profundity Fragment could not use it personally, he could find a Ninth Level Monarch Stage powerhouse who had comprehended the corresponding profundity and give it to him as a favor.

That person could even get the Ninth Level Monarch Stage powerhouse to swear on the Ninety-Nine Heavenly Tribulation to protect him for life.

As soon as he obtained the Emperor Stage Profundity Fragment, breaking through to the Martial Emperor Stage and becoming a Martial Emperor powerhouse was not difficult at all.

In that case, it was equivalent to having a Martial Emperor powerhouse to depend on!

Would that not mean that person would be invincible on the Cloud Continent since that person had a Martial Emperor powerhouse to depend on in the future?

"If I didn't remember it wrong... There are a total of five levels in this palace where the Martial Emperor powerhouse ended his life." Duan Ling Tian pondered for a while.

Although there were only five levels in the palace, the height of each level exceeded the height of normal palaces.

Therefore, although there were only five levels in this palace, it seemed to be extraordinarily tall.

"Young one, welcome to the Qing Feng Palace's second level... Since you managed to get here, you're worthy of knowing my honorific title! Martial Emperor Qing Feng is my honorific title."

Just as Duan Ling Tian took a step forward and realized that he had activated the Polyphony Formation once again, a familiar yet unfamiliar voice entered his ears.

"Qing Feng Palace? Martial Emperor Qing Feng?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up when he heard the voice.

He knew nothing about the Martial Emperor who left this Martial Emperor's secret treasure behind since the beginning when he journeyed here and until now after he had entered the palace.

Now that the Martial Emperor who left this Martial Emperor's secret treasure behind took the initiative to introduce himself, Duan Ling Tian finally knew his honorific title.

Since Duan Ling Tian had the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory in him, it was natural for him to know that all Martial Emperors on the Cloud Continent had honorific titles of their own that they carried through their entire lives.

Just like the Rebirth Martial Emperor, it was also an honorific title.

Martial Emperor Qing Feng was the honorific title of the Martial Emperor who left this Martial Emperor's secret treasure behind...

'Since this is the Qing Feng Palace's second level... Then I should be on the first level earlier. There are a total of five levels in the Qing Feng Palace, does this mean we'll have to ascend level by level?' Duan Ling Tian speculated secretly.

As if it was responding to Duan Ling Tian's speculation, Martial Emperor Qing Feng's voice sounded again. "I've set up a Nine-Nine Wooden Figure Stage on Qing Feng Palace's second level... The first person who breaks through the Nine-Nine Wooden Figure Stage will receive a copper key and will be granted permission to enter the Qing Feng Palace's third level."

"The Mirror Image Illusory Formation will vanish, and the Nine-Nine Wooden Figure Stage will be activated ten breaths later!"

Martial Emperor Qing Feng's voice entered Duan Ling Tian's ears clearly.

'Mirror Image Illusory Formation?'

Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed after he heard what Martial Emperor Qing Feng said. He extended his Spiritual Energy out immediately and realized that everything around him was an illusion.

It was all illusory mirror images made up by the Mirror Image Illusory Formation, they did not exist at all. He could only look at them but not touch them.

"Nine-Nine Wooden Figure Stage? What's that? Wooden Figure?"

Throughout the next ten breaths, Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'So what if there are so many of them if they're Wooden Figures? They'll turn into scattering powder when I fight them with all my strength!" Duan Ling Tian was very confident about his current ability.

However, subconsciously, he knew the Nine-Nine Wooden Figure Stage would not be as easy as he thought. After all, it was a test the Martial Emperor left behind.

'This is the Qing Feng Palace's second level... Theoretically, this Nine-Nine Wooden Figure Stage should be more powerful than the human and beast sculptures on the first level,' Duan Ling Tian speculated secretly as he drew on his experience on the Qing Feng Palace's first level.

"Also... Those who managed to pass through the Nine-Nine Wooden Figure Stage would only obtain one copper key? Isn't this Martial Emperor Qing Feng too stingy?" Duan Ling Tian's thought to himself as his heart jolted.

He figured something was wrong after changing his mindset. "It's the Qing Feng Palace's second level... Theoretically, the reward for breaking through each level would definitely not be any lower than the value of the grade one spirit weapons and medicinal pills!"

"Perhaps, there's some secret hidden behind the copper key that I don't know about!" The more Duan Ling Tian thought about it, the more certain he became.

Chapter 992: The Odd Stone Platform

Ten breaths were neither that long of a time nor was it entirely short.

When Duan Ling Tian was lost in his thoughts, ten breaths passed by just like that.

After ten breaths had passed, Duan Ling Tian noticed all the mirror images that were made by the Mirror Image Illusory Formation had disappeared.

At the same time, he appeared in another corridor again.

In comparison to the corridor on the Qing Feng Palace's first level, the corridor on the second level seemed to be more narrow.

Apart from that, there were wooden figures standing in the Qing Feng Palace's second level corridor. Their presence was quite conspicuous.

These wooden figures were paired up in twos and threes. They were either standing on the ground or hovering in mid-air, effectively blocking the path that led to the other end of the corridor completely. Nobody could pass through it at all.

The group of wooden figures in the corridor looked extra stiff, they did not move at all since Duan Ling Tian saw them.

'So this is the Nine-Nine Wooden Figure Stage?' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he raised his eyebrows.

When he extended his Spiritual Energy out, he soon found out what the wooden figures were.

These wooden figures were no different from those human and beast sculptures with Inscription Formation on their bodies on the Qing Feng Palace's first level.

Similarly, there were also Origin Stones and Concept Fragments in their bodies.

Although Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Energy could not detect how powerful the Concept Fragments were in these wooden figures' bodies, it was not difficult for him to guess these wooden figures' abilities. It would definitely be a lot more powerful than those human and beast sculptures on the Qing Feng Palace's first level.

If that was not the case, it was unnecessary to divide them into two levels!

"Also, the wood that they're made of... It's not like the usual material."

Soon after, the Spiritual Energy that Duan Ling Tian extended out detected the density of the wood the wooden figures were made from was far more powerful than usual rocks.

"I get it now... Although these fellows are made of wood, their bodies are much more powerful than those sculptures on the Qing Feng Palace's first level! Their bodies' movements are more agile when they move." Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath, he did not dare to underestimate these wooden figures anymore.

"Oh, yes! Martial Emperor Qing Feng mentioned... Only the first person who breaks through the Nine-Nine Wooden Figure Stage will get the bronze key to enter the third level of Qing Feng Palace!"

As the thought flashed through his mind, Duan Ling Tian's facial expression changed all of a sudden as he recalled the content of the message that Martial Emperor Qing Feng left earlier.

"Damn it! How can I forget about this!"

Duan Ling Tian panicked as he recalled how much time he had wasted earlier.

How could he be distracted by these wooden figures during such a critical time?

Moreover, him using his Spiritual Energy to investigate what the wooden figures were made of was completely unnecessary and showed that he had no sense of urgency.

To him, the most important thing now was to break through this Nine-Nine Wooden Figure Stage before him, obtain the thing called the bronze key, and head to the Qing Feng Palace's third level.

'Whirlwind!'

Duan Ling Tian did not dare to delay any further and dashed in. It seemed as though his entire being was transformed into a hurricane as he dashed to the other end of the corridor.

Just as Duan Ling Tian dashed like a purple lightning across the corridor, something happened when he was tens of meters away from the three wooden figures that stood in front.

'Krak! Krak! Krak!'

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Three wooden figures' stiff bodies shook suddenly and a clear sound reverberated. It was as if they were activated at that moment.

However, Duan Ling Tian did not find that surprising.

As he was getting closer to the wooden figures, his sensitive Spiritual Energy noticed that he had unintentionally activated an Inscription Formation.

Moreover, he had activated all the Inscription Formations in the wooden figures along the corridor!

'Whoosh! Whoosh!'

The three wooden figures closest to Duan Ling Tian attacked him almost simultaneously. They looked menacing.

The Origin Energies in their bodies ran rampant and quickly integrated with their Concepts. They demonstrated their powerful strengths and charged at Duan Ling Tian without mercy.

'Fwah! Fwah! Fwah!'

At the same time, five hundred ancient horned dragons' silhouettes appeared above the three wooden figures' heads. They charged toward Duan Ling Tian ferociously.

Even a First Level Void Transformation martial artist who had comprehended the First Level Void Transformation Concept only had a strength equivalent to four hundred ancient horned dragons without using any spirit weapons.

The three wooden figures with five hundred ancient horned dragons' strength charged quickly as they attacked, the air current trembled in the space followed by an ear-piercing sound of air explosion.

The noise from the air explosion swept through like an airwave continuously as they transformed into a strong gust of wind that caused the purple robe on Duan Ling Tian to flap noisily.

Faced with the three wooden figures' attacks, Duan Ling Tian's face remained unchanged. He did not even look them straight in their eyes.

"Die!" A cold voice came out of Duan Ling Tian's mouth.

Without knowing when, a three-foot-long blade that was formed completely from khaki energy appeared in his hand that was slightly lifted. He shook all of a sudden.

'Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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As soon as Duan Ling Tian spoke, a series of quick sword whistling sound came like pouring rain. They came continuously and did not stop at all.

'Whoosh!'

When the sword whistling sound died down, Duan Ling Tian extended his other arm into the air and caught tens of mid-grade Origin Stones and three Concept Fragments that appeared out of thin air.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian dashed toward the next group of wooden figures.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian moved, the three wooden figures that were rushing at him were fiercely blasted in the air and turned into pieces of broken wood. They fell onto the ground like rain.

"Pa! Pa! Pa! Pa! Pa!'

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As soon as the three wooden figures turned into hundreds, possibly even thousands, of broken wood that fell on the ground, a shower of wood began to fall nearby. The same thing happened for a long time without stopping.

'Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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The quick purple silhouette would vanish from where he was in an instant and appear deeper into the corridor in the next second.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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There would be gusts of ear-piercing sword whistling sound without fail whenever he appeared, and it would be followed by a shower of wooden pieces.

There would also be countless broken wood pieces all over the place wherever he went.

"I've killed 78 of them... There are three more! Nine-Nine Wooden Figure Stage, nine multiplied by nine equals to 81... So, that's how it is!"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes gleamed when he figured it out. He quickly dashed toward the last three wooden figures like a bolt of purple lightning.

The three wooden figures with eight hundred ancient horned dragons' silhouettes above each of their heads had rampant energies that combined the Origin Energies and Concepts in their bodies. They were attacking Duan Ling Tian simultaneously like thunders.

"Right on time!"

This time, Duan Ling Tian did not fight them with the three-foot-long blade formed from khaki energy. Instead, he used the most direct way and welcomed them with both his fists.

'Whoosh! Whoosh!'

As he punched both his fists out with all his might, two waves of khaki energy with green energy and purple lightning entwined in it swept toward the wooden figures. In between, there were waves of sharp aura that came from the Sword Concept.

'Bang!!' A loud 'bang' exploded and echoed clearly in the narrow corridor.

'Victory favors the bold!'

In the meantime, the energy that was flowing out of Duan Ling Tian's fists swept toward the three wooden figures without any reservation. The attack to destroy the three wooden figures was earth shaking.

The three wooden figures' attacks were suppressed entirely by the energy. It smashed the three wooden figures into powder, and they vanished from this world completely.

'Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!'

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As the last three wooden figures were smashed into powder, gusts of deafening air explosions resounded. The entire Qing Feng Palace seemed to shake as though the earth was falling apart.

'Hoo! Hoo! Hoo! Hoo!'

