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### Chapter 511: A Strange Combination of Circumstances, The Demon King's Heavenly Tribulation (1)

"We have nothing to lose. If we're not convinced, we'll fight! We have nothing to lose. If we're not convinced, we'll fight!" Yao Li muttered to himself as he left in a daze.

Zhou Shu was speechless. *Did I overdo it?*

*Will Yao Li become a battle beast?*

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*But then again, aren't demonic beasts battle maniacs?*

No matter what, it was better than a demonic beast suddenly becoming cultured.

One wasn't afraid of strong demonic beasts, but one was afraid of cultured demonic beasts.

*The secret place Yao Li mentioned, could it be the ruins of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain?*

Zhou Shu looked at the tattered book in his hand.

He didn't lie to Yao Li. This book was indeed not an anthology. Of course, it was also not the kind of diary that recorded what someone ate and drank as he had said. This should be a notebook that recorded someone's cultivation insights.

Fortunately, Yao Li was illiterate. Otherwise, if he could really understand this notebook, it might really help his cultivation.

After Zhou Shu flipped through it, he put the notebook away. Such records of Martial Dao cultivation insights didn't mean much to him.

After all, the owner of the notebook might not have a higher cultivation level than him.

Moreover, he didn't need these things for his cultivation. With the Legendary Armament Canon, he could receive rewards after forging...

*The barrier between the Ten Nations Continent and the Demon Realm caused the hidden Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain to reappear and scatter throughout the Demon Realm...*

Zhou Shu made a guess.

He wondered if there was anything good in these secret places other than this useless notebook.

This thought only flashed through his mind. They didn't have the energy to explore any secret places now. If they had the time, they should think about how to deal with the Demon Realm army.

Zhou Shu strolled around the military camp before returning to the tent arranged for him by Yao Li.

Not long after, Xiao Jianghe entered with a solemn expression. "Your Highness."

Seeing Zhou Shu nod, he whispered, "Your Highness, this Demon Realm army is stronger than I thought."

Xiao Jianghe felt a little moody. "With our camp's current situation, we definitely can't withstand their attack.

"I've observed their strength. The weakest demonic beasts under Yao Li are at least seventh-rank martial artists. Just in this military camp, there are more than two hundred thousand demonic beasts.

"We don't even need Yao Li to summon the rest of the Demon Realm army back. Just this two-hundred-thousand-strong demonic beast army alone can flatten our camp."

Xiao Jianghe was extremely moody. Although he had long thought about the danger of the Demon Realm, to be honest, after arriving at the cave camp, everyone had an illusion.

Even Xiao Jianghe thought so since they could settle down in the Demon Realm.

But now, he knew that he was wrong, very wrong.

Zhou Shu's performance had always made them feel at ease. In fact, the Huaxia Pavilion's Demon Realm branch had always been like a small boat in the middle of a stormy sea, the kind that could capsize at any moment.

The Ten Nations Alliance only had 30,000 people. In the Demon Realm, this was nothing.

Not to mention how many first-rank and second-rank martial artists they had.

In the Demon Realm, there were many first-rank demonic beasts, even Great Demons and Demon Kings.

Putting all things aside, no one in Zhou Shu's camp was a match for Yao Li alone.

"They're strong, but we've found out in advance, haven't we?" Zhou Shu smiled. "As the saying goes, know yourself and know your enemy.

"We know Yao Li's army like the back of our hands, but he knows nothing about us. If we can't even deal with this army with this information, Meng Bai, Wang Mu, and Bai Qiancheng can all find a piece of tofu to kill themselves."

Meng Bai, Wang Mu, Bai Qiancheng, and the others were all famous generals of the various nations. Several of them had the title of God of War above their heads.

Xiao Jianghe smiled bitterly and mourned for Meng Bai and the others for three seconds.

One couldn't make bricks without straw. In the face of absolute strength, the God of War title was sometimes useless.

"So, what are we going to do now, Your Highness?" Xiao Jianghe had already figured out the military camp. It was time to send the news back to Meng Bai and the others as soon as possible.

"There are too many demonic beasts. We still have to think of a way to divert them." Zhou Shu rubbed his chin. "Do you think there's a way to make demonic beasts vegetarian in the future?"

"What?" Xiao Jianghe was confused, not understanding what Zhou Shu meant.

“No, no.” Zhou Shu shook his head. “Demonic beasts don’t kill humans for food...

“I’ve heard about a beast taming sect before...”

Zhou Shu paced back and forth, muttering to himself.

Xiao Jianghe heard every word he said clearly, but when combined, Xiao Jianghe didn’t understand what he meant.

Getting demonic beasts to become vegetarian? Pulling teeth out of a tiger’s mouth? Beasting teaming?

*What was His Highness up to?*

Xiao Jianghe thought about it until his head was about to explode. He couldn’t think of anything.

Zhou Shu suddenly looked at Xiao Jianghe and asked, “Jianghe, do you know how the farmers drive the cattle on the Ten Nations Continent?”

“I do,” Xiao Jianghe said in confusion. “The farmers will put a nose ring on the cattle. As long as they pull the nose ring, the cattle will move forward under pain.”

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“That’s right, a nose ring!” Zhou Shu clapped his hands. “Jianghe, if we put a nose ring on the demonic beasts, can we make them listen obediently?”

Xiao Jianghe was stunned, then smiled bitterly. “How is that possible?”

“Demonic beasts are different from ordinary beasts. They have their own consciousness. Even if we can put a nose ring on them, that little amount of pain can be ignored by demonic beasts...”

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“The nose ring is only a metaphor.” Zhou Shu pondered. “It can be a nose ring or a... Ring Tightening Mantra!

“In the past, there was a very powerful Demon King. Because he wore the Ring Tightening Mantra, even an ordinary person with no cultivation could command him.”

Zhou Shu’s eyes lit up. “If I can forge the Ring Tightening Mantra...”

Thinking about it, the Ring Tightening Mantra could even subdue the Great Sage, Sun Wukong. Wouldn’t it be easy to subdue Great Demons?

But how should he cast this Ring Tightening Mantra?

Zhou Shu alternated between frowning and pacing, a thoughtful expression on his face.

Xiao Jianghe found it strange, but he couldn’t help Zhou Shu. He could only stand quietly to the side.

After an unknown period of time, Zhou Shu sighed.

“No, none of these ideas will work.” He shook his head. “Forget it. I can’t rush this. I have to take it slow.”

Zhou Shu was not omnipotent after all. The Ring Tightening Mantra wasn’t something that he could create just by thinking about it.

If demonic beasts could be controlled so easily, the Demon Realm wouldn’t be so powerful.

*Boom—*

While they were talking, a loud noise came from outside.

The two of them looked at each other and saw the look in each other’s eyes. They quickly walked out of the tent and saw Yao Li’s figure soar into the sky.

And in the sky, dark clouds closed in and lightning flashed.

Thick dark clouds gathered with powerful pressure. The originally bright sky was now pitch-black.

In the dark clouds, rolling lightning could be seen with the naked eye, as if the end of the world had arrived. All the demonic beasts were silent.

When Zhou Shu had forged connate divine weapons, it had also caused a phenomenon. But compared to this phenomenon, it was nothing.

Such a huge commotion shocked Zhou Shu.

At this moment, Great Demon Yao Li suddenly soared into the sky, his laughter echoing in the air.

“I’m going to become a Demon King today! No one can stop me?”

A bolt of lightning as thick as a bucket descended from the sky and struck Yao Li.

Yao Li wasn’t afraid at all, his face filled with fighting spirit. The aura on his body soared, and his originally thick body became even thicker. On his forehead, the pattern of the word ‘king’ faintly appeared, and yellow and white fur grew on his body.

He became like a tiger standing upright!

Yao Li had the bloodline of a tiger demon!

*Boom—*

Yao Li shattered the descending lightning with a punch. At the same time, his beautiful fur instantly turned black.

“Come again!” Yao Li roared. “We have nothing to lose. If we’re not convinced, we’ll fight!”

“I’m about to become a Demon King. Can you stop me?”

His beard and hair fluttered, and his aura surged.

