

## Canon 551

### Chapter 551: Second Heaven, Tushan's Blood Sacrifice (2)

"The key? The Kun Wu Saber?" Zhou Shu frowned. The Kun Wu Saber was in the hands of Tushan. He wanted to find her now.

However, it was obvious that Tushan wouldn't show up so easily after tricking him into coming here.

There was a high chance that she wanted him to help her find something again.

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Just like when she was searching for the Kun Wu Saber in the Weapon Burial Mountain, she probably wouldn't show herself unless what she was looking for appeared.

"Yes and no," Shi Changsheng said mysteriously.

Zhou Shu didn't understand.

"Thank heaven and earth. Thank me too," Shi Changsheng said triumphantly.

As he spoke, his figure turned into specks of light and disappeared from the Longevity Sword.

At the same time, the Longevity Sword automatically flew into the air, emitting sword qi.

The sword qi was very different from the aura of the Longevity Sword. Just as Zhou Shu was feeling extremely puzzled, the sword qi had already landed on the top of the mountain of gold.

*Buzz—*

The peak of the thousand-foot mountain of gold seemed to be triggered by sword qi, and a dazzling pillar of light shot into the sky.

Zhou Shu: "..."

*Is that the key you were talking about?*

*Imitating the aura of a connate divine weapon?*

*Shi Changsheng is really... knowledgeable...*

Zhou Shu hesitated for a moment but still didn't do anything to the mountain of gold. He took a step forward and arrived at the top of the mountain. Without any hesitation, he stepped into the pillar of light.

He felt as though he was taking an elevator in his previous life. He felt slightly dizzy as he appeared in another world.

This world was even more dilapidated than the previous one. There were broken walls everywhere, and magma could even be seen all over.

The rocks kept falling, landing on the magma and splashing up flames.

“Little Zhou, something’s wrong.” The Longevity Sword floated beside Zhou Shu, and Shi Changsheng’s voice sounded in his ear.

“The second heaven is already in this state. I’m afraid the higher levels have been completely destroyed,” Shi Changsheng said. “Be careful. This place is about to collapse. Don’t make too much of a move, or it will accelerate the collapse of this space.”

Shi Changsheng urged, “Hurry up. There should be a lot of good stuff in the second heaven. I wonder how much is left.”

Zhou Shu was about to take action when his eyes suddenly focused.

The next moment, he flew out like lightning.

*Boom!*

With a sonic boom, Zhou Shu crossed dozens of kilometers.

“I told you to be gentle!” Shi Changsheng shouted in exasperation. The Longevity Sword slowly flew after him, as if it was afraid of piercing through space.

Zhou Shu ignored him and landed on a rock, just in time to catch a falling figure in his arms.

At this moment, the huge rock that the figure was just on fell into the magma below with a splash.

“Little Lu!” Zhou Shu looked down at the person in his arms and called out.

Lu Wenshuang lay in Zhou Shu’s arms, her eyes closed, her face flushed.

Seemingly due to the high temperature of the magma in the second heaven, her clothes were already drenched in sweat and sticking tightly to her body.

Zhou Shu could even feel her skin through her clothes. Her defined figure made his mouth dry.

He frowned slightly and reached out to hold her wrist. Her pulse was a little rapid, but her life shouldn’t be in danger.

“Damn you, Tushan!” Zhou Shu cursed under his breath.

If he had been a step late, Lu Wenshuang would have already fallen into the magma. Even a first-rank martial artist would definitely die if they fell into magma.

Although Tushan didn’t kill her directly, leaving her here was clearly leaving her to die!

He wondered how Mi Ziwen and Yang Hong were doing now.

Zhou Shu narrowed his eyes, feeling a little anxious.

*Boom!*

Zhou Shu heard a loud bang. A mountain in the distance slowly collapsed, and a volcano erupted.

The entire space resembled hell on earth. Similar scenes were happening everywhere.

This scene was exactly the same as before the destruction of the Zhuling Grotto-Heaven.

However, the process here was a little slower. Perhaps this was one of the reasons why the second heaven of the Heavenly Hub Armory was still barely surviving.

“Old Shi, where is the entrance to the next level?” Zhou Shu asked grimly.

“Finding the entrance won’t help. What I just did can only be used once. I can’t get to the next level without a key,” Shi Changsheng said. “There are also many good things in the second heaven. I can feel the aura of heaven and earth treasures.”

The tip of the Longevity Sword pointed in a direction, and the blade hummed.

Before Zhou Shu could say anything, the Longevity Sword had already flown out.

Zhou Shu frowned slightly but still followed.

Zhou Shu carried Lu Wenshuang and flew hundreds of kilometers away. With a whoosh, the Longevity Sword entered a pool of magma.

He focused his gaze and realized that the fiery red magma was melted from forging materials!

*Gurgle—*

The sound of swallowing rang out. A few breaths later, the Longevity Sword reappeared in front of Zhou Shu, and the magma had disappeared.

The body of the Longevity Sword was brighter than before. If it was in human form now, Zhou Shu even felt that he could see it burping.

“Old Shi, what happened to my fifty percent?” Zhou Shu couldn’t help saying.

The second level of the Heavenly Hub Armory erupted, and the world collapsed. This place seemed to have become a natural smelting furnace. The forging materials that were originally stored here were melted into liquid by the high temperature.

Although these forging materials were rather messy after fusing, it wasn’t a problem for Zhou Shu. They could still be used to forge.

Now that the Longevity Sword had devoured everything, he was a little unhappy.

“Next time we find something good, you can have it all.” Shi Changsheng’s voice sounded in Zhou Shu’s ear, his voice filled with satisfaction.

“Forget it, Old Shi. If this second heaven is worthless, let’s go to the next one,” Zhou Shu said. “I don’t know where Tushan threw my brother and Yang Hong. I have to find them as soon as possible.”

“You have too many burdens,” the Longevity Sword said shakily. “Is it worth it to work all day for those people?”

“Being a sword is better than being human.”