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The air current that was rolling in from all directions created gusts of maniacal wind that lifted the broken wood pieces in the corridor. A shower of broken wooden fell, and this time it lasted longer than before.

A purple silhouette stood at the end of the corridor as the purple robe on him billowed in the wind.

It was a purple-clad young man who stood with a cold stare like an undefeated God of War!

"The bronze key!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes landed on a stone platform outside the corridor in an instant. The stone platform stood there alone, looking rather pathetic.

Just like the stone platform, a solitary bronze key lay on the stone platform.

The bronze key was crescent-shaped, and the material used to refine it was unknown. It was completely different from the average keys.

Time did not seem to have left its mark on the keys.

"The third level... Do I go up from here?" Duan Ling Tian looked above the platform at the same time.

The ceiling was similar to the one he saw in the One-in-Four Room on Qing Feng Palace's first level earlier. It was not sealed and could clearly be moved.

'How come it's not opened yet? Could it be that the ceiling would only open the path to Qing Feng Palace's third floor after I take the bronze key away?'

As that thought popped into Duan Ling Tian's mind, he did not delay any further and flew like a goshawk as he landed stably on the stone platform.

He grabbed the bronze key with a casual lift of his arm.

"It's not opened yet?" Duan Ling Tian lifted his head to look at the ceiling. However, he realized nothing was happening to the ceiling. Instead, the stone platform beneath his feet began to tremble.

"What's this?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed as he looked at the stone platform beneath his feet in shock.

At this moment, he realized that an Inscription Formation was activated in the stone platform under his feet. Apart from that, there was an odd energy coming out of the Inscription Formation that swept toward the corridor he came from.

'Whoosh!'

Right at this moment, Duan Ling Tian felt as though he was stepping on air. He was surprised to see the stone platform moved after it detached from the ground. As soon as it detached under his feet, it floated to the corridor he came from and hovered there.

"What..."

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian saw the hundreds of thousands of broken wood pieces in the corridor began to fly as though they were being summoned by something. They flew toward the stone platform that was hovering in midair at an alarming rate.

Chapter 993: A Crazy Idea

The stone platform was not that big, it was surrounded by hundreds and thousands of broken wood pieces in just a blink of an eye. The broken wood pieces kept rolling and eventually they took the form of a figurine. A brand new giant wooden figure was formed.

"What's that Inscription Formation?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed when he witnessed the scene. He was in shock.

He could clearly sense it from the Spiritual Energy he had extended just a moment ago.

Along the stone platform, there was an Inscription Formation inside that exuded an odd energy. The hundreds and thousands of broken wood pieces piled up in the corridor were triggered for seemingly no reason.

When the stone platform approached them, the hundreds of thousands of broken wood pieces rushed toward the stone platform as if they were summoned by something before they transformed into a giant wooden figure.

This wooden figure consisted of hundreds and thousands of broken wood pieces. Although the surface of its body was uneven, it did not hide the vast and imposing aura it exuded.

"There aren't any Origin Stones inside the platform, only a piece of Concept Fragment... These broken wood pieces originated from the previous wooden figures so it retained some Origin Energy from the mid-grade Origin Stone in the wooden figures' bodies."

"And now, these meager and extremely weak Origin Energies in the broken wood pieces are entering the stone platform as though they were led by something... Eh? It's that Inscription Formation again!" Duan Ling Tian, who was extremely confused earlier, suddenly realized something.

The Inscription Formation on the strange stone platform created an extremely formidable suction force. All traces of Origin Energies on the hundreds and thousands of broken wood pieces were absorbed by it.

Moments later, the Origin Energies in the hundreds and thousands of broken wood pieces were completely absorbed by the stone platform. The stone platform seemed to have become the heart of the giant wooden figure as it continued to grow stronger.

#### Boom!

Without knowing when, Duan Ling Tian's extended Spiritual Energy detected the Origin Energies, that were absorbed and accumulated by the stone platform, trembling suddenly before erupting completely.

In an instant, milky-white flames that seemed as though they could incinerate everything surged out from the giant wooden figure that was formed by hundreds and thousands of broken wood pieces!

Heaven and Earth Energy stirred and formed a Heaven and Earth Phenomenon above the wooden figure.

Four hundred ancient horned dragons' silhouettes appeared clearly before Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

"Just with the Origin Energy alone, it triggered the Heaven and Earth Energy and formed such a Heaven and Earth Phenomenon... It's equivalent to a Third Level Void Transformation martial artist exerting the strength of their Origin Energy!"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed slightly when he witnessed the scene before him.

As far as he knew, an Inscription Formation formed from mid-grade Origin Stones, no matter how many there were, could only utilize Origin Energy equivalent to a Seventh Level Void Interpretation martial artist at the most. That would amount to a hundred ancient horned dragons' strength.

However, the giant wooden figure that did not have any Origin Stone in its body could exert Origin Energy that was equivalent to a Third Level Void Transformation martial artist. Duan Ling Tian felt shocked from the bottom of his heart.

In his opinion, this was ridiculous!

"The Origin Energy in the giant wooden figure came from the broken wood pieces... The Origin Energies from the broken wood pieces originated from the mid-grade Origin Stone. As a result, even if all the Origin Energies in the broken wood pieces were combined together, it shouldn't be able to demonstrate such a strength!"

"After all, these Origin Energies came from a mid-grade Origin Stone! Mid-grade Origin Stone has a lot of limitations, so it's impossible to display such a strength through the Inscription Formation alone."

Something just did not add up for Duan Ling Tian regarding that.

Finally, he came to a conclusion.

"I think it must be the Inscription Formation inside this strange stone platform... This mysterious and unique Inscription Formation doesn't even exist in Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory!"

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath as he ended his train of thoughts.

Although the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory did not have any record of the Inscription Formation, he still managed to figure something out from the Rebirth Martial Emperor's knowledge of Inscription Formations.

The Inscription Formation inside the strange stone platform was truly amazing!

"To be able to combine the weak Origin Energies in the hundreds and thousands of broken wood pieces and gather it into such a powerful Origin Energy...This Inscription Formation's simply unbelievable!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes were tinged with fear.

Although he did not understand the Inscription Formation, he managed to derive an extremely crazy idea from the information he gathered from the Inscription Formation.

'If this kind of Inscription Formation can be used on human martial artists... Their Origin Energy would have a substantial increase if it allows human martial artists to take control of the Inscription Formation and absorb Origin Energy from other human martial artists! How scary would that be?' Duan Ling Tian felt chills from his heart, and his scalp tingled when he thought about that.

If this idea worked, the entire Cloud Continent would be shocked!

At that time, the belief that stronger powerhouses could not be defeated by a large number of weaker counterparts would be completely destroyed.

Through such an Inscription Formation, one hundred First Level Void Transformation martial artists' Origin Energies could be combined, accumulated and increased to its maximum at the Seventh Level Void Transformation.

A Fourth Level Void Transformation martial artist, who usually could easily kill a hundred First Level Void Transformation martial artists, would be easily defeated after the hundred First Level Void Transformation martial artists cooperated with the help from the Inscription Formation!

"If such an Inscription Formation works on human martial artists... I'll only need a hundred Ninth Level Void Transformation martial artists to combine their Origin Energies and increase it through the Inscription Formation to reach the level of a Martial Monarch!"

"At that time, it's not impossible for a hundred Ninth Level Void Transformation martial artists to kill a Martial Monarch powerhouse!"

A crazy idea formed in Duan Ling Tian's mind and his mood was affected accordingly.

Looking at the current situation, although a hundred Ninth Level Void Transformation martial artists together sounded terrifying, it was nothing compared to the intimidation from a First Level Martial Monarch Stage powerhouse.

A First Level Martial Monarch Stage powerhouse could completely kill a hundred Ninth Level Void Transformation martial artists.

However, if the Inscription Formation inside the strange stone platform could be used on one of the Ninth Level Void Transformation martial artists, then he could combine, accumulate and increase their strength with the Origin Energies from the other ninety-nine Ninth Level Void Transformation martial artists.

At that time, the Origin Energy would be at the Third Level Martial Monarch Stage or even the Fourth Level Martial Monarch Stage. It would not be just a dream!

Such a strength was enough to instantly kill a First Level Martial Monarch powerhouse!

"There's strength in numbers... This is true on Earth! Even when I was at my peak as Earth's strongest Weapons Specialist, I would still die if I was surrounded by a hundred normal people throwing a hundred kitchen knives at me simultaneously."

Although he was known as Earth's strongest Weapons Specialist in his past life, it was impossible for him to block a hundred kitchen knives from all directions.

"However, in Cloud Continent, strength in numbers only apply if the martial artists are similar in strength... The notion of the weak overcoming the strong was nothing but a big joke!"

"Just like how a First Level Martial Monarch powerhouse is fearless against hundreds and thousands of ordinary Void Transformation martial artists! Even if it's a hard fight, the ones who die are the hundreds and thousands of ordinary Void Transformation martial artists and not the First Level Martial Monarch powerhouse." Duan Ling Tian sighed in his heart as his thoughts trailed.

In terms of a martial artist's cultivation in Cloud Continent, every level's improvement would bring a great leap in strength.

Trying to win a fight by sheer number and for the weak to overpower a stronger opponent was harder than going to heaven!

"But if this kind of Inscription Formation can be used on human martial artists... It's not impossible for hundreds and thousands of ordinary Void Transformation martial artists to join hands and kill a Martial Monarch powerhouse." Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed and flames of raw desire arose.

Shou!

Suddenly, a swift and violent wind whistling sound reverberated. It instantly woke Duan Ling Tian up.

When Duan Ling Tian finally reacted, a giant fist was already in front of his eyes.

He did not have time to completely defend himself, he could only hurriedly utilize as much force as he could to defend himself.

Boom!

The result was obvious. Although Duan Ling Tian, who was unprepared, managed to utilize several hundreds of ancient horned dragons' strength in a hurry, he was still crushed by the power contained in that huge fist.

After the formidable force suppressed Duan Ling Tian, it landed on Duan Ling Tian's body. It pushed him off like a rotten stump and unrelentingly smashed at him until he flew away.

"Wa!!!"

Duan Ling Tian, who was smashed, felt his internal organs trembled and something rising in his throat. He then involuntarily spat out a mouthful of blood, his face turned ashen immediately.

At the same time, his body flew out uncontrollably like a shooting arrow.

He did not slow down until he struggled and used his Origin Energy.

Boom!

Even so, he still slammed into one side of the wall in Qing Feng Palace's second level. Once again, his internal organ trembled violently due to the impact, and his vital energy and blood constantly churned in his body.

"Wa! Wa!" Duan Ling Tian spat out another two mouthfuls of blood as the Origin Energy in his body stirred uncontrollably.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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Simultaneously, air explosion sounds caused by compressed air flow spread to Duan Ling Tian's direction in a timely manner. Moreover, gusts of fierce wind that was blowing in all directions accompanied it.

Shou!

As the fierce wind hit, a piercing wind whistling sound headed toward Duan Ling Tian as though it would not rest until Duan Ling Tian was killed.

The giant fist appeared again, and the giant wooden figure attacked unrelentingly.

Pang!!!

Duan Ling Tian's face changed, and the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword materialized in his hands. With a backhand, he slashed the wall behind him with the blade of his sword and hurriedly exerted his force.

In that instant, the impact pushed Duan Ling Tian away, and he narrowly escaped the giant wooden figure's punch.

Boom!!!

The giant wooden figure's fist, that almost connected with Duan Ling Tian's body, roughly slammed on the wall and resulted in a loud bang that sounded like an exploding mine.

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At this moment, the sturdiness of Qing Feng Palace's wall became apparent!