The next moment, his figure was drowned by lightning.

Zhou Shu’s eyelids twitched. *Heavenly tribulation?*

*A Great Demon needs to face a heavenly tribulation to become a Demon King?*

Ever since he started cultivating the Martial Dao, he had never heard of the existence of a heavenly tribulation in this world.

But the scene in front of him was identical to the heavenly tribulation he had heard about in his previous life.

When powerful cultivators cultivated to a certain extent, they would arouse the fear of heaven and earth, so it would send down heavenly tribulation to kill these cultivators.

It was the same for Zhou Shu's connate divine weapons.

Zhou Shu was shocked, not just because of the heavenly tribulation.

But how did Yao Li break through?

It was not a problem to say that it was a dividing line for Great Demons to become Demon Kings. The Demon Realm had existed for countless years, and there were only twelve Demon Kings, but there were definitely thousands of Great Demons.

Most Great Demons couldn't cultivate to the Demon King realm in their entire lives.

This was just like how most martial artists on the Ten Nations Continent would never be able to break through to become high-rank martial arts.

Although Yao Li was not bad, he could only be considered good among Great Demons. He was still a distance away from the top Great Demons.

At the very least, he was far from being a match for Yao Qing's mother, the number one demon below the Demon Kings.

Not to mention Zhou Shu, probably none of the demonic beasts in the entire Demon Realm would have thought that Great Demon Yao Li would catch up and break through to the Demon King realm first!

The might of the heavenly tribulation was vast, and everyone within a radius of thousands of kilometers could clearly see this commotion.

For a moment, countless Great Demons walked out of their cave abodes and looked at the heavenly tribulation in bewilderment.

Demonic laughter kept coming from the lightning, mixed with his shouts.

"We have nothing to lose. If we're not convinced, we'll fight! Heaven, I'm not convinced! Why can't I be a Demon King? If you have the ability, kill me. If you can't, I'll definitely become a Demon King today!

"I, Yao Li—no, I, Hu Li, am extraordinary!"

Great Demons could only have the surname of 'Yao', but Demon Kings were qualified to have their own surname.

Yao Li had long thought about it. When he became a Demon King, he would use the surname 'Hu'. Hu Li sounded more domineering than Yao Li<sup>1</sup>!

Zhou Shu: "..."

*Could it be because of what I said that Yao Li turned over a new leaf and abandoned literature to pursue the Martial Dao?*

*Is that how he had a chance to break through to the Demon King realm?*

*Surely not? That can't be the case?*

Zhou Shu was a little confused. He had spouted nonsense because he didn't want Yao Li to come into contact with human civilization.

He definitely had no intention of helping Yao Li break through.

*Don't Great Demons need to comprehend the laws of the Martial Dao to break through to the Demon King realm? If they don't understand words, it should be even harder to comprehend.*

*What's going on with this bastard Yao Li?*

Zhou Shu scratched his head hard. *Could it be that my nonsense helped Yao Li?*

That would be rather funny.

He originally didn't want Yao Li to become stronger. But in the end, it backfired and helped Yao Li break through?

The strength of a Demon King couldn't be compared to that of a Great Demon. The threat to the camp would increase by hundreds or thousands of times!

Zhou Shu's expression changed. He was a little hesitant. Should he take the opportunity to kill Yao Li?

At this moment, he was facing the heavenly tribulation. If he attacked, Yao Li would definitely die!

But looking at the lightning filling the sky, Zhou Shu had a faint feeling that it was dangerous!

He felt that if he approached Yao Li at this time, it was hard to say if he could kill him, but it would definitely be very dangerous for him!

This feeling was very clear, so clear that Zhou Shu was completely certain that if he touched the lightning now, he might get killed!

With this hesitation, several powerful auras were already approaching rapidly from afar.

They were all Great Demons!

With so many Great Demons here, even if Zhou Shu changed his mind and wanted to kill Yao Li, it was already too late.

The fact that he could transform into a demon couldn't be easily exposed.

Moreover, this place was too close to the camp. If they really attacked, with so many Great Demons around, the camp might be affected. That would really be a loss.

*Boom—*

The lightning in the sky became denser, as if it was about to destroy the world.

The Great Demons who had rushed over all stayed a few kilometers away with bewildered expressions, not daring to continue approaching.

*Boom!*

The thunder in the sky temporarily stopped, and the thundercloud seemed to be preparing for the next wave of attack. Yao Li's figure appeared in the sky.

There was almost no intact skin on his body now, and even his bones could be seen.

His body swayed, but Yao Li was still shouting, "We have nothing to lose. If we're not convinced, we'll fight! If you can't kill me, I'll change my name to Hu Li today!"

"Come on!"

Yao Li soared into the sky as he roared. His miserable figure actually revealed an unyielding arrogance. Under this arrogance, his entire body emitted a dazzling light, and his aura constantly transformed.

Yao Li was really going to become Hu Li!

### **Chapter 513: Demon King Hu Li, Nephew Is Right (1)**

Zhou Shu had heard of the Demon King realm, which also was the Grotto-Heaven realm that Shi Changsheng had mentioned, for a long time. But this was the first time he had seen someone break through.

Previously, when he fought with Demon Queen Tushan, to be honest, he didn't think that she was that powerful. Under the eruption of his divine ability Total Annihilation, he had even cut off one of her tails.

Seeing Yao Li's breakthrough, Zhou Shu was shocked. At the same time, he had a better understanding of the Demon King realm.

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Even he might not be able to survive such heavenly might.

If every Demon King had to go through this stage in order to advance, their strength would definitely not be weak.

Perhaps it was just an accident that Demon Queen Tushan had lost to him.

Zhou Shu saw with his own eyes that the aura of Yao Li was constantly becoming stronger. But his injuries were becoming more and more serious under the lightning.

This diametrical disparity gave an unusually strong contrast.

The Great Demons watching from kilometers away all had different expressions.

There was shock, panic, envy, and jealousy.

There was a world of difference between a Great Demon and a Demon King. If a Great Demon was a lord of the Demon Realm, then a Demon King was an emperor of the Demon Realm.

If Yao Li could survive the heavenly tribulation, he would be the thirteenth Demon King of the Demon Realm, an absolute supreme existence.

“Your Highness.” Xiao Jianghe’s eyes were brimming with killing intent. The Demon Realm was their enemy. If another powerhouse appeared, it would definitely not be good for the human race!

Xiao Jianghe could tell that Yao Li had clearly reached his limit. At this moment, even he was confident that he could kill him.

But once he attacked, not to mention whether the lightning in the sky would affect him, just the surrounding demonic beasts could tear him into pieces.

However, it was worth it to exchange his life for the life of a quasi-Demon King!

Zhou Shu knew what Xiao Jianghe was thinking. His expression was grim as he shook his head slightly.

Zhou Shu didn’t interrupt Yao Li’s breakthrough. First, he was worried that he would be affected by the lightning. Second, he suddenly had a thought.

To be honest, there were already twelve Demon Kings in the Demon Realm, and Zhou Shu was the only Earth Immortal in the Ten Nations, let alone the Grotto-Heaven realm.

With the difference in strength between the two sides, it didn’t matter if there was one more or one less Demon King.

In that case, taking the risk to interrupt Yao Li’s breakthrough and even expose the secret that he could transform into a demonic beast was not worth it.

On the contrary, if Yao Li could really break through successfully...

Zhou Shu was calm. Although Xiao Jianghe was a little unwilling, he still stood obediently behind Zhou Shu.

Thunder rumbled, and all the flesh and blood in Yao Li’s body had been obliterated by the lightning. He looked like a skeleton now, and this skeleton looked like it was about to collapse at any moment.

The dark clouds in the sky gathered again. This time, it seemed even more powerful than before. It was as if all the lightning was about to explode in this strike and completely destroy Yao Li in the air.

Yao Li’s cry was already a little weak. He raised his middle finger in the air.

*Boom—*

Lightning crashed like a waterfall.

A dragon’s roar suddenly sounded from Yao Li’s body. Then a five-clawed golden dragon suddenly flew out from his body and collided with the lightning.