“In my opinion, it’s better to be human,” Zhou Shu said. “Old Shi, where is the entrance to the next level?”

“The most important place in each heaven of the nine heavens of the Heavenly Hub Armory is the entrance to the next heaven,” Shi Changsheng said. “The second heaven has already been destroyed to this extent. We won’t be able to find it.

“And I think the next heaven might have completely collapsed.”

Zhou Shu frowned. There was a mountain of gold in the previous level that was very eye-catching. But here, the volcanic eruption had destroyed all the signs.

“Impossible. Since Tushan lured me in, it means that there must be something she wants in the next few heavens. Otherwise, she wouldn’t have done this! We can definitely find the entrance!” Zhou Shu said solemnly.

“Master.” At this moment, Lu Wenshuang, who was in Zhou Shu’s arms, twisted her body and slowly opened her eyes.

“Little Lu? You’re awake?” Zhou Shu was pleasantly surprised. “How do you feel?”

“Master, I know where Lushan went.” Lu Wenshuang felt the warmth of Zhou Shu’s embrace and blushed. She whispered, “She took Mi Ziwen and Yang Hong away. She said that she wanted to use the two of them as a blood sacrifice—”

“Bastard! When I find her, I won’t let her escape again!” Zhou Shu said angrily. “Where did she go?! Let’s go save them now!”

Lu Wenshuang raised her hand and pointed in a direction.

Zhou Shu snorted and flew in this direction.

“Be gentle! If you ruin this level, not only will you not be able to save anyone, you might die!” Shi Changsheng shouted in Zhou Shu’s consciousness and staggered after him.

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“This is it!” Lu Wenshuang had already left Zhou Shu’s arms. She stood on the ground weakly and pointed at a volcano.

“Here?” Zhou Shu turned to look at the Longevity Sword.

The Longevity Sword floated in the air, its blade trembling slightly.

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When others were present, Shi Changsheng would never appear or even make a sound. At such times, he would communicate directly with Zhou Shu through his consciousness.

*I can’t be sure without a reference,* Shi Changsheng said very conservatively.

Although Shi Changsheng had various problems, in a sense, he and Zhou Shu were allies. Zhou Shu believed that at least for now, Shi Changsheng wouldn’t deliberately deceive him.

If he said he couldn't be sure, then he probably couldn't be sure.

"Can we really not use the same method we used before?" Zhou Shu asked in his consciousness.

When they entered the second heaven from the first heaven, Shi Changsheng had used the Longevity Sword to simulate the aura of the 'key' to open the passageway.

Zhou Shu asked if Shi Changsheng could simulate it again.

"I can't," Shi Changsheng said simply. "Other than the Kun Wu Saber, the other keys can only open one level. I only saw the first level key back then. I can't simulate the aura of the Kun Wu Saber."

*My Longevity Sword is a sword. You want me to simulate the aura of a saber? Aren't you making things difficult for me?*

"The Kun Wu Saber, huh?" Zhou Shu sneered. "Is Tushan testing my ability?"

"If I stop here, will my big brother and Yang Hong die?"

"In that case, I'll do as you wish!"

"You think you can block my path with a weapon? Dream on!"

Zhou Shu raised his hands, and they instantly turned fiery red.

Even in a space filled with magma, Lu Wenshuang felt the temperature suddenly rise substantially.

One by one, forging materials flew out of the Cosmic Bangle on Zhou Shu's wrist and instantly melted into fiery red liquid between his hands.

Zhou Shu had brought these processed forging materials from Hu Li's territory.

It was the result of Zhang Chunlin and the Nine Heavens Nine Sections' work over the past few days.

They were originally for forging the Lingxiao Treasure Palace, but now, he could only use a portion of them first.

Fortunately, he had the habit of carrying forging materials with him. Otherwise, he would probably have to follow Shi Changsheng's suggestion and leave the Heavenly Hub Armory.

The Longevity Sword trembled slightly. If Shi Changsheng appeared now, he would definitely be shocked.

Shi Changsheng could tell at a glance that Zhou Shu wanted to forge a Kun Wu Saber!

The Kun Wu Saber was a unique weapon of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain. Otherwise, it wouldn't have become the key to the Heavenly Hub Armory.

Only the direct descendants of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain could master its secret forging formula.

It was impossible for Zhou Shu to have a secret forging formula for the Kun Wu Saber. He wanted to forge an identical Kun Wu Saber just by seeing one?

Wasn't he underestimating the Kun Wu Saber too much?

"Little Zhou, a weapon isn't just based on its appearance. Even if you forge a saber that's identical to the Kun Wu Saber, it's useless if it's not the Kun Wu Saber." Shi Changsheng's voice sounded in Zhou Shu's consciousness. "There are no two identical divine weapons in the world. Even weapons forged according to the same forging formula won't be exactly the same.

"There's only one Kun Wu Saber in the world.

"You're doing useless work now. Listen to me. Don't waste this time. It's just two people. If they die, they die. There might be some forging materials left in the second heaven of the Heavenly Hub Armory. Let's look for more. Then I'll think of a way out—"

"Old Shi, be quiet," Zhou Shu said in his consciousness.

His expression was grave, but his hands were steady as he methodically went through the motions of forging.

Zhou Shu naturally knew what Shi Changsheng was saying.

His forging skills were already quite accomplished. In today's world, even without relying on the Legendary Armament Canon, he could still rank among the top few.

Zhou Shu knew very well that there were no two identical divine weapons in the world.

It was like humans. Identical twins might look like the same person, but they were definitely not the same person.

But Shi Changsheng was wrong about one thing.

He thought that Zhou Shu was going to forge a Kun Wu Saber, like a new key to the Heavenly Hub Armory.

In fact, what he wanted to forge was not a Kun Wu Saber.

Instead—

An imperial cauldron!

Or rather, it was a replica imperial cauldron!

Zhou Shu had previously obtained the secret forging formula for the imperial cauldron replica from Emperor Wei Wu. Originally, he had destroyed the secret formula and had no intention of helping Emperor Wei Wu forge it.