The giant wooden figure's punch contained more than a thousand ancient horned dragons' strength. Although it roughly slammed on the wall, not only did it fail to penetrate the wall, it did not even put a dent in the wall.

Qing Feng Palace's walls were obviously constructed with special materials since it was extremely sturdy.

"Seventh Level Advanced Wind Concept?"

Duan Ling Tian relied on the impact and managed to escape the giant wooden figure's punch, his heart jolted and gallbladder trembled. When he saw the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon in the space above the giant wooden figure, he could not help but stare.

1200 ancient horned dragons' silhouettes!

The giant wooden figure, with its Origin Energy fully exerted, had a strength that was equivalent to four hundred ancient horned dragons' strength.

After it combined Wind Concept with its Origin Energy and transformed into gusts of green wind that entwined around its body, it displayed the strength of 1200 ancient horned dragons' strength.

That meant its Wind Concept was equivalent to eight hundred ancient horned dragons' strength!

It was a Seventh Level Advanced Wind Concept!

Duan Ling Tian retrieved one of the Life Recovery Pill he had refined and ate it. The Life Recovery Pill with high purity healed most of his injuries in just a blink of an eye.

Although there were still some injuries on Duan Ling Tian's body, there was no pressure at all since he could crush the giant wooden figure with his full strength.

Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash!

There was a hint of coldness on the corner of Duan Ling Tian's mouth when he faced the giant wooden figure that was charging toward him again. He lifted the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword in his hands and slashed out suddenly.

Immediately, Origin Energy that was combined with four types of Concepts transformed into three divine dragons that shot forward. The three divine dragons' eyes flashed, six extremely radiant lights shot out and left six holes on the giant wooden figure's body.

# Shou!

However, the giant wooden figure was not human. Even with six holes on its body, it was still as fierce. It continued to charge toward Duan Ling Tian.

"Almost forgot about it... It's just a wooden figure, obviously, it doesn't have any vital organs."

Duan Ling Tian, who had mistaken the wooden figure for a human, could not help but smile bitterly. Instead of using Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash again, he flew out and faced the giant wooden figure.

Xiu! Xiu! Xiu! Xiu! Xiu!

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A series of sword whistling noise like rainstorm rang out from nowhere.

The Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword in Duan Ling Tian's hands struck out like lightning and broke the giant wooden figure into numerous pieces in just a blink of an eye.

For a period of time, the strange stone platform hovered solitarily in mid-air.

### Hua!

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Energy that was on guard all along trembled slightly. He immediately figured out the Inscription Formation inside the strange stone platform was being triggered again. It intended to pull the wood pieces all over the ground together again.

It was apparent that it was trying to form another giant wooden figure and attack him again.

## 'Heng!'

Duan Ling Tian had already learned from his mistake, naturally, he would not let it succeed again. As he lifted his arm, a vast energy shrouded the stone monument.

#### Pang!!!

A loud bang echoed as the stone monument trembled. Although it did not break, the energy extended by the Inscription Formation slowed down a little.

Duan Ling Tian seized the opportunity and quickly kept the stone platform in his Spatial Ring.

After the stone platform was kept in the Spatial Ring, the rising pieces of wood fell back on the ground. Calmness was instantly restored at the scene.

"I'll keep the stone platform first... I'll study it when I have time." Duan Ling Tian decided.

'If that Inscription Formation can really be used on human martial artists, thus allowing a fight to be won by numbers; for the weak to overpower the strong... Maybe I might consider amassing a force!' Duan Ling Tian thought silently in his heart. As his thoughts trailed, there was a gleam in his eyes that were filled with expectations.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian seemed to be imagining hundreds and thousands of Void Transformation martial artists led by him traveling all over the place, and even a Martial Monarch powerhouse had to avoid them.

Just thinking of a scene like that made his blood boil!

Rumble!

Rumble! Rumble!

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Several moments after Duan Ling Tian kept that strange stone platform, a burst of loud noises sounded and entered his ears clearly.

Simultaneously, the ceiling above him opened up, and a passageway headed to Qing Feng Palace's third level appeared before his eyes.

"The two other corridors are silent... It seems that the both of them didn't make it."

When Duan Ling Tian stepped on air to leave the second level of Qing Feng Palace, he purposely glanced at two other corridors, excluding the one he came from.

It was silent, and no movement could be heard.

It was obvious the two young powerhouses did not possess the ability to break through the corridor filled with wooden figures.

"Earlier, I was worried someone might get ahead of me, obtain the copper key and get the chance to move on to Qing Feng Palace's third level... Now that I think about it, I was worrying needlessly," Duan Ling Tian muttered as he looked at the crescent-shaped copper key in his hands. There was a hint of surprise in his voice.

Shortly after, he left the second level of Qing Feng Palace and appeared on the third level.

Rumble!

Rumble! Rumble!

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As Duan Ling Tian arrived at Qing Feng Palace's third level, loud noises were heard from the ceiling of the second level again. The passageway closed as though it was trying to prevent someone else from coming up.

"Young one, congratulations on your arrival to Qing Feng Palace's third level...Once you passed the third level's test, you'll get a silver key."

When Duan Ling Tian realized he had triggered another Polyphony Formation, Martial Emperor Qing Feng's voice had already entered his ears in a timely manner.

"Silver key?"

When Duan Ling Tian heard Martial Emperor Qing Feng's statement, the corner of his mouth twitched. "First, it was a copper key, now it's a silver key... I wonder if there's a golden key?"

However, Duan Ling Tian knew that he did not have any other options right now, he would have to do as Martial Emperor Qing Feng said unless he did not want the three Profundity Fragment inside Martial Emperor Qing Feng's body.

When Duan Ling Tian was breaking through the Qing Feng Palace one level at a time, the others scattered around Qing Feng Palace were faced with the same situation. Naturally, most of them were eliminated in the first, second and even third level of Qing Feng Palace.

The test on the third level was undoubtedly much more difficult than the test on the second level.

In addition to breaking through the necessary test, they had to fight at the cost of their lives. Only those who remained would obtain the silver key and successfully move on.

The third level of Qing Feng Palace, inside one of the spacious hall.

Three figures stood separately in a corner, facing off against each other. The smell of gunpowder was unusually strong as though they were ready to attack at any moment.

Among them was an extremely beautiful young woman.

A red-clad young woman who was drop-dead gorgeous. She looked remarkably like a fire elf.

Suddenly, one of the young men yelled, "Kill!"

The Origin Energy in his body skyrocketed, his Concept followed like a shadow and merged with the spirit weapon in his hands.

He first rushed in the red-clad woman's direction, the power of the spirit weapon in his hands was completely exerted.

In his opinion, among the three people there, including him, the weakest one would definitely be the red-clad woman who only looked around twenty years old. She would be the easiest to kill.

In order to fight the last person without any worries, he decided to first eliminate the red-clad woman.

Although he was entranced by the woman's beauty, he was not in the mood for it now.

"I'm determined to get the silver key!" The young man's eyes gleamed with malice while confidence filled his face.

In the meantime, Heaven and Earth Energy stirred in the space above him as they continued to form a Heaven and Earth Phenomenon. Approximately one thousand ancient horned dragons' silhouettes were formed.

Shou!

The other young man charged toward the red-clad woman at the same time as the former young man rushed there. It seemed as though they had planned this beforehand.

At the space above him, there were also approximately a thousand ancient horned dragons' silhouettes lunging toward the woman with great momentum.

Hu!

Faced with both their attacks, the woman stood firmly. She remained unmoving as her clothes fluttered.

There was no wind in here, the woman's red robe was fluttering from the airwave and fierce wind due to the air explosion caused by the two young men's attacks.

"Die!" Both of them were from Izumo Sect and North Nether Sect respectively. The Izumo Sect's disciple who attacked later looked at the red-clad woman ferociously, and there was malice in his gaze.

Out of everyone who had entered the Martial Emperor's secret treasure with him, only him and another person were left.

The two strongest young powerhouse from the younger generation of Izumo Sect were killed by the same person.

The killer was none other than Duan Ling Tian!

A young powerhouse from a mere third-rate force had frightened him to the bottom of his heart.

He knew this red-clad woman in front of him was close to Duan Ling Tian before they entered Qing Feng Palace. This was one of the reasons he attacked her.

The red-clad girl was Feng Tian Wu!

Ever since Feng Tian Wu split up with Duan Ling Tian, she had managed to pass the tests from the first level of Qing Feng Palace to the third level.

After she passed the test, Martial Emperor Qing Feng's voice entered her ears clearly.

She found out the third level of Qing Feng Palace required two persons' lives and blood sacrifice to open the entrance to the fourth level.

Faced with both attacks, one on the left and the other on the right, Feng Tian Wu's face remained calm as though she could keep a straight face even if Mount Tai collapsed before her.

Feng Tian Wu did not make any move until the two of them arrived near her.

Boom!

There was a raising flame on Feng Tian Wu's body that stirred the Heaven and Earth Energy in the space above her. Finally, it formed the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon.

A thousand ancient horned dragons' silhouettes descended slowly, and they looked lifelike.

"Ninth...Ninth Level Advanced Fire Concept?!"

When the two young men saw the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon above Feng Tian Wu, the faces of both persons, who was rapidly charging toward her with the intention to kill, changed dramatically.

Chapter 995: Continue! The Fourth Level!

Whether it was the North Nether Sect's disciple or the Izumo Sect's disciple, both of them could see the scene before their eyes very clearly.

The red-clad young girl, whom they had regarded as a pushover, did not use even an ounce of her Origin Energy from the very beginning.

Even without using her Origin Energy, just by communicating and mobilizing her Fire Concept to activate the Heaven and Earth Energy was enough to gather one thousand silhouettes of ancient horned dragons.

In other words, Feng Tian Wu's Fire Concept would definitely have the strength of more than one thousand ancient horned dragons once it was cast.

This also meant the Fire Concept that could unleash the strength of one thousand ancient horned dragons was none other than the Ninth Level Advance Fire Concept!

Whoosh! Whoosh!

After discovering the level of Fire Concept that Feng Tian Wu had comprehended, colors drained from the faces of the North Nether Sect and Izumo Sect's disciples as horror dawned on their faces immediately.

The two of them were in the midst of charging toward Feng Tian Wu, and they immediately slowed their speed down. They looked at each other tacitly, and both of them could see the inexplicable terror in each other's eyes.

Flee!

Within seconds, the two men came to a halt simultaneously in front of Feng Tian Wu and hastily turned around, ready to flee.

In their opinion, since Feng Tian Wu had comprehended the Ninth Level Advance Fire Concept, her cultivation base must be pretty good as well.

Ninth Level Void Transformation Concept!

Even the strongest person among the current younger generations in Izumo Sect and North Nether Sect did not have such a high comprehension of Void Transformation Concept.

For this reason, Feng Tian Wu, in their opinion, was even more terrifying than the strongest person among the current younger generation in their respective sect.

Just as the two of them turned around and was about to flee, Feng Tian Wu made her move.

The red and long whip lashed out like a red lightning and bit their skin like a poisonous snake.

Swish!

The long whip tore through the sky and set off a series of swift wind whistling sound.

Ear-piercing wind whistling sound entered the eyes (T/N: isn't it supposed to be ears instead?) of the Izumo Sect and North Nether Sect's disciples and made them tremble for a second. Horror dawned on their faces as they hurriedly fled.

Unfortunately, they were still too slow.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

The long whip that was like a red poisonous snake lashed out rapidly and penetrated the Izumo Sect and North Nether Sect disciples' bodies. In just a twinkle of an eye, they were killed one by one.