*Rumble!*



The loud sound drowned all sounds in the world. The five-clawed golden dragon and the lightning that filled the sky dissipated into the air as if they had perished together.

*Demon King Ao's divine power?* Zhou Shu frowned slightly and subconsciously thought of Demon King Ao.

At this moment, a pleasant ding sounded. Then the sky emitted a seven-colored light. The seven-colored light sprinkled on Yao Li, who had almost turned into a skeleton, and he began to regenerate at a visible speed.

At the same time, his aura rose steadily, and he quickly broke through a limit. Then Zhou Shu felt a special power in his body.

The power was full of vitality, as if it was about to split the world apart. Zhou Shu revealed a thoughtful expression.

He had once seen this power on Demon Queen Tushan. In Shi Changsheng's words, this should be the power of the embryonic form of a grotto-heaven.

The Demon King realm was equivalent to the Grotto-Heaven realm of the human race. At the peak of the Demon King realm, one could evolve a grotto-heaven like the master of the human race's grotto-heaven.

Zhou Shu had never understood what this realm was all about. Now that he personally witnessed Yao Li break through, he seemed to have grasped something. But after thinking about it carefully, he couldn't figure it out.

But this observation definitely affected him greatly.

He had gained a lot. There were also the Great Demons watching from the sidelines. Many of them had been stuck at the peak of the Great Demon realm for many years. They originally had no hope of breaking through to the Demon King realm, but now that they saw Yao Li breakthrough, they felt that they seemed to have seen the path ahead again.

Of course, it was hard to say if they were hallucinating. After all, it wasn't so easy to break through to the Demon King realm.

"Hahaha!"

After an unknown period of time, the laughter of Yao Li sounded in everyone's ears, and his figure reappeared in front of everyone. His injuries were already gone.

He stood there, giving the impression that he was as solid as a mountain. He looked completely different from before.

"From now on, there will be no Yao Li in the world. I am Hu Li! Demon King Hu Li!"

## **Chapter 514: Demon King Hu Li, Nephew Is Right (2)**

Yao Li, or rather, Hu Li shouted, and an invisible power spread out.

The power made all the demonic beasts within a radius of dozens of kilometers lower their heads.

“Greetings, Demon King Hu Li.”

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Even the Great Demons lowered their heads and spoke respectfully.

*Crack—*

The bones in Xiao Jianghe’s body creaked. Hu Li’s aura almost crushed him, but he didn’t want to lower his head to a demonic beast and desperately resisted the pressure.

“Demon King Hu Li, what arrogance!” Zhou Shu snorted coldly.

“How dare you! How dare you be rude to the Demon King Hu Li!” A demonic beast jumped out.

“Presumptuous!”

A furious roar sounded. With a bang, the demonic beast flew out and exploded into a bloody mist.

Hu Li appeared in front of Zhou Shu and waved his hand calmly, not taking the demonic beast’s death seriously at all.

“How dare you be rude to my benefactor? You deserve to die!”

Hu Li’s reaction stunned all the demonic beasts.

Even Zhou Shu was puzzled, not understanding what Hu Li meant.

“Nephew Yao Qing, you helped me break through to the Demon King realm. I, Hu Li, will never be able to repay you for such a huge favor.” Hu Li cupped his hands at Zhou Shu solemnly. “From now on, you are my great benefactor. Whoever dares to be rude to you will be disrespecting me. In the Demon Realm, I will definitely kill anyone who dares to offend you!”

Hu Li opened his mouth and bared his teeth.

Zhou Shu: “...”

The demonic beasts were speechless.

A Great Demon flew close, bowed respectfully to Hu Li, and asked eagerly, “Demon King Hu Li, you said that Nephew Yao Qing helped you break through to the Demon King realm?”

Hu Li had just broken through to the Demon King realm and had yet to develop the air of a Demon King.

His vanity was greatly satisfied when someone of the same level bowed so respectfully.

“That’s right.” Hu Li nodded proudly. “If it weren’t for Nephew Yao Qing’s reminder, I would probably still be on the wrong path.”

“Nephew Yao Qing is right. I’m a demonic beast, so I should follow my nature. If it weren’t for you, I wouldn’t be where I am today. Nephew Yao Qing is really my great benefactor.”

Hu Li unconsciously said a few more genteel words.

“Did Yao Qing really help you break through to the Demon King realm?” The Great Demon’s eyes were frighteningly bright as he stared fixedly at Zhou Shu, startling him.

Zhou Shu took half a step back without batting an eyelid. *Could these Great Demons have some special fetish?*

He wanted to kill him without exposing himself. What should he do?

“Nephew Yao Qing!” The Great Demon appeared in front of Zhou Shu with a whoosh. His face was full of smiles, and there was even a hint of flattery. “Nephew Yao Qing, my territory isn’t far. Do you have the time to come to my house as a guest? I have excellent mutant fruits and demonesses from various races. Feel free to tell me what kind you like. I promise I’ll find them all for you!”

The Great Demon patted his chest loudly.

Zhou Shu was stunned. *What the hell? Did you just say demonesses?*

*Pfft!* A gust of wind blew, and another Great Demon appeared. He smiled until his eyes narrowed into slits. “Nephew Yao Qing, don’t listen to Yao Yiming. He’s a stingy pauper. He doesn’t have anything good for you. Come to me. I’ll definitely let you experience the feeling of being at home...”

“You? Go play somewhere else...” Another Great Demon appeared.

The seven or eight Great Demons present surrounded Zhou Shu and spoke one after another. In the end, they even quarreled.

Zhou Shu felt as if the Great Demons had become old procuresses. They were as noisy as pimps.

On the other hand, Demon King Hu Li stood at the side in a daze.

*Am I, the new Demon King, being ignored?*

*What is the meaning of this?*

“Shut up!” Hu Li’s aura exploded.

The voices of the seven or eight Great Demons stopped abruptly. They looked at Hu Li aggrievedly. *You’re just a Demon King.*

*Is that impressive?*

*If you have something to say, say it. Why are you spreading your aura for no reason?*

*Are you bullying us?*

“Don’t think I don’t know what you bastards are up to,” Hu Li shouted angrily. “Nephew Yao Qing is my esteemed guest. He won’t go anywhere!

“You want to hear his wise words with just good food and a few demonesses? It’s not so easy!”

“Demon King Hu Li, how can you insult us? We sincerely want to invite Nephew Yao Qing to our place as a guest,” a Great Demon said aggrievedly.

“Bullshit!” Demon King Hu Li cursed. “Do you know why I’m a Demon King and you’re not?”

"It's all because you were lucky to meet Nephew Yao Qing..." the Great Demon grumbled.

"That's only one of the reasons!" Hu Li said. "The other reason is that I am smarter than you!"

"How can a smart demonic beast like me not see through the thoughts of you bastards?" Hu Li said proudly. He was a Demon King. Who dared to refute his words?

Zhou Shu was speechless. *I really can't tell how you're smart!*

*There is no justice in this world. Even a fool can break through to the Demon King realm. There are so many smart people in the human race, but there isn't a single Earth Immortal. How is life so unfair?*

"That's right. We want to ask Nephew Yao Qing for guidance. It's none of your business, right?" One of the great demons gritted his teeth and said, "Are you going to stop him?"

"Of course not." Hu Li pursed his lips. "But Nephew Yao Qing is still young. I can't let him be deceived by you old fellows!"

"If you want to hear what Nephew Yao Qing has to say, you have to at least offer enough benefits."

Then he turned his head and opened his mouth at Zhou Shu. "Nephew Yao Qing, I'll be your gatekeeper. Is that okay?"

"Don't look at how attentive these old things are to you. If you think they're good demons, they'll take advantage of you..."

The Great Demons didn't dare to say anything. Hu Li was already a Demon King. Otherwise, they would definitely join forces to kill him!

Stopping someone from advancing was an irreconcilable feud!

"Demon King Hu Li is right." Zhou Shu pondered and nodded. "I do have some insignificant insights into the Great Dao. If everyone wants to hear them, there's no harm in me saying them."

"But according to the rules of the Demon Realm, we should follow the rule of equivalent exchange. What do you think, my lords?"