But now, he had to forge a replica imperial cauldron.

The real imperial cauldrons were the pillars of the barrier between the Ten Nations Continent and the Demon Realm. They were the Ten Imperial Cauldrons that jointly formed the barrier between the two worlds to protect the Ten Nations Continent from the invasion of the Demon Realm.

The imperial cauldrons contained the power of space. Even Zhou Shu couldn't completely comprehend it.

With his current forging attainments, he was still unable to forge a true imperial cauldron.

But this replica imperial cauldron was a neutered version. Its greatest effect was not to form a spatial barrier but to open a wormhole on the spatial barrier.

According to Zhou Shu's understanding, the replica imperial cauldron was a one-time use tool to climb over the wall.

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It could even penetrate the barrier between the Ten Nations Continent and the Demon Realm, let alone the Heavenly Hub Armory.

Back then, didn't the Great Demon Yao Lian of the Demon Realm use a fake imperial cauldron to enter the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament battlefield, which was the Zhuling Grotto-Heaven? If he hadn't encountered Zhou Shu, he would have probably slaughtered the armies of the Ten Nations cleanly.

Zhou Shu's plan was to use the replica imperial cauldron to sneak into the third level of the Heavenly Hub Armory.

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This was also why Zhou Shu and Shi Changsheng had different thoughts. Shi Changsheng's first thought was to get a key. Zhou Shu wanted to cross the wall directly!

Seeing that Zhou Shu didn't listen to his advice, Shi Changsheng muttered, "You'll suffer if you don't listen to the old man."

The Longevity Sword circled around Zhou Shu before sneakily flying into the distance.

Lu Wenshuang noticed the movements of the Longevity Sword, but she didn't know what was going on with it. She thought that Zhou Shu was controlling it, so she didn't pay much attention to it.

As for Zhou Shu, he couldn't be bothered with Shi Changsheng's thoughts. Needless to say, he had secretly gone to find forging materials in the second heaven.

The Longevity Sword had to devour a large number of forging materials from time to time. It was a rare opportunity for Shi Changsheng to enter the Heavenly Hub Armory. He wouldn't miss this chance.

Zhou Shu went all out with his Iron Smelting Hands Technique. The various forging materials that had already been preliminarily processed jumped and fused between Zhou Shu's hands as if they were alive.

Although Zhou Shu had always said that he wouldn't help Emperor Wei Wu forge this replica imperial cauldron, after he obtained the secret forging formula, he had kept deducing it in his mind.

It wasn't that he'd expected this day to come. It was the instinct of a forger.

After seeing new forging formulas, he always habitually studied them thoroughly.

It was precisely because of this that he was now able to forge it with ease. It didn't seem like this was the first time he had forged this replica imperial cauldron.

Unfortunately, in the second level of the Heavenly Hub Armory, the only audience was Lu Wenshuang. Lu Wenshuang didn't know anything about forging, so she couldn't tell how perfect Zhou Shu's forging movements were. She only felt that her master was really handsome...

After thinking about it, she inwardly spat. *When did I become as infatuated as Wuyou?*

As Lu Wenshuang's thoughts ran wild, the outline of a small cauldron gradually appeared between Zhou Shu's hands.

This replica imperial cauldron was not a connate divine weapon, so it wasn't difficult for Zhou Shu to forge it.

Moreover, since the forging materials on him had been processed by Zhang Chunlin and the others, he used them conveniently.

Therefore, in just a few days, before the Longevity Sword returned from consuming the forging materials, the forging of the replica imperial cauldron was already coming to an end.

*Buzz—*

Lu Wenshuang heard a soft sound, and then she saw a ball of light erupt between Zhou Shu's hands.

The newly formed replica imperial cauldron actually exploded.

Lu Wenshuang was stunned. Did he fail?

She had heard before that there was a danger of furnaces exploding when a forger was forging. If the materials were not well-coordinated, it could cause an explosion that would result in the forging to fail.

Now, the weapon between Zhou Shu's hands had exploded, just like the furnaces she had heard about in the past.

Lu Wenshuang was a little stunned. In the past, she had only heard people say how powerful Zhou Shu's forging skills were. She had personally seen how heaven-defying the weapons Zhou Shu forged were.

She had never thought that Zhou Shu would fail in forging.

"Master, it doesn't matter. It's all about the success rate when it comes to forging," Lu Wenshuang couldn't help saying. "I heard that it's already very good for a Grand Craftsman to succeed in forging one out of three weapons..."

Zhou Shu looked up at Lu Wenshuang with a faint smile. "Do you think I failed?"

"Master." Lu Wenshuang hesitated.

"Little Lu, although you're my in-name disciple, you're a martial artist. You still don't know enough about my forging skills." Zhou Shu shook his head. "I've never failed in forging. Not in the past and not in the future.

"It's a fake weapon that isn't even a connate divine weapon. If I failed in forging such a weapon, I would kill myself with a piece of tofu.



“It’s not that I failed to forge this thing. It’s what it’s for. That’s all.”

As he spoke, Zhou Shu raised his hands, and the remaining fragments of the small cauldron turned into a ray of light that soared into the sky.

*Boom!*

A loud bang sounded in the sky, and then the light formed by the fragments condensed into a ten-foot-wide vortex in the air.

Lu Wenshuang felt her body shake. This wasn’t her imagination, but the entire world was shaking.

*Swish—*

A stream of light shot over from afar at an unbelievable speed. It was the Longevity Sword that had been missing for several days.

“Little Zhou, what did you do? Why is the second heaven suddenly about to collapse?!” Shi Changsheng’s voice sounded in Zhou Shu’s consciousness, sounding rather exasperated.

He had been happily devouring forging materials when this space was about to collapse. He still had a lot of forging materials that he had yet to devour!

Before he finished speaking, he suddenly saw the vortex in the air.

“How did you do it? You actually opened the passage to the third heaven?” Shi Changsheng’s voice was full of astonishment. He hadn’t believed that Zhou Shu could forge a Kun Wu Saber, but now, he was a little shaken.

