I, Thanks To My Unlimited Investment, Am Admired By All Races

Chapter 380: It Looks Like I Have No Choice but to Make My Move

Boom!

Xiao Fan threw a punch, his might overwhelming. Golden radiance erupted from his fists and palms like a volcano in full eruption—brilliant, violent, and powerful enough to shake the heavens.

Xiao Chen let out a muffled groan and retreated repeatedly. He had underestimated the sheer force of the attack. Although his physical body was also exceptionally strong, it held no advantage against Xiao Fan's.

More importantly, during this period, Xiao Fan's fighting spirit had reached an unprecedented peak. Not only had his strength not diminished through battle, but it had continued to grow, showing faint signs of another breakthrough.

It was an incredibly difficult reality to accept.

"So what if it's just a secret technique? Do you really think it can change everything?"

Xiao Chen snorted coldly. Forming seals with both hands, he attempted to imitate Xiao Fan by condensing his own Heavenly Mind Transformation to suppress his opponent.

But Xiao Fan saw through his intentions.

Having learned from experience, Xiao Fan wasn't about to give him the same opportunity again.

"Die!"

With a furious roar, an endless ocean spread out behind Xiao Fan. Vast, deep blue, and boundless, it resembled the Northern Sea itself, as though a supreme divine power had transported it here.

Within the sea, a colossal mountain slowly rose, as immense as an entire continent and awe-inspiring to behold.

Only upon closer inspection could one realize that it was not a mountain at all, but a living creature.

Its body was simply too enormous.

Even experts of the Divine Palace Realm felt an oppressive pressure. Atop that mountain-like form, a gigantic head lifted slowly, opening a pair of icy, emotionless eyes that filled all who saw them with terror.

It seemed capable of trampling the heavens themselves.

"Kill!"

Xiao Fan moved. Behind him, the phantom of the Black Tortoise Divine Beast also raised one of its forelegs. Like a heavenly pillar supporting the sky, it descended toward Xiao Chen.

The scene was utterly terrifying.

Before the enormous foot had even landed, the sky had already darkened. The earth could no longer withstand its pressure, cracking apart as mountain after mountain exploded into dust.

Its power was beyond imagination.

No one doubted that if an ordinary Life and Death Realm cultivator were caught beneath this attack, they would be crushed into a pool of flesh in the blink of an eye.

Boom!

Xiao Chen neither dodged nor retreated. He swung his fist with unmatched ferocity, smashing it directly against the massive foot of the Black Tortoise.

A thunderous explosion shook the heavens.

The land within hundreds of miles trembled violently.

Many spectators wore expressions of pain as they hurriedly retreated. The clash had nearly exceeded the limits of what they could endure. Had it been even slightly more powerful, many of them would have suffered severe injuries.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Deafening explosions rang out one after another.

Xiao Chen confronted the Black Tortoise Divine Technique head-on. Every strike of his fist carried immense force, but with every collision he was driven another step backward.

Using nothing but the strength of his body to resist a divine beast—

Even if it was only a phantom, it was already approaching the limits of what he could withstand.

In contrast, Xiao Fan's momentum only continued to soar.

The vitality and blood energy surging from his body climbed higher and higher, finally reaching a critical threshold.

At last—

Buzz!

A resonant hum echoed through heaven and earth.

The aura surrounding Xiao Fan abruptly rose to an entirely new level.

At the same time, an undying, indestructible presence spread from his body, as though an immortal king who could never perish had returned from the river of endless ages, eternal through countless tribulations.

Late Stage of the Life and Death Realm!

Although it was merely the advancement of a single minor realm, for a heaven-defying genius like Xiao Fan, every small breakthrough represented a tremendous increase in combat power.

"Break!" He roared once more.

Xiao Fan threw another punch. Behind him, the Black Tortoise Divine Beast moved in unison, bringing down its colossal foreleg with the force of billions

of tons. The very sky exploded beneath its descent, producing an earth-shattering sonic boom.

Boom!

Unable to dodge in time, Xiao Chen could only meet the attack head-on with both fists once more.

This time, however, he was not so fortunate.

Before everyone's eyes, both of his arms exploded into a cloud of blood.

His body slammed into the Black Tortoise's massive foot, shuddered violently, and was sent flying like a shooting star.

In full view of the countless spectators, he traced a dazzling arc across the sky, smashing through several mountains before crashing deep into the earth.

For a long while afterward, there was no movement.

"Th-this..."

Countless people were left speechless.

Staring at the scene before them, no one knew what to say.

Before the battle had begun, Xiao Chen had been the one everyone placed their hopes on.

Yet he had actually lost to Xiao Fan?

It was simply unbelievable.

Technically, he had not lost yet—he had merely been blasted away.

But in the eyes of everyone present, that last exchange had practically decided the outcome.

Unless...

Xiao Chen could achieve a breakthrough in the middle of battle, just as Xiao Fan had.

But that was far easier said than done.

Throughout history, those capable of breaking through during combat were all individuals blessed with extraordinary destiny.

If Xiao Chen had been capable of advancing, he would have done so long ago. There was no reason to wait until now.

"How is this possible?"

In the distance, Xiao Tianzheng—who had been calmly stroking his beard with a confident smile—froze.

His hand trembled, accidentally pulling out several strands of his beard without even noticing.

"That little bastard... actually broke through?"

Xiao Tianzheng frowned deeply, his eyes fixed on Xiao Fan.

With his experience, it wasn't difficult to see that Xiao Fan's improvement was not merely a cultivation breakthrough.

It seemed his Immortal Body was also on the verge of being restored.

Once one reached the Great Emperor Realm, possessing a special physique no longer made much difference.

But at the Life and Death Realm, the existence of a special physique was still an overwhelmingly powerful advantage.

"It seems I have no choice but to take action."

Xiao Tianzheng narrowed his eyes as killing intent gradually rose from his body.

Judging from the current situation, the chances of Xiao Chen killing Xiao Fan had become exceedingly slim.

At best, the battle would end with both sides gravely wounded.

But Xiao Tianzheng could not allow Xiao Fan to leave alive.

In only about ten short years, Xiao Fan had grown to this level.

If he were given another ten years...

The result would be almost impossible to imagine.

As for his reputation...

He had never cared about it.

From the moment he decided to deal with Xiao Fan, the Xiao Clan's reputation had already been destined to suffer.

But losing face was far preferable to seeing the entire Xiao Clan destroyed.

As long as Xiao Fan was killed, the Xiao Clan would have ample time to rebuild its prestige.

After a hundred thousand years—or even a million years—who would still remember what had happened today?

By then, people would likely remember only one thing:

Never provoke the Xiao Clan.

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Cultivation Realm so far:

1, Body Refinement

2, Qi Condensation

3, Spirit Meridian

4, Profound Elixir

5, Divine Power

6, Life and Death

7, Divine Palace

8, Half-Saint

9, Saint

10, Saint King

11, Great Saint

12, Quasi-Emperor

13, Great Emperor

14, Immortal

15, Immortal Emperor

Treasure Level so far:

1, Mortal Weapon

2, Magical Treasure

3, Spiritual Treasure

4, Dao Weapon

5, Sacred Weapon

6, Sacred King Weapon

7, Imperial Weapon