"No problem. Just tell us whatever you want, Nephew Yao Qing. As long as I have it, it's all yours."

All the Great Demons spoke.

Yao Li was not considered top-notch among Great Demons. But after hearing Yao Qing's words, he could break through to the Demon King realm.

They were much stronger than Yao Li. There was no reason why they couldn't succeed!

If they could become Demon Kings, what were worldly possessions?

"That wouldn't be nice." Zhou Shu said.

"Take it. You should take whatever you want!" a Great Demon shouted. "If you don't take it, then you're looking down on us!"

"That's right, Nephew Yao Qing. I'm not bragging, but we're much richer than Yao Li..."

“Hu Li!” Hu Li shouted angrily.

“Well, if everyone’s so enthusiastic...” Zhou Shu seemed to be in a difficult position. “If I refuse again, it will hurt our relationship.”

“How about this? Demon King Hu Li has become the thirteenth Demon King of the Demon Realm. This is a good thing. We might as well hold an advancement ceremony for Demon King Hu Li. Let’s have a good time.”

“When the time comes, I’ll tell everyone something about the Great Dao at the ceremony and let everyone appraise it. How does that sound?”

“Advancement ceremony?” Hu Li’s eyes lit up. He had become a Demon King and was thinking of announcing it to the world. An advancement ceremony sounded impressive!

“When the time comes, if everyone is willing, bring some congratulatory gifts to celebrate Demon King Hu Li’s advancement,” Zhou Shu continued. “The birth of the thirteenth Demon Kings is a major event in our Demon Realm. We must inform the entire Demon Realm and cause a bigger commotion.”

“Demon King Hu Li, I think there’s no hurry to chase after that human army. You can destroy that group of ants with a flip of your hand. What’s wrong with letting them live a little longer?” Zhou Shu said seriously.

“Nephew Yao Qing, you’re right!”

### **Chapter 515: Since You’ve Given Me So Much, I’ve Decided To Be Merciful To You (1)**

Xiao Jianghe looked at Zhou Shu with hesitation.

“Just say what you have to say.” Zhou Shu smiled. “It’s not like you to hesitate.”

Xiao Jianghe took a deep breath and finally asked, “Why are you helping the demons, Your Highness?”

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Before submitting to Zhou Shu, he had been deceived by Emperor Wei Wu and became a sinner who lured the Demon Realm army to invade the Ten Nations Continent. For this reason, he had sworn an oath to fight to the death to atone for his sins.

He hated demonic beasts.

But now, Zhou Shu had actually helped Yao Li to break through to the Demon King realm. Not only this, but he even wanted to help the other great Demons. Wasn’t this defecting to the enemy?

Although Xiao Jianghe was unwilling to believe that Zhou Shu would join the demons, he was worried that he would repeat the same mistake. If that happened, he would really be too ashamed to continue living.

“You suspect that I want to collude with the demons like Emperor Wei Wu?” Zhou Shu smiled. One look at Xiao Jianghe, and he knew what he was thinking.

Xiao Jianghe opened his mouth. Although he didn't say anything, his expression betrayed his thoughts.

"Would you believe me if I said that Yao Li's breakthrough was just an accident?" Zhou Shu smiled.

"I trust you. It's just—" Xiao Jianghe said.

"It's indeed too much of a coincidence. I didn't expect that after all my nonsense, Hu Li would actually believe me. Not only did he believe me, but he even broke through to the Demon King realm.

"If it were me, I'd also find it a little unbelievable.

"But, Jianghe, have some faith in me." Zhou Shu patted Xiao Jianghe's shoulder. "What good will it do me to join the demons?"

"I would be out of my mind if I joined the demons. I'm not Emperor Wei Wu.

"Yao Li's breakthrough was an accident," Zhou Shu said seriously. "I was just fooling them when I said I would teach the Great Dao to the Great Demons.

"My own realm is still a distance away from the Great Demon realm. How can I help a Great Demon break through to the Demon King realm?"

"If they do what I say, they might suffer cultivation deviation."

Xiao Jianghe had never heard of someone suffering cultivation deviation, but it didn't stop him from understanding its meaning.

Although Zhou Shu said this, to be honest, Xiao Jianghe didn't think much of it.

The king might not know his own ability, and he might not have any intention of helping the demonic beasts, but he could not help it. A casual sentence from him might benefit the demonic beasts greatly.

For example, the king claimed that he didn't understand the art of war. In the end, he had casually made a remark and shocked Meng Bai, Wang Mu, Bai Qiancheng, and the others. They were still studying the kind of warfare he mentioned.

A person like the king couldn't be inferred by common sense.

Xiao Jianghe himself had benefited a lot from following Zhou Shu.

He wasn't worried that the king would betray the human race now. What he was worried about was that the king might go overboard.

If he really created a few more Demon Kings for the Demon Realm, it would be more than troublesome.

Zhou Shu wasn't as worried as Xiao Jianghe. What happened to Yao Li, or rather, Hu Li, was definitely an accident.

Who knew that he could break through to the Demon King realm just by saying, 'We have nothing to lose. If we're not convinced, we'll fight!?'

This was simply unreasonable.

But this gave Zhou Shu an opportunity. At the very least, the crisis of the camp being surrounded by Hu Li's army was temporarily resolved.

He bought the camp a few months. It was a huge gain.

He would think of a way to fool them during Hu Li's advancement ceremony. How many demonic beasts could he destroy?

This was Zhou Shu's current plan. Of course, it would be good if he could make a small fortune.

Didn't those Great Demons say that they would give him whatever he wanted?

They were so enthusiastic. It wouldn't be nice to reject them.

"There is something I need you to do, Jianghe," Zhou Shu said solemnly. "It's not enough for you to go alone. Bring the Criminal Army and have my brother's Hundred Wars Armored Army cooperate. Also, bring Yin Chengshan, Chen Ji, and the others. If Yang Hong returns, bring him along."

Zhou Shu continued with a solemn expression, "I want you to do everything you can to stop Yao Qing from appearing at Hu Li's advancement ceremony!"

Zhou Shu was pretending to be Yao Qing. If the real Yao Qing turned up, it would be troublesome.

Although Zhou Shu was confident that his divine ability Myriad Transformations was ever-changing and flawless, no matter how stupid the demonic beasts were, they wouldn't listen to him anymore.

"Stop Yao Qing?" Xiao Jianghe's expression was also very solemn. He knew very well how the appearance of the real Yao Qing would affect Zhou Shu.

Xiao Jianghe wasn't thinking that the appearance of the real Yao Qing would ruin Zhou Shu's plan. But if the real Yao Qing appeared, it would definitely bring Zhou Shu great danger!

"Don't worry, Your Highness. I will definitely do my best to stop Yao Qing. Even if the Criminal Army only had one soldier left, I will definitely not let Yao Qing appear in Hu Li's advancement ceremony!" Xiao Jianghe said gravely. "The only problem is, Your Highness, how can I find Yao Qing?"

If he couldn't find Yao Qing, it would be useless no matter how capable he was.

After all, in the Demon Realm, it was impossible for him to seal off all roads leading to Hu Li's advancement ceremony.

"That's easy," Zhou Shu said. "According to my understanding of Yao Qing, if there's nothing special, he will stay in his lair and cultivate. I will draw a map for you of where he lives."

## **Chapter 516: Since You've Given Me So Much, I've Decided To Be Merciful To You (2)**

One of the important reasons Zhou Shu had chosen to pretend to be Yao Qing was that Yao Qing was a shut-in. If there was nothing important, he would not leave his home.

If not for the huge commotion caused by Hu Li's advancement ceremony, Zhou Shu wouldn't have needed to worry about the real Yao Qing appearing.

Zhou Shu had just handed the map to Xiao Jianghe and found an excuse to send him out of Hu Li's camp when he was called over.

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"Demon King Hu Li, were you looking for me?" Zhou Shu arrived at Hu Li's tent.

"Yao Qing, come here quickly."

Hu Li had already completely stabilized his cultivation, and his face was full of excitement. Breaking through to the Demon King realm could make him happy for 300 years!