Could two identical weapons really be forged?

To be able to serve as the Heavenly Hub Armory, the Kun Wu Saber that he forged couldn’t just look the same. It had to be exactly the same as the Kun Wu Saber from the inside out.

“Old Shi, there’s nothing in this world that can’t be done. There are only people who can’t do it.” Zhou Shu smiled. “Sometimes, if you don’t force yourself, you will never know your limits.”

Laughing, he stepped into the maelstrom.

“Master, wait for me.” Lu Wenshuang called out and followed.

The Longevity Sword spun in the air like a man scratching his head.

“Little Zhou, where’s the Kun Wu Saber you forged? Let me see. I don’t believe there are two identical divine weapons in this world!” Shi Changsheng shouted. The Longevity Sword turned into a stream of light and entered the vortex.

The two of them had just disappeared with the Longevity Sword when the second heaven of the Heavenly Hub Armory finally reached the end of its life.

Zhou Shu’s act of smuggling became the last straw that broke the camel’s back. The entire space collapsed, and volcanoes erupted. Space began to shatter in large patches, and everything was buried in a spatial storm.

Almost instantly, the entire second level of the Heavenly Hub Armory became a black dot that disappeared into space forever. Naturally, the things inside disappeared.

Zhou Shu and Lu Wenshuang, who had already stepped into the third level of the Heavenly Hub Armory, naturally didn't feel much about the destruction of the second level behind them. They were currently erupting with their auras and staring at Demon Queen Tushan not far away!

Tushan lay in the air with an enchanting expression, and the nine tails behind her flew up and down like white snakes. She looked abnormally shocked.

"Tushan!" Zhou Shu exuded a murderous aura. He looked around but didn't see Mi Ziwen or Yang Hong.

He reached out and grabbed the Longevity Sword that had just passed through the vortex. It happened to fall into his hand.

"Where are they?" Zhou Shu pointed his sword at Tushan. The Longevity Sword shone brightly. Having just eaten its fill, it was very cooperative. Sharp sword qi flowed endlessly on the sword, ready to cut through the sky at any moment.

"I was right about you." Tushan looked straight at Zhou Shu and laughed. "You can enter without the Kun Wu Saber!

"Do you want to save them? It's simple. Just have to do as I say, and I promise to return them to you intact."

"You're not letting them go?" Zhou Shu said coldly. "There's another way. When I cut off all your tails, I want to see if you'll let them go or not!"

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Before Zhou Shu even finished speaking, a sword beam was already shooting toward Demon Queen Tushan.

*Talk? Sure, but we'll talk after I knock you flat!*

The Heaven Slaying Sword Art tore through the sky, as if it wanted to split Tushan in half.

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"Last time, I let you take advantage of me. Do you really think you're capable?" Tushan smiled coquettishly. Her eight tails flew up and down, and the Kun Wu Saber appeared in her hand. A saber beam slashed horizontally, shattering the sword beam of the Heaven Slaying Sword Art.

Her wrist trembled, and the Kun Wu Saber slashed out countless saber beams, forcing Zhou Shu to retreat step by step.

*Clink Clink Clang Clang!*

Zhou Shu waved the Longevity Sword in his hand and narrowed his eyes.

Tushan had already refined the Kun Wu Saber into her intrinsic divine weapon, and this time, she had no intention of underestimating him.

Facing the Demon Queen, Zhou Shu was immediately at a complete disadvantage.

His true cultivation level was only at the Earth Immortal realm, and he was still a distance away from the Grotto-Heaven realm, which was equivalent to the Demon King realm.

After a few moves, Zhou Shu had already retreated several kilometers. Fortunately, Tushan didn't have any killing intent. Otherwise, he would have been seriously injured.

He snorted and stomped heavily, his aura exploding.

[Divine Ability, Total Annihilation!]

In almost a breath, Zhou Shu's aura had already risen to the Grotto-Heaven realm.

Tushan's eyes flickered.

"As expected!" Her voice sounded in the air. "You have a secret technique to increase your cultivation forcefully. I'm guessing this secret technique won't last long, and there will be a great repercussion, right?"

A Demon King was a Demon King after all. She was the first demonic beast to see the reason for Zhou Shu's increase in cultivation.

Previously, when those demonic beasts faced his divine ability Total Annihilation, they were instantly killed...

"So what?" Zhou Shu snorted. "It's enough to deal with you!"

Before he finished speaking, he raised his arm, and the sword light of the Longevity Sword shone brightly.

For a moment, it was as if a tornado had appeared out of thin air with him at the center.

In the tornado, a fire dragon seemed to rise with Zhou Shu's sword momentum and let out a dragon roar.

Son of Heaven Sword Technique!

The fire dragon rose into the sky!

The fire dragon rode the wind with a destructive might, drowning Tushan.

Zhou Shu didn't stop. He used the Son of Heaven Sword Technique move after move.

The Divine Dragon Illuminates the World with Its Pearls!

The Dragon Roams the Sky to Pick Stars!

The Golden Dragon's Anger Shakes the World!

Lu Wenshuang had already been forced back by the terrifying aura.

From afar, she could only see dragon-like sword qi flying up and down in the sky. It made her heart race.

*Has Master mastered a new sword technique?*

*What kind of sword technique is this? It's too powerful. It's grand and unstoppable!*

This was also Zhou Shu's first time using the Son of Heaven Sword Technique. As soon as he used it, he felt an invisible force descend from the sky.

The son of heaven's qi?

The Son of Heaven Sword Technique was a sword technique used by the son of heaven.

Using this sword technique required the son of heaven's qi. Zhou Shu originally didn't believe this mysterious saying. He wasn't the son of heaven, yet he was able to use the Son of Heaven Sword Technique.

But now, he had a vague understanding.

The son of heaven's qi was not necessarily something that only emperors could possess. It was just a name that sounded nice. In fact, this power was more like a thought.

As long as someone was convinced or loyal to him, he would have the son of heaven's aura.