The two of them did not even have the chance to raise their speed to flee before they died from the long whip in Feng Tian Wu's hands in mere seconds.

Boom! Boom!

As the two bodies fell on the floor, the long whip that was wriggling like a red spirit snake in Feng Tian Wu's hands disappeared from her hands without a trace.

Meanwhile, the raging flame that was burning on her body dissipated, and the 1100 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons that finally appeared above her head also slowly dissipated into nothingness.

If the North Nether Sect and Izumo Sect's disciples who had just passed away saw this scene, they would definitely regret running away from Feng Tian Wu in the last moment when they were still alive.

Had they known earlier that Feng Tian Wu's full strength was only over 1100 ancient horned dragons, they would not have fled in the first place.

They only fled because they reasoned that since Feng Tian Wu had a comprehension at the Ninth Level Advance Fire Concept, her cultivation base must have also made a breakthrough to the Void Transformation.

Had they known earlier that she was only a Fourth Level Void Interpretation martial artist, they would not fear her Ninth Level Advance Fire Concept to the point that they had to flee.

Although Feng Tian Wu had the strength of over 1100 ancient horned dragons and was still slightly stronger than them, they would probably be willing to try their luck and fight her because the gap between Feng Tian Wu's strength and theirs was not too huge, and there might be a sliver of hope in defeating her.

They chose to flee because they thought there was no hope.

"Looks like my Fire Concept can be used to scare the others," Feng Tian Wu muttered as she looked at the two bodies on the ground. The stunning and delicate face did not seem happy nor enraged, no emotions could be seen on her face at all.

If the two of them had tried to battle it out with her earlier, it would still take some effort even if she would eventually kill them.

However, when the other party saw the Ninth Level Advance Fire Concept she mobilized and demonstrated, they immediately dismissed the thought of fighting and decided to flee hastily instead. That gave her the opportunity to give chase and kill them off easily.

It could be said the reason the two of them died so fast was due to their cowardice.

"Huh?" Feng Tian Wu suddenly expressed her surprise as though she had discovered something.

In the next moment, she saw the blood that oozed out from the two bodies and had formed a stream of fresh blood, seemed to have triggered something. It resulted in waves of aura from the Inscription Formation to rise from the surrounding.

Blood sacrifice!

Feng Tian Wu immediately figured out what was happening when she recalled the message left behind by Martial Emperor Qing Feng.

Rumble!

Rumble! Rumble!

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In the next second, a series of loud noise that came from above her head reverberated by Feng Tian Wu's ears.

Feng Tian Wu was curious and immediately looked up. With just a glance, she saw the ceiling above her head began to move and open, revealing a path that led to the fourth level of Qing Feng Palace that welcomed her.

"Where's the silver key?" Feng Tian Wu was not surprised by the scene before her eyes. Immediately, her thoughts shifted to the reward Martial Emperor Qing Feng left behind at the third level of Qing Feng Palace.

According to Martial Emperor Qin Feng, the reward for the third level was a silver key.

As for what the silver key was for, she had no idea at all.

Naturally, although she had no idea what the silver key was for, she could faintly guess the significance it represented. Otherwise, it would not be placed at the third level of Qing Feng Palace by Martial Emperor Qing Feng as the reward for passing the test.

However, now that the door to the fourth level of the Qing Feng Palace was opened, the silver key that was the reward of Qing Feng Palace's third level had yet to appear. This made her incredibly impatient.

### Rumble!

At this moment, another light rumble resonated by Feng Tian Wu's ears.

In the next second, she saw a blue brick nearby on the floor that was illuminated by the light shining down from the fourth level of the Qing Feng Palace, it suddenly quivered violently before rising up from the ground.

Whoosh!

With a lift of her hand, Feng Tian Wu took the brick.

A simple and unsophisticated small box appeared before her eyes.

Crack!

The moment Feng Tian Wu took hold of the little box, she opened it right away. The item contained in the little box entered her sight, and her eyes lit up. A meaningful smile crept up on her face instantly.

There was a crescent-shaped key lying quietly in the box that she opened.

"The shape's exactly the same except for the color." At the same time, Feng Tian Wu took out another crescent-shaped copper key, it contrasted sharply with the silver key in the box.

"The fourth level!" The moment Feng Tian Wu got her hands on the silver key, she did not waste any more time idling at the third level of the Qing Feng Palace. Soaring up into the sky, she landed firmly on the fourth level of Qing Feng Palace.

As Feng Tian Wu climbed up to the fourth level of Qing Feng Palace, many people similarly passed the test at the third level and activated the entrance that led to the fourth level as well.

"This is the silver key? It looks exactly the same with the copper key!" Peng Bao's eyes lit up when he looked at the crescent-shaped key in his hand.

Apart from Peng Bao, there were many other people who had also obtained their own silver key and successfully ascended to the fourth level of Qing Feng Palace as well.

Each and every one of them was at a different place.

As they continued to climb up, the distance between them gradually became smaller and smaller.

At the first level of Qing Feng Palace, it was one out of four. It meant that only one out of four people would be able to climb up to the second level of Qing Feng Palace.

In the second level of Qing Feng Palace, it was one out of three.

In the third level of Qing Feng Palace, it was one out of three.

Based on this, among the group of people who entered Qing Feng Palace, only one out of eight people could successfully move on to the fourth level.

Those who stepped on to the fourth level would have to eliminate the other seven people.

"What's there at the fourth level?" After Duan Ling Tian had obtained the silver key, he left the third level of Qing Feng Palace that had two bodies lying on the ground and successfully climbed up to the fourth level.

He still found it peculiar when he thought about the experience he went through at the third level.

This was because the test he had gone through at Qing Feng Palace's third level was much easier compared to the test he went through at the second level.

The strongest puppet he came across at the third level had a strength of one thousand ancient horned dragons once it was fully unleashed.

It was much weaker compared to the giant wooden puppet that he encountered at the second level of Qing Feng Palace.

"Perhaps, the test at the third level is easier than the one in the second level because I still need to kill another two young powerhouses to use their lives as a blood sacrifice and open the entrance that leads to the fourth level." The more Duan Ling Tian thought about it, the more certain he became.

"Congratulations, young man... If you pass the test in the fourth level of Qing Feng Palace, you'll be able to obtain the golden key and another reward as well!" Martial Emperor Qing Feng's voice entered Duan Ling Tian's ears once again through Polyphony Formation.

"Just like I thought! There's a golden key after all! If I can get my hands on it, it means I've successfully gathered all three keys of gold, silver, and copper. Could it be that these three keys are used to unlock something?" Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as he speculated.

Soon after, the test on the fourth level of Qing Feng Palace began.

The test on this level was not fighting some sculptures, wooden figures or puppets. Instead, one had to go head-to-head with the endless Nature Energy in the long corridor.

The Nature Energy included Wind, Fire, Water, Thunder, and Earth Energy.

At this moment, the energy swept through the offensive Inscription Formation and obstructed Duan Ling Tian from moving forward. It would not allow him to pass through easily.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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Duan Ling Tian ran as his Origin Energy soared from his body with four types of Concepts following closely behind. From the very beginning to the end, his hands did not idle at all.

Punches and palms thrust out and pushed back the gusts of Nature Energy that rushed toward him like a fierce flood and savage beasts.

The strongest among these Nature Energy only had the Ninth Level Concept Fragments in the Inscription Formation, it was about the strength of one thousand ancient horned dragons.

Originally, the energy was nothing to Duan Ling Tian, but the Nature Energy filled up almost the entire long corridor. Although it was just a matter of time before he eventually passed through, there was no doubt it was a waste of time.

Chapter 996: Xu Qing! Zuo Yue!

"The test at the fourth level of Qing Feng Palace is called the Bumpy Road... The one who manages to clear the Bumpy Road in the shortest time will stand a chance of obtaining the golden key! As long as you make it through the Bumpy Road, you'll still have a chance to obtain the other rewards I left behind even if you don't get the golden key." TheseThis werewas the original words of Martial Emperor Qing Feng in the message he left behind using the Polyphony Formation.

Due to this reason, what Duan Ling Tian had to do now was to go through the Bumpy Road to reach the other side and get his hands on the golden key as well as the other rewards.

"Judging from the message left behind by Martial Emperor Qing Feng, it looks like this time, somebody else is also competing with me this time. It's similar to when I was in the first, second and third levels of Qing Feng Palace!" The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, his hands' movements immediately sped up and extended at lightning speedcharged out as fast as lightning.

The pPunches and palms that contained all his energy swept out and opened the path ahead, smashing away all the obstacles without any reservations.

When Duan Ling Tian used thismade his move, apart from igniting a series of ear-piercing wind-whistling sounds, it was also accompanied by a deafening burst of adeafening thunder-like sound.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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The sound of explosions continued to be heardset off in succession, and they it generated fluctuations in theof airwaves that swept out in everyall directions and to createds everl flurries countless pervasive and tyrannical of hurricanes that were pervasive and tyrannical.

The wind continued to blow as punches were thrown out!

Bam!

Duan Ling Tian's punches were overwhelming. Although the stormy waves that were rushing toward him contained the strength of 1,000 ancient horned dragons, his punch was so hard that it sailed upstream against the current and set off a series of loud noises.

The stormy waves were the Water Energy transformed by the Water Concept through the Inscription Formation. As Duan Ling Tian punched the waves upstream, he began to fly out nimbly.

Whirlwind!

Within seconds, Duan Ling Tian passed through this stormy wave and was making his way toward the other end of this long corridor.

#### Whoosh!

This time around, a tyrannical soaring flame was charging toward him. When the flame enveloped Duan Ling Tian, it was similar to a gigantic fiery behemoth that opened its mouth wide to swallow Duan Ling Tian up whole.

Faced with the overbearing flame that encompassed the entire sky and earth, Duan Ling Tian's eyes turned cold. Once again, he punched out and temporarily suppressed the encompassing flame, making it difficult for it to surge again for the time being.

#### Whoosh!

A purple figure that was as swift as a lightning once again charged out to the front just in time to face the next wave of rolling Earth Energy.

As the Earth Energy charged toward Duan Ling Tian and enveloped him, it perfectly merged and became one with the entire Earth. There was no distinction between one and the other.

"Damn it!" At the same time, Duan Ling Tian's keen Spiritual Energy immediately noticed this subtle change, and horror dawned on his face instantly.

"It's not only able to solidify the Earth Energy, the Ninth Level Earth Concept Fragment in the Inscription Formation can also communicate with the Earth and borrow another wave of Earth Energy?!" Duan Ling Tian was taken aback. When the soaring Earth Energy was shrouding him, he could clearly see the Heaven and Earth Energy above the sky whirling and gathering into the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon with the strength of 1,500 ancient horned dragons in an overbearing manner. It was as though it was about to crush him completely!

"Hurmph!" When Duan Ling Tian saw this, his gaze turned cold, and the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword appeared in his hand out of thin air. His sword slashed out as he pounced forward.

### Whoosh!

At the place where the sword ray briefly pierced through, the Heaven and Earth Energy was cut into halves. Duan Ling Tian seized this opportunity to charge out and fly through the Earth Energy.

#### Whirlwind!

Duan Ling Tian continued rushing through his journey. When he came across any form of Earth Energy, he would use the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword in his hands to clear his path.

Sometimes, he used his punches and palms so it was faster and easier!

After all, not every Nature Energy were like the Earth Energy that could easily be cleared by cutting them into halves, particularly the Water and Fire Energy. Although they were slashed apart by the sword ray, the cracks that were made by the slash did not allow Duan Ling Tian to pass through it entirely. This was

because the Water and Fire Energy would merge into one immediately after if were slashed by the sword ray.