"I've thought carefully about what you said about the celebration. It makes so much sense!" Hu Li continued. "Your father's blood flows in your body. Your thoughts are indeed different from demonic beasts like us."

Zhou Shu was speechless. *Is this a compliment or a curse?*

"I'm the only one who advanced to the Demon King realm in the past thousand years! The thirteenth Demon King of the Demon Realm, isn't that awesome?!" Hu Li said triumphantly. "How can I not let those fellows who used to look down on me know something so awesome?"

"There's a human saying. What's it called? If you don't show off when you're rich, it's like walking in the dark in beautiful clothes—"

"If the rich don't return to their hometown, it would be like wearing brocade and walking in the dark," Zhou Shu said speechlessly.

Although there were no allusions from Earth in this world, similar things had happened, so there was this saying on the Ten Nations Continent.

"Damn it. That's what I said!" Hu Li cursed. "Humans are so cunning. They can talk so beautifully. I can't learn this no matter how hard I try."

"It's a good thing you've enlightened me. Otherwise, I'd still be fighting with these words."

"Anyway, that's what I mean. I, Hu Li, have made a comeback! I must let those people who looked down on me in the past experience it!"

Hu Li continued, "So, the celebration you mentioned suits me. If we're going to do it, we'll do it big."

"Nephew, you're smarter than me. I want to ask you to help me prepare this matter." Hu Li patted Zhou Shu's shoulder. "Don't worry. I'm a Demon King now. I definitely won't let you work for free."

"Demon King Hu Li, you're being too polite," Zhou Shu said. "You and my parents are old friends. We're not outsiders. It's my honor to help you."

"Nephew Yao Qing, I'm f\*cking liking you more and more." Hu Li patted Zhou Shu and laughed loudly. "Why didn't I realize that you were so likable?"

"In the past, you were like a shut-in, always cultivating behind closed doors..."



“I used to be young and insensible. Now it has dawned on me, and I’ve turned over a new leaf,” Zhou Shu said. “I’m happy to help you, Demon King Hu Li, but I have a request.”

“Yao Qing, feel free to speak. There’s no need to hold back when you’re talking to me.” Hu Li thumped his chest.

“Actually, it’s nothing. I can’t handle the preparation of the ceremony alone, so I have to borrow some manpower from you, Demon King,” Zhou Shu said. “Demon King, as you know, I’ve never liked leading troops. Last time, I suffered a huge loss when I fought the humans. All the demonic beasts under me are gone.”

“Oh, I was wondering what it was about.” Hu Li waved his hand. “It’s just demonic beasts. All the demonic beasts under my command will be handed over to you, Nephew Yao Qing.

“As long as you do a good job for the advancement ceremony, not only will I let you use all the demonic beasts under my command, but you can use all my resources as well.

“I have only one request. This celebration must be grand. It must be grandiose!

“I want those demonic beasts to know that I’m now the thirteenth Demon King of the Demon Realm! How dare they look down on me and say that I will never become a Demon King for the rest of my life. I’ll show them this time!”

Hu Li was smug. He wanted to teach all those people who had looked down on him a lesson.

It seemed that he had indeed been looked down upon in the past.

Although he had been a Great Demon in the past, there were also differences between Great Demons. Some senior Great Demons had looked down on him.

Now that he had caught up and broken through to the Demon King realm, becoming the first demonic beast to break through to this realm in a thousand years and the thirteenth Demon King of the Demon Realm, he indeed had the right to be proud.

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When Zhou Shu left Hu Li’s camp, even with his experience, he felt like he was in a dream.

Hu Li handed over the military power of his demonic beast army just like that?

This was an army of two million demonic beasts!

Not only that, but Hu Li’s own treasure vault was completely open to Zhou Shu!

Previously, Hu Li was only a Great Demon, and his cultivation was far inferior to Demon Queen Tushan. But Hu Li had another identity, which was the leader of the tiger demons.

He led an army of two million demonic beasts. This was not something that Demon Queen Tushan could compare to.

In terms of rare items, Tushan’s treasure vault far exceeded Hu Li’s. But in terms of the number of treasures, she couldn’t compare to him.

Hu Li had given Zhou Shu all the authority to enter and exit his storeroom. In other words, if Zhou Shu wanted, it would be easy to empty his storeroom.

In any world, apart from war, the richest people were involved in construction and organizing events.

Holding an advancement ceremony for Hu Li, even if Zhou Shu didn't have any bad intentions, was enough to make an ordinary demonic beast rich.

Zhou Shu would be letting down Hu Li's trust in him if he only took a little!

He felt that he would already be generous if he only left a pair of underwear for Hu Li.

*Hu Li, oh, Hu Li, don't blame me, Zhou Shu thought. I only wanted to trick you, but you gave me too much. If I don't take it, I'll be looking down on you.*

*But you won't lose out. Speaking of which, being the poorest Demon King in the Demon Realm is still impressive, right? It sounds much better than being the thirteenth.*

Zhou Shu couldn't help smiling. "You, come here!"

He raised his hand and called the passing Yao Jun over.

"Is there something wrong?" Yao Jun said coldly. Because of what Zhou Shu had said, Lord Yao Li had broken through to the Demon King realm, but he hadn't gained anything. He was feeling depressed now. Could it be that he was too stupid?

As soon as he saw Zhou Shu, Yao Jun couldn't help doubting himself. Therefore, when the other demonic beasts approached Zhou Shu, he had avoided him.

"You know this, don't you?" Zhou Shu waved his hand. There was a tiger tooth in his hand. It was the size of an adult's fist and as white as jade. There was even light flowing on it.

"The commander's seal?" Yao Jun's expression changed slightly. This was Hu Li's commander's seal. Holding this commander's seal was equivalent to becoming Hu Li's spokesperson. He could mobilize an army at will!

Thinking of what Lord Hu Li had said in public, Yao Jun didn't doubt the authenticity of the commander's seal in Zhou Shu's hand.

"Greetings, Lord!" Yao Jun cupped his hands and bowed to Zhou Shu, or rather, to the commander's seal in his hand.

"It's good that you recognize this." Zhou Shu nodded in satisfaction. "Lord Hu Li has given me full authority to organize the Demon King advancement ceremony for him. The army is at my disposal. I'm short of a messenger, so you can be my messenger.

"Pass down my orders. Recall all the soldiers outside. Within ten days, they must return to Lord Hu Li's territory!"

"Understood!" Yao Jun said in a deep voice.

After saying this, he couldn't help saying, "Yao Qing, although you are Lord Hu Li's benefactor, please show me some respect. You clearly know my name!"

"Really? I'm not good at remembering unimportant matters," Zhou Shu said calmly.

Yao Jun was furious. *My name is unimportant?*

*What a bully!*

Yao Jun clenched his fists. If not for the fact that he was holding Hu Li's commander's seal, he would definitely beat him up until his face was covered in blood!

"Don't mind me. I'm a blunt man. I have to speak the truth even if it offends others," Zhou Shu continued. "I've told you and Lord Hu Li the same thing. In the end, Lord Hu Li broke through to the Demon King realm, but you remained in place. It's not surprising that I forgot your name, right?"

### **Chapter 517: My Lackey, I Want To Be The Richest Man in the Demon Realm (1)**

"Tell me. Am I stupid?" Yao Jun asked in a hoarse voice after pulling a demonic beast over.

The demonic beast was more shocked than him. He stammered, "L-Lord Yao Jun, I don't know."

*If you don't know, that means I'm really stupid!*

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Yao Jun felt a little lost.

*I didn't realize I was so stupid. Everyone knows it except me.*

The demonic beast he had grabbed carefully took a few steps back and then fled.

He was a demonic beast that was not even at the third rank of the Martial Dao. He didn't dare to get involved in the matters of Yao Jun and Yao Qing.

"What's-your-name." Zhou Shu patted Yao Jun's shoulder. "It's fine if you're a little stupid. As the saying goes, the slow start early. As long as you're more diligent than others, you might be able to become a Great Demon in the future.

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"If you're stupid and lazy, then you're really hopeless.

"For your own future, come on. Roll up your sleeves and work hard."