Although Zhou Shu was not the son of heaven, Xiao Jianghe had previously led the Great Wei soldiers to be loyal to him. The loyalty of these people allowed him to have the son of heaven's qi.

In a sense, the more people who were loyal to him, the more son of heaven's qi he would have. When he used the Son of Heaven Sword Technique, its power would also increase.

Of course, he had to reach a high enough realm in the Son of Heaven Sword Technique before he could use more son of heaven's qi.

*Boom!*

With a loud bang, Tushan took half a step back for the first time.

Her beautiful eyes flashed, and her expression became extremely serious.

"I want to see how long you can last." Tushan snorted. Her aura changed and turned powerless after the attack.

The sword technique lingered for a moment, not seeking to attack, only to defend.

Even though the Son of Heaven Sword Technique was peerlessly powerful, it was difficult to achieve anything in the face of this extremely gentle saber technique.

Zhou Shu frowned. This time, he had met his match!

Last time, it was purely a coincidence that he could cut off one of Tushan's tails. This time, he was facing a true Demon King powerhouse.

No one who could cultivate to this level was simple.

Tushan saw through Zhou Shu's flaw at a glance. As the saying went, 'Strength can't last long'. The combat power he erupted with came from using a secret technique. It couldn't last long.

If he couldn't defeat the enemy easily, the backlash of the secret technique would land him in an absolute disadvantage. He might even be at the mercy of others.

If they fought head-on, Tushan might not lose, but she chose the easiest and safest method.

She would drag the fight on until Zhou Shu was powerless. Wouldn't he be at her mercy then?

Zhou Shu also understood this. But since he had already used his divine ability Total Annihilation, there was no room for regret.

With the Son of Heaven Sword Technique in full use, he also took out the Ming Hong Saber with his other hand. His offensive reached its peak.

In the distance, Lu Wenshuang was already stunned. Even in her opinion, this was already a world-destroying battle.

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She could no longer even see Zhou Shu and Demon Queen Tushan clearly. Sand and stones were flying everywhere, and sword and saber light filled the world, as if they wanted to destroy everything.

She was worried and wanted to help, but she was powerless to intervene.

*Boom!*

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A thunderous explosion sounded, and a figure suddenly appeared beside Lu Wenshuang.

Zhou Shu staggered when he landed. The next moment, he grabbed Lu Wenshuang and soared into the sky.

"You want to escape? Do you think you can escape from me?" Tushan's laughter echoed in the air.

Zhou Shu snorted and ignored her. His figure turned into a stream of light and instantly disappeared into the depths of the third level of the Heavenly Hub Armory. Even with Tushan's speed, she couldn't catch up.

*Gruu—*

Zhou Shu landed on the ground. The next moment, he staggered and spat out a mouthful of blood.

"Master!" Lu Wenshuang exclaimed and supported Zhou Shu.

"Let's go find a place to hide!" Zhou Shu's face was pale as he spoke. "I won't be able to do anything within a day. We can't let Tushan find us within this day!"

Lu Wenshuang's expression changed slightly, but she didn't think too much about it. She helped Zhou Shu fly forward.

A moment later, she found a cave and helped Zhou Shu into it. She first placed him in the cave, then went out to remove the traces and completely block the entrance.

In the cave, Zhou Shu sat against the wall.

The effect of the divine ability Total Annihilation had passed. He was in a weakened state and could no longer use his cultivation.

“Are you all right, Master?” Lu Wenshuang looked at Zhou Shu worriedly.

Zhou Shu nodded. He wasn’t too injured. He was only powerless now because of the aftereffects of Total Annihilation. He would completely recover after resting for a day.

“Hide our auras and hide for a day. I’ll recover,” Zhou Shu said.

“Where are you hiding? Come out quickly. How about I give you the greatest pleasure in the world?” Suddenly, a thin voice came from all directions, drilling into Zhou Shu’s and Lu Wenshuang’s ears.

There was a bewitching power in the voice, causing Lu Wenshuang’s aura to become unstable.

Zhou Shu frowned slightly.

“Calm your mind!” he whispered.

Lu Wenshuang nodded.

The voice of Tushan kept coming. First, it was all kinds of persuasion, and then it became coercion.

Later, there was even an unspeakable moan.

This moan seemed to carry endless temptation, making people blush.

Zhou Shu suddenly heard Lu Wenshuang’s breathing become heavy. He looked up and saw a pair of watery eyes staring at him.

“Master.” Lu Wenshuang’s voice tickled Zhou Shu’s heart like a kitten.

His heart trembled, and an urge shot up from his belly.

He bit the tip of his tongue and forced himself back to consciousness.

*Damn, Tushan actually used such a despicable method.*

If he really couldn’t control himself and did something with Lu Wenshuang, the commotion would definitely be noticed by Tushan!

“Little Lu, you’ve learned the God of War Catalog before. Activate your mental cultivation technique!”

He grabbed Lu Wenshuang’s palm, and their palms met.

The third diagram of the God of War Catalog was the Yin-Yang Water-Fire Assistance Technique. This could be cultivated through Zhou Shu’s and Yin Wuyou’s mental method or simply through spiritual essence.

Although the effect might not be comparable to the former, it was still a supreme technique.

Lu Wenshuang's face was red, and her snow-white skin was strangely pink. She tried her best to control herself from throwing herself into Zhou Shu's arms.

Hearing what Zhou Shu said, she summoned her remaining spiritual intelligence and circulated her spiritual essence into his body.

Cold spiritual essence entered his body. Zhou Shu felt energized. He also circulated the God of War Catalog and guided the trace of spiritual essence through his body.

He was currently in a weak state, and all the spiritual essence power in his body had disappeared. Lu Wenshuang's spiritual essence couldn't fuse with his spiritual essence. But after circling his body, the spiritual essence also carried his aura.

When it returned to Lu Wenshuang's body, the warm feeling made her let out a soft moan.

This cry almost drove Zhou Shu crazy!

He stabilized his mind and guided his spiritual essence to circulate in their bodies.