As for the Earth Energy that he slashed open, it was similar to a heavy boulder that was slashed apart. For this reason, it would be sliced into halves and fall to the sides when Duan Ling Tian slashed it, opening a path for him instantly.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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Throughout his journey, Duan Ling Tian dashed around madly and charged toward the other side of the long corridor.

The place where he passed by was filled with his fist and palm prints. At the same time, a series of thunderous explosions were set off in succession as well.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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When Duan Ling Tian encountered the Earth Energy, he immediately took out his Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword to open up the pathway. Whenever the sword ray was pointed forward, the Earth Energy would instantly be slashed into halves.

"Just a little bit more!" Eventually, Duan Ling Tian who forcefully charged forward could clearly see the end of the long corridor.

As long as he could reach it, he would be considered to have successfully cleared the Bumpy Road and passed the test of the fourth level in Qing Feng Palace. He would then be able to get his hands on the golden key.

"With my current speed, I'm sure nobody else competing with me can be faster than I am!" Duan Ling Tian was very confident in his own strength.

Finally, with the aid of his powerful strength, Duan Ling Tian managed to successfully clear the Bumpy Road and pass the test at the fourth level of Qing Feng Palace after he arrived at the end of the long corridor.

### Whoosh!

After Duan Ling Tian had passed through the long corridor, he suddenly came to a halt without warning as the purple robe on his body gracefully fluttered in the wind.

Almost exactly at the same time when Duan Ling Tian came to a halt, another two swift whistling sounds resonated in the wind. Two figures stood in the distance and revealed their true identities.

"Oh?" Duan Ling Tian was extremely surprised by the fact that somebody else arrived here as fast as he did. He could not suppress his curiosity as he narrowed his eyes at them.

In just a glance, he immediately recognized the two people.

The two of them were the second-rate forces' young powerhouses from the northern desert.

Xu Qing was the strongest person among the current younger generation in North Nether Sect, and Zuo Yue was the strongest person among the current younger generation in Anicca Sect.

The moment Duan Ling Tian identified the two of them, a light immediately flashed across his eyes. "I can't believe I encountered them here. And here I thought I'll only encounter them at the fifth level."

Whether it was Xu Qing or Zuo Yue, they were both no match for him if they did not use their spirit weapons. However, once they used their spirit weapons, it did not matter if it was Xu Qing or Zuo Yue, both of their strengths would surpass his.

If he was not mistaken, their strengths were almost twenty ancient horned dragons stronger than his!

Among the current young generation in the northern desert, Xu Qing and Zuo Yue shared the same fame as Lei Zhong, the Izumo Sect's disciple whom he had killed previously.

Both of their strengths had to be more or less on par with Lei Zhong's.

Fourth Level Void Transformation with a comprehension of the Fourth Level Void Transformation Concept.

Without any spirit weapon, they could unleash the strength of 1100 ancient horned dragons! Once they used their grade one spirit weapon, they would have a 87-88% boost based on their Fourth Level Void Transformations' Origin Energies that was equivalent to the strength of over 520 ancient horned dragons. The two of them added together would equal to the strength of over 1620 ancient horned dragons!

"Duan Ling Tian!" When Duan Ling Tian saw Xu Qing and Zuo Yue, the two of them noticed him as well.

A look of astonishment crept up on their faces. It did not cross their minds that they would encounter him here.

Hints of dread could be seen in their eyes when they looked at him.

They had both witnessed Duan Ling Tian's strength previously. He had killed Lei Zhong who was as well-known as they were at the northern desert and possessed strength that was more or less on par with them.

At this moment, they were not sure if the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon Duan Ling Tian displayed previously — without his spirit weapon — after the mobilization of his Heaven and Earth Energy was cast unreservedly or not.

If there was still some reservations, Duan Ling Tian's strength was definitely better than theirs.

However, Duan Ling Tian's strength was no match for theirs if that was the extent of his power.

Faced with the dreadful gazes from the two people, Duan Ling Tian remained unruffled. He could guess what they were thinking.

Although his face remained calm, he could not help but feel slightly nervous inside.

"My current strength is only about 1,600 ancient horned dragons even if I use all my strength and the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword. Previously, it was entirely pure luck that I was able to kill Lei Zhong. It was all thanks to Lei Zhong for underestimating me too much and attacked me without using any spirit weapon. Due to this reason, I was able to take the lead and inflict great injuries on him! Even if he had used his grade one spirit weapon, it would still be hard for him to exert the full power he had at his peak due to his injuries. In the end, it's precisely because of his injuries that he died in my hands. If he was not injured in the first place, his strength would be over 20 ancient horned dragons stronger than mine. Although I was not afraid of him, it would still be extremely difficult for me to win against him." Duan Ling Tian's eyes shone brilliantly as he recalled his fight with Lei Zhong. He could not help but feel lucky.

It was mostly due to pure luck that he was able to annihilate Lei Zhong so swiftly and efficiently. Otherwise, the battle between him and Lei Zhong would most likely end in a draw. This was because he was not entirely confident in winning against Lei Zhong with his grade one spirit weapon at his peak.

"Whether it's Xu Qing or Zuo Yue, both have a strength that's on par with Lei Zhong. I'm not afraid if there's only one of them. However, I'll definitely lose if the two of them attack at the same time." Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses and gasped inwardly, a hint of dread filled his eyes.

At this moment, he could only hope Xu Qing and Zuo Yue would not join forces with each other. Otherwise, he would definitely be in deep trouble!

"As the saying goes, it's always wiser to play it safe. I must think of a way to deal with this situation! It's very likely the two of them would join forces with each other." Duan Ling Tian inhaled deeply. His mind whirred quickly as he began to find a way.

However, he could not think of anything at all even after a while.

"What should I do?" Duan Ling Tian muttered and frowned. At the same time, his eyes began to dart and look around. He immediately noticed the other five long corridors by the side.

"There are a total of six long corridors in the fourth level of Qing Feng Palace, including the one I took. In other words, apart from Xu Qing, Zuo Yue, and I, another three people will arrive at the fourth level as well? However, they must not have cleared the test at the fourth level, the Bumpy Road. That Earth Energy contained the strength of 1,500 ancient horned dragons! Among the young powerhouses who entered the Martial Emperor's secret treasure, only Xu Qing, Zuo Yue, and I are able to deal with this test."

Chapter 997: Duan Ling Tian's Crisis

Soon after, Feng Tian Wu appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind. "Naturally, Tian Wu can suppress the Earth Energy that contains the strength of 1,500 ancient horned dragons if she risks her life and cast the Fire Profundity. Even if she casts the First Level Fire Profundity that's at the lowest level, the strength's still equivalent to 2,000 ancient horned dragons!"

If Feng Tian Wu ignored the counterattack of from her Fire Spirit Body and risked her life to cast the First Level Fire Profundity, her strength would be equivalent to 2,000 ancient horned dragons!

However, if that was the case, the cost would be very great as well — she could explode and die from it.

The force from the Fire Spirit Body hidden in her body was not simple!

"The five young powerhouses who reach the fourth level of Qing Feng Palace, including Xu Qing and Zuo Yue, must have had the same experience as me. Judging from the number of young powerhouses from each sect that entered Qing Feng Palace, this place — the fourth level of Qing Feng Palace — surely leads to the fifth level. After all, the fifth level is the final level of Qing Feng Palace. If I'm not mistaken, the remains of Martial Emperor Qing Feng must be at the fifth level." When Duan Ling Tian thought of this, his eyes immediately gleamed brilliantly. They were filled with anticipation and desire.

The anticipation of discovering the body of Martial Emperor Qing Feng, and the desire to obtain the three Profundity Fragments in Martial Emperor Qing Feng's body, particularly that Emperor Stage Profundity Fragment that he yearned to possess even in his dreams!

When Duan Ling Tian was deep in his thoughts, Xu Qing and Zuo Yue exchanged glances tacitly. None of them moved for a very long time as though they had discussed this beforehand.

Both of them could be considered as old rivals and were very familiar with each other.

At this moment, the fact that they simultaneously appeared at the fourth level of Qing Feng Palace took them by surprise.

"Xu Qing!" Zuo Yue called out unhurriedly with narrowed eyes. Battle intent filled his eyes as though he could not wait to battle it out with Xu Qing for at least 300 rounds to determine the winner.

In his opinion, he would become the most powerful person among the younger generation in the northern desert as long as he could defeat Xu Qing. This way, there was no need for him to share the limelight with Xu Qing again.

At this moment, Zuo Yue completely ignored Duan Ling Tian's existence.

"Zuo Yue." As a Sword Cultivator, Xu Qing was a lot calmer compared to Zuo Yue. Faced with the intense battle intent oozing out of Zuo Yue who was staring at him, Xu Qing ignored it completely and casually returned the stare.

Zuo Yue's face darkened, and he was about to launch his attack when he saw the nonchalance on Xu Qing's face. However, a voice entered his ears and shocked him like a bolt of lightning. It completely suppressed the anger that rose up from his heart.

"Zuo Yue, don't you think the match between you and I should be postponed until we kill Duan Ling Tian together?" The voice that entered Zuo Yue's ears was none other than Xu Qing's Voice Transmission.

"Currently, we're not sure if he held back any of the strength he displayed previously. However, whether he held back or not, we definitely can't allow him to live. If we fight each other, we'll both eventually end up greatly defeated and wounded. Do you really want him to be the fisherman who profits when the snipe and the clam grapple? I suggest we join forces and kill him first." At this point in the Voice

Transmission, Xu Qing's voice instantly became more solemn. "My gut feeling tells me Duan Ling Tian's not simple... I feel extremely uneasy with him alive."

After listening to Xu Qing's reminder, Zuo Yue was hit by a pang of realization. He was reminded of Duan Ling Tian's existence and instantly regained his senses.

He had almost forgotten about Duan Ling Tian earlier.

"You and I can join forces... but... the Profundity Fragment he has belongs to me!" Zuo Yue bargained as he looked at Xu Qing.

However, his words instantly elicited a mocking smile on Xu Qing's face. "Zuo Yue, have you forgotten the most important thing? Today, we'll have to fight and determine the winner between the both of us! When that time comes, one of us will be killed by the other person. The person who survives will then obtain the golden key and the other rewards left behind by Martial Emperor Qing Feng at the fourth level before continuing to ascend to the fifth level to obtain the three Profundity Fragments left in Martial Emperor Qing Feng's body. Since one of us will die, don't you think this condition of yours is a little unnecessary?" Xu Qing finished his words in one breath.

Xu Qing's words took Zuo Yue by surprise. He quickly regained his senses and agreed with Xu Qing's words.

"In that case, we'll join forces to kill Duan Ling Tian first!" Zuo Yue took a deep breath and stared coldly at the purple-clad young man standing nearby.

When he noticed Duan Ling Tian was looking around as though he was looking for something, a sneer immediately crept up on his face. He said cruelly, "Duan Ling Tian, take a good look at your surroundings. It's destined you won't be able to see anything else in the world after today!"

When Zuo Yue's words entered Duan Ling Tian's ears, his face immediately darkened.

"Zuo Yue!" Although Duan Ling Tian was looking at Zuo Yue, he could clearly sense the indifference from Xu Qing who was staring at him from the side.

It was an extremely cold look that seemed as though he wanted to devour a certain somebody.

"They really joined forces?" His heart immediately jolted.

Although he was mentally prepared, his heart could not help but tighten when the moment arrived. His face immediately became solemn while a hint of dread gleamed in his eyes.