Zhou Shu's voice was bewitching.

Yao Jun's head snapped up. His ugly face looked menacing.

"Yao Qing, thank you for letting me know the truth!" he said in a low voice. "If it weren't for you, I'd think I was a genius! I'm nothing but trash!"

“You’re right. I’m already so stupid. If I’m still lazy, what’s the point of living? Tell me what you want me to do. I’ll do it with my heart.”

Yao Jun’s expression was firm. “If you don’t find me stupid, from now on, I’m willing to follow you and become your most loyal lackey!”

Zhou Shu was stunned. *Are you serious?*

There were no slaves on the Ten Nations Continent. *A first-rank demonic beast like you wants to be my lackey?*

He couldn’t understand the thoughts of these demonic beasts.

He had just casually said a few words, and Yao Jun believed him?

Didn’t he think that if he was really stupid, how could he have become a first-rank demonic beast?

Becoming a first-rank demonic beast was not so easy to achieve.

Even if he believed that he was useless, there was no need to make himself a lackey.

Seeing that Zhou Shu was silent, Yao Jun sighed and said dejectedly, “As expected, you look down on me for being too stupid.”

*Well, he’s not happy that I won’t let him be my lackey.*

“Not really...” Zhou Shu pondered. “I won’t discriminate against you because you’re too stupid. I’ve always believed in the saying that hard work can make up for talent. It doesn’t matter if you don’t know what this means. You just have to understand that hard work can change fate.

“If you’re willing to follow me, as long as there’s no problem with Lord Hu Li, I’m fine.”

“There’s no problem with Lord Hu Li. I’m not his vassal. I have autonomy,” Yao Jun said excitedly.

“Greetings, my lord!” Yao Jun fell to his knees and cried out.

“Alright, get up.” Zhou Shu put on a dignified expression. “Since you’ve become my lackey, you have to do what I say without hesitation. Otherwise, don’t blame me for being heartless.”

“Don’t worry, Lord Yao Qing. If I slack off at all, I won’t complain even if you kill me!” Yao Jun said loudly.

“Alright.” Zhou Shu nodded. “Pass on my orders first. Tell all the demonic beasts under Lord Hu Li to return to his territory.

“Moreover, I’m going to draw some drawings for you. You’ll follow the drawings and go mining for me.”

“Follow the drawings?” Yao Jun looked ashamed. He couldn’t understand what Lord Yao Qing was saying. He, Yao Jun, was indeed useless. He was really too stupid.

Zhou Shu explained, “It means finding exactly the same thing as what I drew for you. Do you understand now?”

“Yes.” Yao Jun wished he could find a hole to hide in. He looked at Zhou Shu with gratitude. *Lord Yao Qing is too good to me. He still has the patience to explain such things to me.*

*He will even help me draw things clearly just in case I don't understand.*

Yao Jun's eyes turned red.

"The Demon King Hu Li's advancement ceremony is a joyous occasion for the entire Demon Realm, so I'm preparing to hold a grand ceremony for him," Zhou Shu said seriously. "What I'm asking you to find concerns the construction of the Demon King Palace for Demon King Hu Li. You can't be careless at all, understand?"

"I understand! Lord, although I'm stupid, please believe that I will definitely do my best and not disappoint you," Yao Jun vowed.

"I believe you." Zhou Shu patted Yao Jun's shoulder. "The more there are, the better. The demonic beast army is at your disposal."

"I promise to complete the mission!" Yao Jun went off valiantly.

Zhou Shu laughed in his heart.

Who would have thought that his mining army would return?!

Just the thought of having two million demonic beasts mining for him made him drool.

How many mines would they dig up?

Why did he suddenly feel that these demonic beasts were a little cute?

Zhou Shu shook his head and stepped into a tent.

He had to put on a full show to fool the demons.

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In the Huaxia Pavilion's Demon Realm branch, Xiao Jianghe faced Meng Bai, Wang Mu, Bai Qiancheng, and the others and said in a deep voice, "For the safety of His Highness, we must kill Yao Qing at all costs!"

Zhou Shu had asked Xiao Jianghe to stop Yao Qing from appearing. But in Xiao Jianghe's opinion, the best way to prevent Yao Qing from appearing was to make him disappear from the world.

## **Chapter 518: My Lackey, I Want To Be The Richest Man in the Demon Realm (2)**

"I've seen Yao Qing before. He's an extremely powerful first-rank demonic beast," Cao Chenyang said. "With our strength, it won't be easy to kill him."

"Even if we mobilize our entire army and attempt to kill Yao Qing, I'm afraid the commotion will be too big. At that time, if our location is exposed, the gains won't make up for the losses."

"Are you scared?" Xiao Jianghe said angrily.

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“General Xiao, don’t be agitated. We’re all worried about His Highness’s safety. However, we still have to plan things carefully. Otherwise, not only will we not be able to help His Highness, but we might even harm him,” Meng Bai persuaded.

Xiao Jianghe snorted, but he didn’t say anything else.

Cao Chenyang continued, “Our goal is to not let Yao Qing appear in front of others, lest he exposes His Highness’ identity.

“Then, I think there may be a way I can do it.”

“What do you have in mind?” Xiao Jianghe said in a muffled voice.

“Yao Qing is a hybrid of human and demon. His father is Ji Lutian, a human Grand Craftsman!” Cao Chenyang said. “To be honest, we have exchanged letters before and can be considered friends.

“I’m confident that I can persuade Ji Lutian to help. If he helps, it won’t be difficult for Yao Qing to disappear for a while.”

“You can’t tell outsiders about His Highness disguising himself as Yao Qing!” Xiao Jianghe said seriously. “I don’t trust Ji Lutian!”

“General Xiao, do you think he can’t guess if I don’t tell him?” Cao Chenyang smiled bitterly. “His son is at home, but another one appeared outside. Do you think he doesn’t know that one of them is fake?”

“No matter what, we have to find a way to get in touch with Ji Lutian. Otherwise, the matter will definitely be exposed.”

Everyone nodded. Cao Chenyang rarely spoke, but his words were reasonable and thoughtful.

“Prince Cao, how confident are you in convincing Ji Lutian?” Bai Qiancheng asked. He first gestured to Wang Mu before continuing, “Moreover, can we trust Ji Lutian? I’m not suspecting your country’s Great Craftsman Ji Lutian of defecting, but he has lived in the Demon Realm for so many years and even had a son with the demon race. This concerns His Highness’ safety, so we can’t be careless.”

Wang Mu didn’t say anything. Ji Lutian was a Grand Craftsman of Great Qin. It would be a bad idea to say he believed Ji Lutian. It would be even worse if he said that he didn’t believe Ji Lutian.

Thus, he’d rather be an outsider and wait for everyone to plan.

“General Bai’s concern is also my point,” Meng Bai said. “We don’t know Ji Lutian well. We can’t guarantee what he’s thinking now.”

“Ji Lutian didn’t betray the human race,” Cao Chenyang said seriously. “Have you forgotten? He helped me return to the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament battlefield. If not for him, I would have died in the Demon Realm.”

“It could also be his trick,” Bai Qiancheng said.

Although Cao Chenyang was a first-rank martial artist, he was not a general.

Meng Bai, Bai Qiancheng, and even Wang Mu were generals who had led armies for many years. They had seen too many schemes and plots. Their thought processes were naturally different from Cao Chenyang's.

Cao Chenyang fell silent. After a while, he continued, "If Ji Lutian has really changed sides, then what we're discussing is meaningless. Once the news of the Demon King's advancement ceremony spreads, Ji Lutian will definitely know that Yao Qing is an imposter."

They all fell silent. This was indeed a big problem.

If Ji Lutian really betrayed them, Yao Qing's matter wouldn't be hidden from the demons no matter what.

"There's another way." Xiao Jianghe's killing intent surged. "Kill Ji Lutian too!"

"It's better to kill by mistake than risk His Highness!"

Xiao Jianghe's face was brimming with killing intent. He didn't care who Ji Lutian was. As long as he threatened his king's safety, he would kill him!