With the help of their palms, their meridians became one. Under the stimulation of the God of War Catalog, the two of them gradually entered a special state.

Tushan's voice could no longer enter their ears. Their auras seemed to have entered hibernation, becoming deeper and deeper.

The Longevity Sword quietly floated beside Zhou Shu, and Shi Changsheng's figure appeared on the blade. He looked at Zhou Shu and Lu Wenshuang for a while with a thoughtful expression.

A moment later, his figure dissipated. The Longevity Sword trembled and entered the Cosmic Bangle on Zhou Shu's wrist.

After an unknown period of time, Zhou Shu suddenly opened his eyes. Spiritual essence surged in his meridians.

Unknowingly, he had already recovered and felt that the spiritual essence in his body had increased!

Lu Wenshuang also opened her eyes. Her face was burning. When she thought about how she had almost given herself to him, she wished she could find a hole to hide in.

Ever since she entered the Tushan dream, why did she feel like she had become a different person?

Lu Wenshuang was secretly alarmed. She wasn't like this in the past!

Zhou Shu didn't notice her reaction. He looked at his hands and fell into deep thought.

This was the second time he had fought Tushan. It should be considered a loss for him.

After using his divine ability Total Annihilation, he couldn't do anything to her. This was already considered a loss.

In the current situation, Tushan might not be able to do anything to him, but he couldn't do anything to her either.

If he wanted to leave, she couldn't stop him. However, Mi Ziwen and Yang Hong were still in her hands, so Zhou Shu couldn't ignore them.

Did he really have to work with her?

"Master."

As Zhou Shu was thinking, he suddenly heard Lu Wenshuang exclaim, "My cultivation level has improved!

"So men can really help with cultivation—" She covered her mouth. The words in her heart actually came out. She was so embarrassed!

Zhou Shu didn't care what she said at all. He just asked casually, "You broke through the first rank of the Martial Dao?"

"Not yet," Lu Wenshuang said. "But I feel that I've already touched the threshold! After a while, I'll definitely be able to break through the first rank of the Martial Dao!"

Lu Wenshuang looked excited. Although her personality had changed a little because of Tushan, her obsession with the Martial Dao had never changed.

At the thought that she could actually break through to the realm above the first rank of the Martial Dao, she felt a trembling excitement.

"Oh, keep trying," Zhou Shu said casually. Even if her cultivation had increased a little, it would not be of much use.

The Earth Immortal realm wasn't even enough to deal with Tushan.

*My cultivation has been improving too slowly recently. I was actually forced to this extent by the Demon Queen,* Zhou Shu thought in frustration. He had thought that he was strong enough these days and had become a little lazy in recruiting workers.

Now, it seemed that his strength was still not enough.

Tushan wasn't the strongest among the Demon Kings, but it was already like this. What would happen if they encountered the strongest Demon King Ao in the Demon Realm?

He had to continue recruiting workers.

*Boom!*

As he was thinking, Zhou Shu suddenly heard a loud bang.

*Someone's fighting?* Zhou Shu looked up. *There's someone else in the Heavenly Hub Armory?*

The next moment, he wondered if Tushan was acting to lure him out.

After thinking for a moment, Zhou Shu stood up. He was no longer in a weakened state. Even if Tushan was acting, he had to go out and take a look. At most, he would just fight again. His strength had increased slightly, and he might be able to suppress her for a few moves. It would be best if he could cut off another one of her tails!



## Chapter 556: Don't Make Friends With Weaklings (1)

Zhou Shu didn't know why he always wanted to cut off the tails of Demon Queen Tushan.

In short, he just couldn't stand these tails. Every time he saw them, he wanted to chop them off.

Therefore, when he saw a person slashing at Tushan's tails, he immediately felt like this person was a kindred spirit.

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A young man holding a wide sword that looked like a door was fighting with Tushan. His moves were fierce, and every move was aimed at the eight tails of Tushan.

Tushan's figure swayed, and there was a hint of anger on her face. The Kun Wu Saber kept emitting sharp saber beams, as if she wanted to cut the man into pieces.

The young man's cultivation was also very impressive. He fought with Tushan and wasn't at a disadvantage at all.

Zhou Shu was surprised. The young man's eyes were not red. He didn't look like a demonic beast.

He wasn't a demonic beast but had strength comparable to a Demon King. Where did this person come from?

The humans of the Ten Nations shouldn't have any experts above the first rank of the Martial Dao.

Zhou Shu was puzzled, but he was in no hurry to act.

The battle between the man and the demon lasted for four hours, until the mountains collapsed and the ground cracked. It was a stalemate.

In the end, Tushan seemed to get impatient. She slashed forward with the Kun Wu Saber in her hand, and with a flash of light, she disappeared.

Zhou Shu could clearly see that when the Kun Wu Saber slashed past, a passageway seemed to appear in front of Tushan. The key to the Heavenly Hub Armory actually had such an effect!

The young man was so angry that he jumped on the spot.

At this moment, Zhou Shu noticed two figures flying toward the young man in the distance.

"Big Brother? Yang Hong?" Zhou Shu recognized the two people at a glance. Who else could it be but Mi Ziwen and Yang Hong?

The two of them flew to the young man and seemed to know him. They cupped their hands and said something.

Zhou Shu's heart skipped a beat. He winked at Lu Wenshuang and flew up.

"Who are they?"

Zhou Shu had just flown to a distance of several kilometers from the young man when the young man suddenly raised his head. His eyes shone brightly as he took a step forward and slashed at Zhou Shu.

“Stop! He’s one of us!” Mi Ziwen and Yang Hong shouted.

But the young man had already slashed out.

Zhou Shu raised his eyebrows. Unstoppable For a Thousand Miles!

He disappeared in a flash and reappeared in front of the young man.

The young man jumped.

“That was fast!” he said. “Who are you?”

“This is my second brother.”

Mi Ziwen and Yang Hong rushed over at this moment.

“Second brother?” the young man said.

Zhou Shu’s face darkened. *Who’s your second brother?*

“Big Brother, who is this?”