"Hahaha... Duan Ling Tian, it doesn't matter if you held back when you killed Lei Zhong. Today, Xu Qing and I will join forces, and you'll definitely die!" When Zuo Yue noticed the dread in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, he threw his head back, laughing maniacally. His laughter was wanton and unrestrained.

From what he could see, Duan Ling Tian had to have some knowledge of his and Xu Qing's strength. The moment Duan Ling Tian heard Xu Qing and him would be joining forces, the dread in Duan Ling Tian's eyes clearly showed he was not confident he would be able to defeat them both.

"Zuo Yue, I realized you really do spout a lot of nonsense!" Xu Qing spoke in a cold voice, it was as cold as the gaze that he focused on Duan Ling Tian. "Before we kill Duan Ling Tian, you better keep your guard up! Be careful not to fail in this easy task!"

"Xu Qing!" The instance Duan Ling Tian heard his intention to kill him, horror instantly dawned on his face as a cold killing intent shot out of his eyes.

This Xu Qing actually joined in with Zuo Yue's villainy?!

Although Duan Ling Tian was not willing to admit it, he had no other choice but to admit Xu Qing and Zuo Yue joining forces was the best method to deal with him. If the situation was reversed, and he was in Xu Qing's shoes, he would make the same decision as well — get rid of Duan Ling Tian first before deciding the victor with Zuo Yue in a deadly match.

The last person to survive would be the winner. Not only would he obtain the golden key and the other rewards, he would also ascend to the fifth level — the highest level of Qing Feng Palace — and obtain the three Profundity Fragments in Martial Emperor Qing Feng's body.

"Xu Qing, now!" At this moment, Zuo Yue, who was reminded by Xu Qing, suddenly shouted without warning and prompted Xu Qing to charge toward Duan Ling Tian.

It could be seen that Zuo Yue's movement was as swift as the wind!

In the midst of charging forward, he took out the grade one spirit weapon he had previously obtained from the outer ring of the Martial Emperor's secret treasure — a curved saber that looked extremely simple and old.

Swish!

Zuo Yue made a move and instantly exerted his full strength without any reservation!

Gusts of solidified blue wind chi swept out from his body and emanated a vast and tyrannical aura before it merged with the curved saber in his hand.

The saber ray on the curved saber immediately soared up and charged toward Duan Ling Tian mercilessly in an overbearing manner. It was as though it was about to cut him into halves.

The Heaven and Earth Energy whirred in the sky and finally gathered into a visible Heaven and Earth Phenomenon...

Over 1,620 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons pounced out together with Zuo Yue.

As the curved saber in Zuo Yue's hands slashed out to kill Duan Ling Tian, the 1,620 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons suddenly sped up and pounced toward him with their fangs and claws bared. It was as though they were about to tear him into pieces.

Fourth Level Void Transformation!

Fourth Level Advance Wind Concept!

Grade one spirit saber!

This was the full strength of Zuo Yue, the strongest person among the current younger generation in Anicca Sect!

As the strongest person among the current younger generation in Anicca Sect, Zuo Yue's strength naturally was not as simple as it appeared on the surface. Apart from his full strength, he managed to cultivate a set of heaven-ranked saber technique martial skills to an extraordinary level.

Shadow Glow Machete!

When the curved saber in Zuo Yue's hands slashed toward Duan Ling Tian and was inching closer to him, the soaring saber ray suddenly converged before it solidified and gathered by the side of the curved saber as it returned to its original nature.

The speed, on the other hand, suddenly accelerated.

Whoosh!

As a saber shadow glimmered across the sky, an ultimate saber ray swept out and charged mercilessly toward Duan Ling Tian's vital parts.

At this moment, the speed of the curved saber in Zuo Yue's hand was at least 50% faster than before. Duan Ling Tian and Xu Qing's could see the afterimage it left behind.

The power of the Shadow Glow Machete was fully displayed for all to see!

When Zuo Yue's figure flashed and charged toward him, Duan Ling Tian had already taken out his Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword. As his Origin Energy rose, it merged with the four Concepts that followed closely like shadows before it merged with the sword.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

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Without warning, the sword ray soared up and created a series of sword slashing sound.

In just a blink of an eye, all that remained of Zuo Yue's saber was an afterimage that soon disappeared before his eyes.

"Shit!" Horror dawned on Duan Ling Tian. He hurriedly shut his eyes, his Spiritual Energy stretched out and wrapped around his body. He tried to use his Spiritual Energy to figure out the trajectory of Zuo Yue's saber.

When his Spiritual Energy finally figured out the trajectory of the curved saber, the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword in his hand trembled and disappeared into thin air.

Sword Drawing Art!

Whoosh!

Along with the sound of swords that disappeared as soon as it appeared, an ultimate sword ray tore the sky open.

## Clang!!

A shrill sound of metal clanging resonated in the air. It was none other than the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand that managed to block the overbearing curved saber in Zuo Yue's hands in time.

#### Swoosh!

Zuo Yue beat him to the punch first. With the strength of 1,620 ancient horned dragons that was contained in his saber, he crushed Duan Ling Tian's sword that contained 1.600 ancient horned dragons without any difficulty...

Chapter 998: The Nine-Tribulation Sword Control Technique

## 'Bang!'

The curved saber in Zuo Yue's hand had a saber ray that was completely formed by green energy. It dashed toward Duan Ling Tian in an overbearing manner and made the energy on Duan Ling Tian's sword tremble.

'Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!'

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The saber ray that contained more than 1,620 ancient horned dragons' strength swept out ceaselessly. It was like the waves at the back were pushing at the waves in front as it suppressed Duan Ling Tian's sword that contained 1,600 ancient horned dragons' strength.

A wave of air explosion sounded, air currents and strong winds swept rampantly in every direction.

### 'Whoosh!'

Duan Ling Tian held the sword in his hand as staggered a few steps back from Zuo Yue's attack. The lifeblood in his body surged. He looked clumsy, and his face became pale.

If this happened on a normal day, there was a chance Duan Ling Tian could slightly block Zuo Yue's attack that contained twenty more ancient horned dragons' strength than his.

However, since Zuo Yue attacked first and got the upper hand, it was difficult for him to fight back.

The fact that Zuo Yue struck first and possessed twenty more ancient horned dragons' strength was why he could easily defeat him!

'Unfortunately... The interference from the Earth Formation in the Bumpy Road at Qing Feng Palace's fifth level prohibits me from using the Earth Concept to boost my Earth Energy. Otherwise, I wouldn't be stuck in such a difficult situation!'

The Earth Formation was the Inscription Formation that unleashed Earth Energy in the Bumpy Road and stopped Duan Ling Tian from moving forward.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and felt his organs trembled, he did not look too good when he stared at Zuo Yue who made him staggered a few steps back. However, he did not attack.

"Haha... Duan Ling Tian, seems like my speculation's right. 1,600 ancient horned dragons' strength is your limit!" Zuo Yue returned Duan Ling Tian stare. He laughed out loud as disdain filled his eyes.

'Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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The ear-piercing sound of sword whistling sounded. A sliver of saber ray approached from afar toward Duan Ling Tian. It was so overwhelming that it looked like it was raining swords.

What followed the shower of swords that covered the sky was a silhouette that looked like a bolt of green lightning.

Heaven and Earth Phenomenon formed above the green silhouette's head, it was exactly the same as the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon above Zuo Yue's head. There were more than 1,620 ancient horned dragons' silhouettes.

Fourth Level Void Transformation!

Fourth Level Sword Concept!

Grade one Spirit Sword!

"Xu Qing!" When Duan Ling Tian saw the shower of swords raining down on him, his eyes quickly locked onto the green silhouette behind the sword rain. He swung the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword in his hand and dashed forward.

Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash!

As Duan Ling Tian dashed forward with his sword, three divine dragons that were transformed from the integration of four Concepts and Origin Energy soared out quickly.

'Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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As soon as the three divine dragons soared out, six beams of lights shot out from the three pairs of eyes. They were targeted directly at the green silhouette that was far away. The green silhouette was obviously Xu Qing.

"What a powerful sword skill!"

Six ultimate beams of lights charged forward at an alarming speed. Xu Qing narrowed his eyes, he thought he could easily kill Duan Ling Tian.

Soon after, his eyes gleamed as he withdrew the grade one Spirit Sword he drew out at lightning speed previously.

Suddenly, the shower of swords that rained on Duan Ling Tian vanished completely once Xu Qing recalled his attack.

'Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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As Xu Qing withdrew the sword in his hand, he swung the sword in an arc in front of him that formed a dense sword web.

'Clang! Clang! Clang!'

The sound reverberated almost as soon as the sword web was formed.

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The six ultimate beams of lights landed on the sword web one by one as a clear sound rang out. Airwaves swept out in every direction. However, they did not pierce through the sword web.

'Such a fast sword!'

Duan Ling Tian became solemn, he did not expect Xu Qing's sword to be that fast. Xu Qing managed to form a layer of dense and indestructible sword web under such a circumstance.

Duan Ling Tian could tell the defensive technique of forming a sword web that Xu Qing performed was a defensive martial skill. Moreover, it was a heaven rank defensive martial skill!

The damage on Xu Qing's was not minor after he bore the brunt of the six ultimate beams of lights. He could feel a wave of tremor in his organs as his lifeblood surged. His eyes gleamed coldly as he shouted, "Zuo Yue, this Duan Ling Tian's very dangerous... Let's work together to kill him as soon as possible without any delay!"

"Haha! Xu Qing, it seems like you've suffered a great loss too." Zuo Yue seemed to have realized something as he laughed out loud. However, the smile on his face soon disappeared.

"Duan Ling Tian... Even the Emperor can't save you today!" Zuo Yue stared at Duan Ling Tian with a cold gleam in his eyes. It was as though he was looking at a dead person.

Right after he spoke, Zuo Yue dashed toward Duan Ling Tian like a gust of wind. The curved saber in his hand left an afterimage in the air and soon vanished.

Shadow Glow Machete!

At this moment, Zuo Yue cast the same skill he demonstrated earlier with the intention to kill Duan Ling Tian. It was the most powerful saber technique martial skill he had mastered.

'Whoosh!'

Zuo Yue's curved saber swung at Duan Ling Tian like the Grim Reaper's scythe in an attempt to reap Duan Ling Tian's life.

'Whoosh!'

Xu Qing moved and attacked simultaneously with Zuo Yue. Another shower of swords rained down as he lifted the sword in his hand. The shower of sword rained on Duan Ling Tian, and there was nowhere for him to run.

The both of them worked together, one attempted to slice Duan Ling Tian in half while the other wanted to pierce tens of thousands of swords into his heart.

More than 3,200 ancient horned dragons' silhouettes charged at Duan Ling Tian independently.

If that Heaven and Earth Phenomenon belonged to a single entity, Duan Ling Tian would have died!

Nonetheless, the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon still suppressed and suffocated Duan Ling Tian even though it belonged to two people.

'Split-Unite Formation!'

Duan Ling Tian's eyes looked cold as he faced the merciless attacks from the duo. He integrated his Origin Energy into the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword in his hand and activated the Inscription Formation in it.

The Inscription Formation in the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword was the Split-Unite Inscription Formation that Duan Ling Tian shortened to Split-Unite Formation.

Once it was activated, one would split into nine while nine would combine into one!

All of a sudden, the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand split into nine.

He then spread out his Spiritual Energy and covered all nine of his Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Swords so that they hovered and surrounded his body.

'Hmm?'

Xu Qing and Zuo Yue were shocked when they witnessed the sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand split into nine and hovered around him.

Although they were shocked, their attack did not slow down at all. The attacks swept mercilessly toward Duan Ling Tian.