"It's not that easy." Meng Bai shook his head. "Ji Lutian is also a first-rank martial artist. If he has really changed sides, there will definitely be many experts protecting him.

"Don't forget that Yao Qing's mother is a Great Demon.

"Even if we mobilize all our forces, we won't be able to kill a Great Demon."

"Then what do you suggest we do?" Xiao Jianghe said in frustration. "All of you are known as Gods of War, but you're all so useless?"

Meng Bai's, Wang Mu's, and Bai Qiancheng's expressions changed.

"Right now, this is all just speculation on our part." Wang Mu said. "It's still uncertain if Ji Lutian has betrayed us.

"Although I'm speaking from the standpoint of Great Qin, I believe that the people of Great Qin will definitely not join the demons!"

Wang Mu's expression was serious as he continued, "I think we have to find a way to determine Ji Lutian's current situation first."

"So?" Everyone asked questions.

"I'm going to meet Ji Lutian with Prince Cao!" Wang Mu said. "If Ji Lutian has really betrayed us, then the news of our army should be enough to make him expose himself."

Meng Bai and Bai Qiancheng looked at each other. This method was very dangerous for Wang Mu and Cao Chenyang.

If Ji Lutian had already betrayed them, the two of them would be entering a tiger's den.

"It's worth a try." Cao Chenyang said seriously.

Although he didn't believe that Ji Lutian would betray them, there was no harm in trying. As for his own safety, he didn't care much.

When Cao Chenyang entered the Demon Realm back then, he had never thought that he would be able to get out alive. It was already a blessing that he could survive until now.

For the sake of the human race, so what if he died?

"Generals, have you thought about how we can contact Ji Lutian?" Mi Ziwen, who had been listening, suddenly spoke.

This was the Demon Realm, not the Ten Nations Continent. They couldn't meet anyone they wanted.

Once the demonic beasts discovered their traces, they would be hunted down. Not to mention seeing Ji Lutian, they might not even be able to survive.

"I know where Ji Lutian lives," Cao Chenyang said. "But it's indeed difficult to get there."

"It doesn't matter how difficult it is!" Meng Bai said. "We're not freeloaders. We can't pin everything on His Highness alone."

"If we can't handle such a small matter, then all of us deserve to die!"

"Everyone, no matter what, we must guarantee that there are no accidents during the advancement ceremony of Demon King Hu Li!"

If outsiders heard Meng Bai's words, they would think that they were bodyguards for the Demon King Hu Li's advancement ceremony.

Who would have thought that the advancement ceremony of the 13th Demon King would shake the entire Demon Realm, and the executive director was actually a human?

And now, this director was excitedly drawing blueprints in the camp of the Demon Realm army.

Back when Zhou Shu was in Great Xia, Emperor Yuan Feng had given him a piece of land to build the Huaxia Pavilion.

After the construction of the Huaxia Pavilion began, Zhou Shu arrived at the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament battlefield before it was completed.

He wondered what the Huaxia Pavilion had become. Back then, Zhou Shu had made many plans for the Huaxia Pavilion.

Now, his interest in planning broke out again. Although this would be built for a Demon King, it had to be grand. Otherwise, how could he trick Demon King Hu Li into paying?

On the outside, it looked luxurious. But on the inside, it was shabby. Zhou Shu had heard too much about this in his previous life.

Even if he had never done it in his previous life, he knew those tricks by heart.

His goal was to empty Demon King Hu Li's pocket and make him the poorest Demon King in the Demon Realm. For this goal, he was full of energy!



After this was done, if he couldn't become the richest man in the Demon Realm, he would admit defeat!

### **Chapter 519: My Life Is Up To Me, Not The Heavens. As a Demon, I Should Be Yao Aotian (1)**

"Demon King Palace?" Demon King Hu Li's eyes lit up, and his gaze seemed corporeal.

Zhou Shu was amused. *The Demon King realm is really interesting.*

"That's right, Demon King Hu Li. I've seen it. The place you lived before was just a cave."

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Zhou Shu had already returned to Demon King Hu Li's territory with him.

Hu Li was the leader of the tiger demons, and the place he originally lived was actually not too bad.

But demonic beasts were not as particular as humans. The residence of Hu Li was just a house casually built with stones. It was spacious, but it was not worth mentioning in other aspects.

"You're a Demon King now. I don't know what the other demon kings think, but I think your residence has to be worthy of your status." Zhou Shu pointed at the blueprint. "This is the Demon King Palace that I specially designed for you, Demon King Hu Li. It's definitely the only one in the Demon Realm."

On the blueprint was a magnificent palace. Although Zhou Shu's painting ability was limited, and this blueprint would probably make an expert laugh their heads off, the Demon King was uncultured.

All he saw was the imposing-looking palace.

"Good. This is good!" Hu Li laughed loudly. "This palace is even more imposing than Demon King Ao's palace. Let's build according to this! We must build it according to this!"

"It's best that you're satisfied, Demon King Hu Li." Zhou Shu smiled. "But Demon King, this Demon King Palace—"

Hu Li clapped his hands. "If you have any difficulties, just tell me. I'll solve them!"

Zhou Shu gritted his teeth. "Then, I'll get straight to the point. The construction of the Demon King Palace is extremely expensive, and I'm afraid the things in your warehouse are not enough."

"Is that all?" Hu Li laughed loudly. "It's fine if there aren't enough things. Although there aren't many tiger demons, there are at least a thousand of them. I'll get them to gather the materials."

"Actually, I have an idea." Zhou Shu seemed to hesitate. "It's just that it might affect your dignity, Demon King."

"Tell me about it first," Demon King Hu Li said.

"Since you don't have enough for the construction, I think we can borrow some supplies from other Demon Kings or some rich demons. Then, Demon King Hu Li, you can give them an IOU.

"In any case, with your identity as a Demon King, it's impossible for you to renege on your debt. With your current identity, I think it won't take long for you to pay off your debt."

"I don't understand these things," Hu Li said. "Do as you see fit. Tell me what you need me to do."

"I have to cultivate a divine power in seclusion these few days. When the ceremony takes place, I want to broaden the horizons of all the demonic beasts. You can do as you see fit in my name. As long as you can build the Demon King Palace before the ceremony, you don't have to worry about the costs, no matter how much it is!"

"I'm relieved to hear that, Demon King." Zhou Shu smiled. "Demon King, don't worry. After the Demon King Palace is built, if it's not the most majestic building in the Demon Realm, then I, Yao Qing, won't have any objections if you tear off my head!"

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Thousands of kilometers away from Hu Li's territory, in a secluded valley, a half-naked humanoid demonic beast cultivating suddenly sneezed twice.

He rubbed his nose in confusion. *Why do I feel cold all over? With my cultivation, I shouldn't feel this way.*

A moment later, Yao Qing pushed his thoughts aside.

*I'm about to master this Heavenly Saber Art. After I master it, I'll defeat Yao Wudi. Then, I'll be the number one first-rank demonic beast below the Great Demons.*

What Yao Qing didn't know was that while he was still thinking about becoming the number one demon below the Great Demons, his other self had already made all the Great Demons bow down to him.

Zhou Shu sat in the middle while Great Demons sat around him with fawning smiles on their faces.

"Nephew Yao Qing, did you ask us here to talk about the Great Dao?" A Great Demon's face was all smiles. Who would have thought that this was a Great Demon who could shake the Demon Realm with a stomp of his foot?

"Let's not talk about the Great Dao for now. We agreed to talk about it during Demon King Hu Li's advancement ceremony." Zhou Shu shook his head. "I've invited everyone here this time because I have something to ask you for help with."

"Nephew, you're treating us like outsiders. What do you mean by helping? Your problem is my problem! You came to me because you think highly of me! If you have anything to say, just say it. I'm not bragging, but there aren't many things in the Demon Realm that I can't do!" Another Great Demon patted his chest.

He wasn't bragging. Great Demons were definitely at the top of the pyramid in the Demon Realm.

The twelve—no, it should be thirteen Demon Kings now, they wouldn't show their faces under normal circumstances.

In a sense, Great Demons were the strongest demonic beasts in the Demon Realm.