Seeing that Mi Ziwen and Yang Hong were safe and sound, Zhou Shu heaved a sigh of relief. He was very curious about this young man.

“Your Highness, this is my senior brother Gao Chongming, the owner of the Heavenly Hub Armory,” Yang Hong said.

“Your senior brother? The owner of the Heavenly Hub Armory?” These two identities shocked Zhou Shu.

“Isn’t the surname of the owner of Heavenly Hub Armory Diao?” Zhou Shu frowned.

The young man named Gao Chongming seemed a little surprised. He looked at Zhou Shu and said, “You seem to know a little more than them. But don’t embarrass yourself by telling me the rumors you’ve heard from elsewhere.”

Gao Chongming said proudly, “I’m a direct disciple of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain. Naturally, I’m also the owner of the Heavenly Hub Armory. Do you have any more questions?”

“No more questions.” Zhou Shu shook his head. “I just want to say, since you’re the owner of the Heavenly Hub Armory, why did you let Tushan escape?”

Gao Chongming’s face darkened. “Who knows where that woman got the Kun Wu Saber? Otherwise, I would have taken care of her!”

Zhou Shu didn’t comment and continued to ask, “Yang Hong, your senior brother?”

“That’s right. I’m his senior brother. You got a problem with that?” Gao Chongming raised his head.

Zhou Shu rolled his eyes inwardly. *Is there something wrong with Gao Chongming’s brain?*

*I was just asking. How did it become a problem?*

*Fortunately, Yang Hong's brain is still normal.*

He briefly explained how the two of them had met Gao Chongming and how he had become Gao Chongming's junior brother.

It turned out that the two of them had been thrown into the Heavenly Hub Armory by Tushan. The two of them were wondering where they were and were about to ask someone when the Tushan suddenly appeared in front of them and brought them to a place. After throwing them there, she disappeared again.

At the time, she should have gone to find Zhou Shu.

When they woke up, they naturally wanted to escape.

Just as Yang Hong was trying to use the Crimson Firmament Sword to destroy the door of the palace where they were imprisoned, the sword qi of the Crimson Firmament Sword accidentally woke Gao Chongming up.

After Gao Chongming saw the Crimson Firmament Sword in Yang Hong's hand, he insisted that Yang Hong was his junior brother. It was useless for Yang Hong to deny it.

What happened next was what Zhou Shu saw. Gao Chongming fought Tushan.

Zhou Shu keenly grasped the points in Yang Hong's story. The palace, the awakening, the Crimson Firmament Sword...

Zhou Shu's heart skipped a beat. The Ming Hong Saber appeared in his hand, and the aura of a connate divine weapon leaked out.

"Junior Brother?" Gao Chongming's eyes lit up. He said loudly, "So, you're my junior brother too!"

## **Chapter 557: Don't Make Friends With Weaklings (2)**

Yang Hong was stunned and a little dumbfounded. It turned out that there was nothing special about him. It was just that the weapon that the king forged for him was a little special.

Zhou Shu confirmed his thoughts. Whoever had a connate divine weapon was Gao Chongming's junior brother.

"I'm not your junior brother," Zhou Shu said. "You're mistaken."

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"How could I be mistaken?" Gao Chongming said in all seriousness. "I will never mistake a connate divine weapon. You can enter the Heavenly Hub Armory and have a connate divine weapon recognize you as its master. If you're not my junior brother, how can you do it?"

"Tushan also has a connate divine weapon. She also came in..." Zhou Shu said.

"A female? We don't accept females in the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain." Gao Chongming waved his hand.

The face of Lu Wenshuang, who had just arrived behind Zhou Shu, darkened. This man was too annoying. Didn't a female give birth to him?

Lu Wenshuang harrumphed and rolled her eyes at Gao Chongming.

"Alright." Zhou Shu couldn't figure out Gao Chongming's logic and didn't intend to argue with him. "Brother Gao, have you been sleeping in the Heavenly Hub Armory?"

The Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain had been destroyed countless years ago, and more than half of the Heavenly Hub Armory had been destroyed. Gao Chongming claimed to be a direct disciple of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain and even said that he was the owner of the Heavenly Hub Armory. He was very suspicious.

If he wasn't lying, didn't it mean he was from the same era as Shi Changsheng?

Didn't that mean he was thousands of years old?

Although it seemed that he also had a Grotto-Heaven realm cultivation base, Grotto-Heaven realm martial artists couldn't live for so many years.

Even Shi Changsheng, the master of a grotto-heaven, had used the method of fusing with a divine weapon to survive until now. How could he, Gao Chongming, survive until now intact?

"Yes. Where else would I go if not here?" Gao Chongming said matter-of-factly. "My duty is to protect the Heavenly Hub Armory. Of course I can't leave this place.

"If I hadn't chased that woman away just now, wouldn't she have barged into the upper levels of the Heavenly Hub Armory?"

"Brother Gao, do you know the current situation of the Heavenly Hub Armory?" Zhou Shu was now certain that there was something wrong with Gao Chongming's brain.

"What situation? What other situation could there be in Heavenly Hub Armory?" Gao Chongming retorted. "Although the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain has been destroyed, as long as I, Gao Chongming, am still here, the Heavenly Hub Armory will be here, and so will the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain!"

He looked determined, and the light in his face moved Zhou Shu.

Zhou Shu seemed to have discovered a secret.

"Brother Gao, Tushan thought of a way to snatch the Kun Wu Saber. It seems that she wants to enter the Heavenly Hub Armory to find something. Is there anything in the Heavenly Hub Armory that's useful to Demon Kings?" Zhou Shu asked.

He had asked Shi Changsheng this question before, but Shi Changsheng wasn't the owner of the Heavenly Hub Armory, so he naturally didn't know.

When he had first met Gao Chongming, Zhou Shu had tried to summon the Longevity Sword to identify him.

But for some reason, the Longevity Sword refused to come out of the Cosmic Bangle.