Nine-Tribulation Sword Control Technique!

An idea sparked in Duan Ling Tian's mind as he faced Xu Qing and Zuo Yue's attack. He was prepared to perform the unfamiliar sword skill he obtained from the Martial Emperor's secret treasure earlier to control the nine Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Swords and fight his opponents.

As he unleashed all his Spiritual Energy, he controlled four out of nine Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Swords to charge out. The swords charged toward Xu Qing and Zuo Yue with ferocious saber rays running rampant.

'Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

Each of the four Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Swords that charged in the air toward Xu Qing and Zuo Yue contained similar strength. It was similar to four Duan Ling Tians charging with a sword at the same time.

Unfortunately, since Duan Ling Tian was injured, the strength in each of the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword was only equivalent to 1,400 ancient horned dragons' strength. It was far from his strength at his peak.

'Clang! Clang! Clang! Clang!'

Waves of magnificent energy collided with each other, the sound of explosions and four ear-piercing sound from the collision of metal weapons entered Duan Ling Tian's ears like a thunderstorm.

Duan Ling Tian had a contrived smile on his face as he watched Xu Qing and Zuo Yue smashed the four Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Swords that charged at them. "The table would've turned if I performed the Nine-Tribulation Sword Control Technique earlier..."

He did not expect his current Spiritual Energy would allow him simultaneous control over four swords when he performed the Nine-Tribulation Sword Control Technique. The power of the attack was equivalent to four of him charging with the swords!

Unfortunately, there was no such thing as a regret pill that he could consume in this world.

The tiny mistake caused Duan Ling Tian to be placed in a difficult situation where he was vulnerable to Xu Qing and Zuo Yue's attacks.

"Split-Unite Formation!" In a moment of panic, Duan Ling Tian only had the time to grab the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword that was hovering next to him so that he could combine the remaining eight Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Swords into one.

**Sword Drawing Arts!** 

The Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Swords that became one charged quickly as though it had transformed into a thunderstorm of saber ray and headed toward Xu Qing and Zuo Yue's attacks.

Xu Qing and Zuo Yue were already in shock when they saw the sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand turned into nine swords.

Initially, they thought the nine swords that appeared were fake!

They only realized all the swords were real when the four swords charged at them with more than 1,400 ancient horned dragons' strength each.

However, they could not help but be surprised again at this very moment.

Before they could calm themselves down, they witnessed Duan Ling Tian turned his nine swords into one. It caused a stir in their hearts again.

It had also caused their attacks to weaken without them realizing it.

Although their attacks were weakened, Duan Ling Tian still could not bear it due to the injuries that he sustained.

'Clang!'

'Whoosh!'

Duan Ling Tian was thrown off together with his sword once again as a curved saber and sword swung and collided with the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand and created an earpiercing noise of metal weapons colliding.

Duan Ling Tian, who was thrown off like an arrow that left the bowstring, tried slowing down using his Origin Energy, but the effect was minuscule.

Eventually, his body smashed against the side of the wall. His organs shook tremendously while his lifeblood surged. He could not help but spit out a big mouthful of blood as it gurgled in his throat.

'Pa!'

Blood splatters were created from the blood that Duan Ling Tian spat on the ground and bloomed like bright red roses.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian could only take out the Life Recovery Pill that he had refined and consumed it.

'Hmm?'

Duan Ling Tian healed his injuries by absorbing the medicinal efficacy. As he looked apprehensively at Xu Qing and Zuo Yue who continued to attack him, he noticed the ground beneath him was trembling.

'An Inscription Formation!'

Duan Ling Tian's astute Spiritual Energy soon found out he had unintentionally activated another Inscription Formation.

No!

To be exact, he had activated two Inscription Formations. He noticed there was an aura of Inscription Formation that came from the other side before a loud bang sounded.

Chapter 999: The Violetspike Fruit

When Duan Ling Tian was looking in the direction of the loud explosion, a part of the ground was destroyed by a hidden energy that came from underground.

'Whoosh!'

A stone platform suddenly rose at an alarming speed.

There was an exquisite little box on top of the stone platform.

The tiny box was similar to the one Duan Ling Tian had seen at Qing Feng Palace's third level.

However, the object in the tiny box at Qing Feng Palace's third level was a silver key.

"Could... a gold key be in this box?' Duan Ling Tian's heart began to palpitate as he speculated on his own.

Duan Ling Tian's attention was on the tiny box, and it also caught the attention of Xu Qing and Zuo Yue who were charging menacingly toward Duan Ling Tian.

They were in the midst of charging at Duan Ling Tian when their movements came to a halt. A burning desire lit up their eyes.

'Whoosh!'

Soon after, Zuo Yue dashed out and changed his direction to the tiny box on top of the stone platform. The matter of killing Duan Ling Tian was pushed to the side for the time being.

"Zuo Yue!" Xu Qing shouted as his facial expression changed.

He did not expect Zuo Yue to be so selfish. He had promised he would kill Duan Ling Tian first and fight Xu Qing later. In the end, he went for the tiny box that they suspected might contain the gold key.

'Whoosh!'

All of a sudden, Xu Qing dashed out like a sharp gleaming sword at an alarming speed. He attempted to stop Zuo Yue from taking the tiny box with lightning speed.

"Hmph!" When Zuo Yue saw Xu Qing was going to fight over the tiny box that they suspected contained the gold key, his face was solemn as he scoffed. "Hmph!"

Without further delay, he began to fight Xu Qing.

Both of them were old rivals, their abilities were similar, and their fight usually ended in a tie!

However, they fought with all their might for the sake of the box.

They seemed to have completely forgotten about Duan Ling Tian.

Perhaps they felt Duan Ling Tian was no longer a threat to them at the moment, and whoever survived would be able to kill him easily.

On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian knew his life was no longer at risk for the time being when he saw Zuo Yue dashed toward the tiny box that they suspected contained the gold key.

Duan Ling Tian did not show too much interest in the tiny box at the moment.

Naturally, it would be wrong to say he had zero interest in the box.

At this moment, there was no way for him to obtain it even if he was interested.

'Hmm?'

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian's attention shifted to what was happening beneath his body. At this very moment, his entire being was lifted by a floorboard that was slowly rising.

Duan Ling Tian leaped and landed on the ground.

With just a glance, he saw a green vine had appeared under the rising floorboard. The rising floorboard was being lifted by the green vine.

Although there was only one green vine before his eyes, it was as thick as an adult's thigh.

"What's that?"

However, what caught Duan Ling Tian's attention was not the green vine. It was the magenta fruit that hung on the green vine as it sparkled with a faint violet glow.

'Violetspike Fruit?'

When Duan Ling Tian browsed through the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, he quickly identified the fruit before his eyes. It was a spirit fruit exclusively for Void Transformation martial artists.

The Violetspike Fruit was a spirit fruit exclusive to Void Transformation martial artists.

Among the spirit fruits in the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, the Violetspike Fruit was considered the top spirit fruit that was exclusive to Void Transformation martial artists.

It was said that after consuming the Violetspike Fruit, even a martial artist who had just broken through to the Ninth Level Void Transformation would be able to break through to the Martial Emperor Stage and become a Martial Emperor powerhouse as long as he had comprehended the Monarch Stage Profundity.

One could imagine how powerful the Violetspike Fruit's medicinal efficacy was.

'I'm badly injured now. Even if I attack with all my strength, I can only muster up the strength of one thousand ancient horned dragons... Xu Qing and Zuo Yue can easily kill me!'

'But if I eat the Violetspike Fruit...'

Duan Ling Tian looked in the distance as he thought about this, his guard was up the entire time.

He could not help but feel relieved when he saw Xu Qing and Zuo Yue did not notice the strange incident that occurred on his side since they were fighting over the tiny box that they suspected contained the golden key.

'Whoosh!'

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian, who felt relieved, immediately extended his hand as quick as lightning and plucked the ripe magenta fruit, the Violetspike Fruit. He immediately put it into his mouth.

Duan Ling Tian swallowed the Violetspike Fruit in just a few bites. He felt a stream of warm current entering his body and releasing powerful medicinal efficacy again and again.

'Such a powerful medicinal efficacy! The medicinal efficacy is so powerful that it can't even be compared to the spirit fruit I previously took from Zi Shang. With its medicinal efficacy combined with the overbearing medicinal efficacy of the Rebirth Pill... My cultivation base might be able to instantly break through to the Fifth Level Void Transformation!'

Although Duan Ling Tian had already known how great the Violetspike Fruit was from the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, he only realized how great the Violetspike Fruit really was after he consumed it.

'No! It's not just the Fifth Level Void Transformation... It's even possible to break through to the Sixth Level Void Transformation!'

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself when he sensed the Rebirth Pill's medicinal efficacy, that usually lay dormant deep in his Dantian, leaving his Dantian at an alarming speed. It then merged with his Origin Energy and the Violetspike Fruit's medicinal efficacy.

It was his first time seeing the Rebirth Pill's medicinal efficacy this active. It felt like he was injected with chicken blood as Origin Energy ran lightning fast in the meridians within his body.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Roving Dragon Form!

Without further delay, Duan Ling Tian immediately sat on the ground and cultivated with his eyes closed.

At the same time, he did not forget to hold the Ninth Level Wind Concept Fragment in his hand.

One should know that the comprehension speed of Wind Concept would be accelerated whenever he cultivated the Roving Dragon Form's mental cultivation method.

In his body, Origin Energy and the overbearing medicinal efficacy of the Rebirth Pill and Violetspike Fruit were rotating cycles after cycles with the aid from the Roving Dragon Form's mental cultivation method.

The bottleneck to the Fourth Level Void Transformation that was already loose became even looser after a few hard impacts. It felt like it would be broken through with just a few more impacts!

'Bang! Bang! Bang!'

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A few impacts later, Duan Ling Tian felt a light bang within his body as he broke through the bottleneck that led to the Fourth Level Void Transformation. Origin Energy surged as it went through a tremendous change.

Fourth Level Void Transformation!

The Origin Energy that had transformed did not stop there.

Triggered by the Rebirth Pill and the Violetspike Fruit's overbearing medicinal efficacy, the Origin Energy did not slow down as it continued to rotate cycles after cycles with the aid from the Roving Dragon Form's mental cultivation method.

Duan Ling Tian's cultivation base was rising at a terrifying speed...

However, Duan Ling Tian's mind was not on his cultivation base. He could clearly feel his Wind Concept had changed, but the change did not come from the breakthrough.

'It doesn't seem like the Wind Concept has broken through... However, I can sense another kind of energy coming out of it. The energy feels charged and ready!'

'What's that exactly?!'

Curious, Duan Ling Tian tried making contact with the energy that came from the Wind Concept.

Soon after, he felt a burning aura coming out of his body. In just an instant, a rampant and hot energy soared and enveloped his entire being.

However, the burning red energy that appeared did not cause him any harm.

'It's the Fire... Fire Concept?!'

Duan Ling Tian opened his eyes and absentmindedly looked at the energy surrounding his body.

It was a Concept. The Fire Concept!

'That's not right... The Fire Concept's level seems to be... similar to the Wind Concept?'

Through trial and error, Duan Ling Tian discovered a shocking fact.

To his surprise, the Fire Concept that came out of the Third Level Advanced Wind Concept he had comprehended was similar to the Wind Concept. It was also the Third Level Void Transformation Concept!

It meant that the Fire Concept he just comprehended was instantly at the Third Level Advanced Fire Concept.

'Isn't this Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique's Eighth Form, the Roving Dragon Form, a little crazy? It didn't only birth the Fire Concept out of the Wind Concept, the Fire Concept it birthed is on such a high level too!'