If one had to compare, they were the equivalent of the emperors of the Ten Nations on the Ten Nations Continent but with monstrous strength.

“I’m a little embarrassed to say it.” Zhou Shu smiled. “Aren’t I helping Demon King Hu Li prepare for his ceremony? According to Demon King Hu Li’s request, I want to build a Demon King Palace here.”

“This is a good thing. Nephew, do you need help? I’ll send ten thousand demon beasts over to help,” a Great Demon immediately said.

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“Petty,” another Great Demon said disdainfully. “I’ll send a hundred thousand demonic beasts!”

“I’ll send one hundred and fifty thousand demonic beasts!”

“Two hundred thousand from me!”

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The Great Demons spoke one after another, as if what they were talking about weren’t demonic beasts at all but just a number.

Hundreds of thousands of demonic beasts were sent over casually.

Zhou Shu smiled bitterly in his heart. The power of the Demon Realm far exceeded that of the Ten Nations.

The dozen or so Great Demons in front of him casually sent out millions of demonic beasts.

Their goal was only to please Zhou Shu!

If they really invaded the Ten Nations Continent, who knew how many demonic beasts they could send? Tens of millions?

There were only a dozen or so Great Demons here. How many more Great Demons were there in the Demon Realm?

With such a great disparity in strength, if not for the existence of the barrier between the two worlds, there would be no need to fight this war at all. The humans had no chance of winning at all.

Zhou Shu sighed in his heart and said, “I have enough manpower. The demonic beasts under Demon King Hu Li are enough. But in terms of supplies...

“The Demon King Palace that Demon King Hu Li wants to build will be the most majestic palace in the Demon Realm. As you know, building such a palace is too expensive.”

The Great Demons looked at each other. *We don’t know. We don’t build palaces.* Other than Demon King Ao, who once built a palace in the Demon Realm, the other Demon Kings, including Great Demons, didn’t spend much time on this.

Moreover, even if they built anything, they would just leave it to the demonic beasts under them. They didn’t care about how many things were used and how much money was spent.

This was nothing to Great Demons.

But it didn't matter. They were only afraid that Yao Qing wouldn't say anything. If he had any request, they could make him owe them a favor.

If he owed them a favor, they could then ask him for guidance later.

The Great Demons were quite scheming.

"Don't worry, Nephew Yao Qing. With us around, we'll definitely help you carry out Demon King Hu Li's instructions smoothly. We'll settle whatever you lack."

The Great Demons rushed to speak, lest they lose out to the other Great Demons.

Zhou Shu sighed with emotion again. *These Great Demons are so cute.*

It was so touching for them to be so eager to provide things to him.

The way they were doing it made him feel a little embarrassed. When they went to war, should he kill them or should he kill them?

Zhou Shu didn't think too far ahead for the time being. "Everyone, please be quiet and let me finish."

The Great Demons fell silent.

If the real Yao Qing saw this scene, his eyeballs would definitely fall to the ground.

Yao Qing had to be careful when he saw these Great Demons in the past.

What about now?

The tables seem to have turned.

Zhou Shu continued, "It can be considered that Demon King Hu Li is borrowing from everyone. Demon King Hu Li will give everyone an IOU."

A Great Demon raised his hand like a primary school student. After Zhou Shu gestured, he said, "Nephew Yao Qing, you're looking down on us. We're all Great Demons, so we have some reputation. We're giving things to you, and we don't need an IOU from Hu Li."

"This Great Demon—" Zhou Shu said.

The Great Demon seized the opportunity and hurriedly said. "Nephew Yao Qing, my name is Yao Baobao."

*Pfft!* Zhou Shu spat out a mouthful of saliva and almost spat it in the Great Demon's face.

"Yao... Baobao<sup>1</sup>?"

He looked at the Great Demon's bearded face and couldn't bear to look him straight in the eye.

He felt that he would never be able to look at the word 'baobao' the same way again.

"Hehe, my name isn't bad, right?" The Great Demon named Yao Baobao chuckled. "I chose this name myself. I'm a treasure<sup>1</sup>."

Zhou Shu was speechless. *What's going on? If you're not cultured, can you not talk nonsense?*

He gave him a thumbs-up. Against his will, he said, “Good name.”

Yao Baobao looked around proudly. *See, even Yao Qing praised my name. It seems that I really have the bearing of a Demon King!*

“Lord Yao Baobao, you were wrong.” Zhou Shu endured the discomfort and continued. “It’s not that I want to borrow things from you, but Demon King Hu Li.

“This Demon King Palace has nothing to do with me. I’m helping Demon King Hu Li manage these things for free. Therefore, the things you’re lending are all considered borrowed by Demon King Hu Li, and he will provide the IOUs and repay you in the future.

“All of you are my elders. I definitely can’t let you suffer, right?” Zhou Shu continued. “Demon King Hu Li is one of us, and everyone is one of us, so no one can suffer a loss.”

“Nephew Yao Qing, you’re brilliant!” The Great Demons raised their thumbs.

“We trust your words. Nephew, we’ll obey your instructions,” Yao Baobao hurriedly said. “If you lack anything, just tell me. I’ll ask my demonic beasts to send them over immediately. I’ll think of a way to find what I don’t have.”

“I promise I won’t make things difficult for you, Nephew!”

Seeing that Yao Baobao had beaten them to it again, the Great Demons fought to speak.

Zhou Shu nodded in satisfaction. “How about this? The construction of the Demon King Palace is too cumbersome. I don’t have time to make a list. What do you have? Why don’t you make a list for me?”

“If there’s something I need, I’ll ask you for it. What do you think?”

“Good idea! You’re smarter than us. No wonder you were able to help Demon King Hu Li break through to the Demon King realm,” Yao Baobao said shamelessly.

The Great Demons looked at him in disdain. *Yao Baobao is too shameless. Isn’t it embarrassing to flatter a junior like this?*

“Lord Yao Baobao, you flatter me.” Zhou Shu felt his hair stand on end. He couldn’t help but say, “Lord Yao Baobao, I have a suggestion. I don’t know if I should say it.”

“Please do, Nephew. I’m all ears.” Yao Baobao looked smug. *That’s right, I’m all ears. I should have used it correctly.*

“Baobao is a good name, but I don’t think it’s good enough for a lord like you,” Zhou Shu said. “I suggest that you change your name to Aotian, Yao Aotian.”

Zhou Shu looked up at the sky and spoke in a clear voice. “As the saying goes, my fate is in my hands, not the heavens. As a demon, I should be Yao Aotian<sup>1</sup>!”

“As the saying goes, my fate is in my hands, not the heavens. As a demon, I should be Yao Aotian?” Yao Baobao was stunned, and his face revealed ecstasy.

*Boom!*

A powerful aura suddenly rose from his body. The aura kept rising as if it was about to break through a limit. A thunderclap sounded in the sky.

Everyone, including Zhou Shu, was shocked.

*No way?*

Yao Baobao was going to break through to the Demon King Realm too?

*Is this really happening?*

He just couldn't get used to the name Yao Baobao. He just casually said a few words, and he comprehended it?

*Isn't the aptitude of these Great Demons too heaven-defying?*

The other Great Demons were also shocked. They looked at Yao Baobao enviously, then at Zhou Shu in unison. The green light in their eyes almost swallowed Zhou Shu.

The second one!

If Demon King Hu Li was a coincidence, what about Yao Baobao?

He only helped Yao Baobao change his name, but Yao Baobao was about to break through?

*Boom!*

Thunder rumbled in the sky for a few moments, then dissipated into the air.

Although Yao Baobao's aura had not broken through to the Demon King realm, it had improved tremendously.

"My fate is in my hands, not the heavens. As a demon, I should be the Yao Aotian! From now on, I am Yao Aotian!" Yao Baobao laughed loudly. "Nephew Yao Qing, you're really my benefactor! With your advice, in another hundred years of cultivation, I, Yao Aotian, will definitely become a Demon King!

"From now on, your matters are my matters. Your enemies are my enemies! Nephew, just you wait. I'll go back now and move all the things in my warehouse over. From today onward, I will personally help you build this Demon King Palace!"