'Moreover, there seems to be some kind of connection between the Fire Concept and the Wind Concept... It feels like the Fire Concept would break through whenever the Wind Concept experiences a breakthrough!'

Duan Ling Tian's heart began palpitating when he thought about this.

'If that's really the case... I don't even have to comprehend Fire Concept separately! All I need to do is elevate the Wind Concept, and the Fire Concept will follow suit.'

'Perhaps when I have comprehended Wind Profundity, it would follow and turn into Fire Profundity as well!'

Duan Ling Tian's heart beat even faster as he thought to this point. It was beating so fast it felt like his heart was going to jump out of his chest.

"What's that?!"

What was happening on Duan Ling Tian's side finally caught Xu Qing and Zuo Yue's attention. After another round of attack, they did not rush into the fight again for the time being.

Their attention simultaneously shifted to the other side.

They saw a thick green vine that lifted a floorboard before their eyes.

With their great eyesight, they noticed a new notch on the green vine with just one glance. It was as though somebody had just plucked something off it.

"Spirit fruit!" The two of them looked at each other and saw realization dawned in each other's eyes.

Both of their faces changed dramatically at the same time.

"Did Duan Ling Tian pluck the spirit fruit?"

"Could the spirit fruit be the other reward that Martial Emperor Qing Feng left behind at the fourth level? [1]" Both of their hearts thumped heavily.

They remembered Martial Emperor Qing Feng's message clearly. In the message, it was mentioned that there would be other rewards at Qing Feng Palace's fifth level apart from the gold key.

Martial Emperor Qing Feng did not reveal what the other rewards were in the message.

Therefore, they did not really pay any mind to the other rewards since the beginning.

As soon as the tiny box that they suspected contained the gold key appeared, they were so focused on fighting over the ownership of the tiny box that they had completely ignored what was happening on the other side.

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"Damn it! Duan Ling Tian plucked the spirit fruit before we did... I think he hasn't had the chance to consume it yet." Zuo Yue's expression was getting worse, he was so angry that his body trembled slightly.

'Whoosh!'

Compared to him, Xu Qing was much more straightforward as he charged directly at Duan Ling Tian like a sword. He dashed out and shouted at the same time, "Duan Ling Tian, hand over the spirit fruit!"

At this moment, neither Zuo Yue nor Xu Qing was surprised by the flame that was burning on Duan Ling Tian's body. It was the Fire Concept.

One should know Duan Ling Tian had never once used Fire Concept when he fought them earlier.

All of their attention was on the spirit fruit Duan Ling Tian had plucked from the green vine.

In their opinion, the spirit fruit was definitely not an ordinary spirit fruit since it was given as a reward at Qing Feng's fourth level.

"Xu Qing... Damn it!" When Zuo Yue saw Xu Qing with his quick as lightning sword approaching Duan Ling Tian in an attempt to kill him and snatch the spirit fruit, his facial expression changed dramatically.

Origin Energy ran rampant on his body while Wind Concept followed him like a shadow. He considered it thoroughly and prepared to chase after him.

However, his movement came to halt just as he stepped out.

It was as though something unexpected had happened.

"What... How... How's this possible?!" Zuo Yue, who was rooted to the spot, shuddered. His eyes were staring into the distance, they were filled with fear that came from the bottom of his heart.

At this moment, it seemed as though he had witnessed something unbelievable.

In the distance, Duan Ling Tian's face was calm as he faced Xu Qing who was determined to kill him in one blow with his sword that contained more than 1,620 ancient horned dragons' strength.

However, there was a chill hidden deep in Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

"I see you've come to die!" It was unknown when a grin appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face.

Although he sustained severe injuries on his body, he knew that it would be easy for him to kill Xu Qing with his current ability even if he had sustained even more serious injuries.

Duan Ling Tian's stare turned completely cold as he faced Xu Qing who was dashing toward him with a sword.

Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash!

In the next second, a Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword appeared out of nowhere as Duan Ling Tian lifted his arm. He aimed directly at Xu Qing who was charging at him menacingly.

'Whoosh! Whoosh!'

Almost as soon as Duan Ling Tian dashed out with his sword, three khaki divine dragons with red flames, green energy, purple lightning and a ferocious Sword Concept that surrounded them appeared out of thin air and charged toward Xu Qing.

At the same time, the green energy pierced the red flame and made the fire burn rampantly as the three divine dragons dashed out.

The Wind Concept was fueling the Fire Concept!

In the meantime, the three divine dragons' speed accelerated. Their eyes gleamed, and six ultimate beams of light shot out before it instantly disappeared. A short and sharp whistling noise sounded again and again.

The ultimate beams of light shot out from the three khaki divine dragons' eyes and vanished before Xu Qing's eyes the second they appeared.

"Sh\*t!" Xu Qing's expression changed suddenly.

Unfortunately, it was destined to be the last expression he showed alive.

The second Xu Qing's expression changed, grotesque bloody holes appeared on each of his six vital body parts including the space between his eyebrows, throat, and chest.

Six bloody arrows were shot, they landed on the ground as blood splatters bloomed like bright red roses.

'Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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Six ultimate beams of light shot through six vital parts in Xu Qing's body. After killing him, the lights continued on its trajectory and hit the side of the wall on Qing Feng Palace's fourth level.

One must say the wall in Qing Feng Palace's fourth level was really tough.

The six ultimate beams of light that came from the Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash Duan Ling Tian cast did not leave any marks on the wall even after he had a breakthrough in his strength.

'Bang!'

Xu Qing's body finally fell to the ground. He was no longer breathing when he fell into the pool of blood.

The most powerful young man in the current North Nether Sect was dead!

"How's this possible?! No... It can't be... It can't be!!" Everything that had just happened shocked Zuo Yue who was ready to fight Xu Qing for the spirit fruit Duan Ling Tian possessed.

Zuo Yue happened to witness everything at the moment he was about to step out. He could not move his feet from the shock. It was as though his feet were filled with lead.

"Such powerful strength!" Although Duan Ling Tian was injured, his eyes lit up after he killed Xu Qing with just a blow.

'Fwah!'

Meanwhile, the Heaven and Earth Energy above Duan Ling Tian's head whirred and formed the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon. More than two thousand ancient horned dragons' silhouettes appeared.

Duan Ling Tian was injured so he could only muster up that amount of strength. Otherwise, the ancient horned dragons' silhouettes that appeared in the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon would definitely be more.

Although it was just a little boost of strength, it had caused Zuo Yue, who was standing in the distance still in shock, to reveal fear in his eyes as his expression changed drastically.

'Run! Run! Run! Run!'

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At this moment, that was the only thought that filled Zuo Yue's mind. The thought immediately filled his entire mind.

'Whoosh!'

Without further delay, Zuo Yue dashed like a lightning toward the corridor that was furthest away from Duan Ling Tian in an attempt to escape.

The corridor was the Bumpy Road he went through earlier.

"Trying to escape?" Duan Ling Tian figured out Zuo Yue's intention in an instant.

He could not help but grin at this moment.

Zuo Yue had coveted the Profundity Fragment he possessed ever since the first time they met.

If it was not for Xu Qing and Lei Zhong, perhaps Zuo Yue would have attacked Duan Ling Tian when they first met.

Moreover, it was impossible he would let Zuo Yue go since Zuo Yue attempted to kill him earlier!

The moment a cold gleam flashed in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, he swung the Quasi Royal Spirit Sword in his hand to cast the Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash again.

In Duan Ling Tian's opinion, he could definitely kill Zuo Yue before he could escape with his current ability using the six ultimate beams of light from the Nine Dragons' Radiant Flash.

However, something unexpected happened when he was getting ready to attack.

'Bang! Bang! Bang!'

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Just as Duan Ling Tian swung the Quasi Royal Spirit Sword in his hand to attack, he could feel tremors in his organs. His expression changed drastically. His face turned pale as he coughed up a mouthful of blood after he screamed, "Aahhh!"

An intense pain spread all over his body, it felt like he had completely lost his strength.

'Clang!'

Eventually, Duan Ling Tian could only use the Quasi Royal Spirit Sword to support his wobbly body.

'What happened?!'

Although Duan Ling Tian did not want to accept what had just happened, all he could do was watch as Zuo Yue faded in the corridor far away and disappeared before his eyes since he no longer had the strength to chase after him.

At this moment, his body was in a complete mess.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and regained his composure, he figured out what happened after he took a look at his body.

"Ahh... I didn't expect this would be the cause." Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly, he could not help but feel helpless after discovering the cause.

He discovered the cause of the tremors in his organs and the intense pain all over his body that resulted in his complete loss of strength.

It was caused by the Origin Energy integrating with the Rebirth Pill and Violetspike Fruit's medicinal efficacy!

To be more precise, it was caused by the Origin Energy's breakthrough.

Initially, he had used his Origin Energy to automatically cycle through the rotation following the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Roving Dragon Form, after his cultivation base had broken through to the Fourth Level Void Transformation.

He did not think anything would be affected by that.

However, he did not expect the Origin Energy that surged out suddenly when he killed Xu Qing would cause the Violetspike Fruit and Rebirth Pill's overbearing medicinal efficacy to strike back. It caused the Origin Energy to accelerate to its peak.

In just seconds, it broke through the bottleneck to the Fifth Level Void Transformation and led him to the Fifth Level Void Transformation!

As his cultivation base broke through to the Fifth Level Void Transformation, his Origin Energy also went through a transformation as expected.

The Origin Energy that had broken through became even faster from the Rebirth Pill and Violetspike Fruit's medicinal efficacy.

It messed up the cycle rotation Duan Ling Tian had his Origin Energy performed. All of a sudden, his Origin Energy had taken a wrong turn that caused a tremor in his meridians and messed up his body.

It had also severely injured Duan Ling Tian again!

Duan Ling Tian had completely lost his strength from the severe injury on his body. The only thing he could do was watch as Zuo Yue left.

"I hope Zuo Yue can't find his way out... Or else..." Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath, he did not dare to think about what would happen next.

Duan Ling Tian snapped back to reality when he felt waves of pain from the Origin Energy running rampant in his body. He quickly began to calm his rampant Origin Energy.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Roving Dragon Form!

Due to Duan Ling Tian's attempt to calm it, the Origin Energy that was driven by the Rebirth Pill and Violetspike Fruit finally went back on track and rotated as usual.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian consumed another Life Recovery Pill to heal.

The damages in the organs were recovering at the speed of light.

Approximately fifteen minutes later, Duan Ling Tian allowed the Origin Energy in his body to rotate without his guidance. It then shot out of his body and headed in the direction where Zuo Yue left.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian entered the Bumpy Road as well.

As he passed through the Bumpy Road in a reverse direction, he received an 'enthusiastic reception' from the waves of Nature Energy just as he had expected.

However, entering the Bumpy Road again was as easy as walking on a flatland since he had a boost in his ability.

"Where's Zuo Yue?" Duan Ling Tian did not see Zuo Yue even after he passed through the Bumpy Road. Eventually, he detected an Inscription Formation's aura in a corner.

"This Inscription Formation..." Through the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, Duan Ling Tian discovered the purpose of the Inscription Formation in the corner. It was an Inscription Formation with a single opening.

It would usually appear at the exits or entrances of unique places where there was only one way out. One would be able to exit but not enter, and the other way round where one was allowed to enter but not exit!

"There's a path here as well?" The Inscription Formation activated as soon as Duan Ling Tian stepped out. It then turned into a faint light shield that shone on a large patch of ground in the corner.

'Rumble! Rumble!'

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When the large patch of ground was shone on, it slowly opened and revealed a stone stairway leading down.