Zhou Shu didn't have a good solution to the Longevity Sword. But since Gao Chongming called himself the owner of the Heavenly Hub Armory, Zhou Shu naturally wouldn't let go of this opportunity.

Gao Chongming treated Zhou Shu and Yang Hong as his junior brothers, so he had no qualms about speaking.

"Something useful to Demon Kings?" Gao Chongming said disdainfully. "Any one of the divine weapons in my Heavenly Hub Armory is useful to them."

Zhou Shu raised his eyebrows slightly. What Gao Chongming understood as useful might not be the same for Tushan.

"Isn't the Kun Wu Saber the most powerful weapon in the Heavenly Hub Armory? She already has it. If it's just to increase her combat power, she shouldn't have any reason to barge into Heavenly Hub Armory again, right?" Zhou Shu changed his way of asking.

"Who told you that the Kun Wu Saber is the most powerful weapon in Heavenly Hub Armory?" Gao Chongming looked at Zhou Shu strangely and casually said, "There aren't too many weapons more powerful than Kun Wu Saber in the Heavenly Hub Armory. Our master said back then that the most powerful divine weapon is always the next one.

"However, I think the most powerful divine weapon in the Heavenly Hub Armory is the Heaven-Breaking Sword in my hand." Gao Chongming triumphantly waved the door-like sword in his hand.

"Oh yes, I remember now." Gao Chongming suddenly patted his head. "That woman might be here for it!"

"What?" Zhou Shu asked.

"Our Heavenly Hub Armory does have a divine weapon related to demonic beasts." Gao Chongming rubbed his chin. "However, this divine weapon was just the cave master's idea, and he didn't succeed in forging it. That woman is also a fool. What's the use of snatching an incomplete weapon away?"

"Could it be that she thinks a demonic beast like her can successfully forge a divine weapon that even the cave master didn't succeed in forging?"

"That's hilarious."

Gao Chongming seemed to think of something funny and laughed out loud.

Zhou Shu, Mi Ziwen, Yang Hong, and Lu Wenshuang looked at each other and saw the meaning in each other's eyes.

So that's why!

This was probably the reason Tushan wanted to find Zhou Shu.

No wonder she was so excited when she saw that Zhou Shu could forge a connate divine weapon. It turned out that she wanted Zhou Shu to help her forge an incomplete divine weapon!

"Brother Gao, what exactly is the unfinished divine weapon you mentioned? Can we take a look?" Zhou Shu asked.

“What’s there to see?” Gao Chongming’s expression dimmed slightly, but he immediately returned to normal. “The cave master has already died. This divine weapon can no longer be completed.

“An unfinished divine weapon is a piece of scrap metal, just like the weapons in their hands.” Gao Chongming pointed at Mi Ziwen’s and Lu Wenshuang’s weapons.

Their faces darkened. Why were their weapons scrap metal?

Their weapons were also divine weapons in the Ten Nations.

Other than connate divine weapons, the rest were all scrap metal?

Are you looking down on others just because you’re the owner of the Heavenly Hub Armory?

Lu Wenshuang really wanted to use the Abyss Rainbow Sword in her hand to slash Gao Chongming’s face.

“Even if it’s a piece of junk, it’s still the work of the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain. If we can take a look, it will definitely be beneficial to us juniors,” Zhou Shu said casually.

Gao Chongming was in a good mood after hearing his flattery. “That’s true. The cave master was almighty. If you learn anything, you can benefit greatly.

“Since you have this ambition, I’ll give you a chance.”

Gao Chongming waved his hand. “Follow me. I’ll broaden your horizons today.”

As he spoke, he started to move forward.

Zhou Shu winked at them and followed Gao Chongming.

Mi Ziwen, Yang Hong, and Lu Wenshuang followed closely behind.

Gao Chongming was very fast. Zhou Shu could still keep up. Mi Ziwen and the other two were already using all their strength, but they were still panting from the chase.

After running for more than two hours, Gao Chongming finally stopped.

By this time, Mi Ziwen and the other two were so tired that they were out of breath.

Gao Chongming seemed to be very dissatisfied. “The disciples of our Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain have unparalleled physiques. Junior Brothers, you have to cultivate more.

“Also, you have to be careful when making friends. Don’t interact with those weaklings. You shouldn’t lower yourself.”

Mi Ziwen and Lu Wenshuang received another 10,000 points of damage.

Yang Hong was also a little embarrassed. His cultivation level was much lower than Mi Ziwen’s and Lu Wenshuang’s. Since he said that they were weak, then what was he?

If not for the Crimson Firmament Sword, he would probably be worse than a weakling.

“Junior Brothers, I’ll show you my ability today. Watch me bring you to the ninth heaven!”

Gao Chongming roared, and a violent aura erupted from his body. His Heaven-Breaking Sword reached into the sky.

The three of them looked in the direction Gao Chongming was pointing.

Then... there was no 'then'.

"Mm?" Gao Chongming was a little puzzled. He thrust the sword toward the sky again. "Open!"

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Gao Chongming held the Heaven-Breaking Sword high up in the air with one hand and his other hand on his waist. He stood upright with his head held high, looking majestic.

Zhou Shu and the other three felt as if a phenomenon would descend from the sky in the next moment.

But after waiting for a long time, there was no reaction except for a gust of wind.

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Gao Chongming's face was full of confusion. He kept raising his hand, putting it down, and then raising it again.

He kept shouting, "Open! Open for me!"

Zhou Shu looked helpless. Gao Chongming was clearly out of his mind. Why did he trust him so much?

"Brother Gao, if you can't, forget it..." Zhou Shu said.

"I can't? Who says I can't?!" Gao Chongming said loudly. "I just forgot the correct incantation for a moment. Wait for me to try again!"

He fell back into continuous attempts. He looked very much like the youths suffering from eight grade syndrome in Zhou Shu's previous life.

At this moment, if he shouted for a transformation...

Zhou Shu shook his head with a bitter smile. He turned to look at Mi Ziwen, Yang Hong, and Lu Wenshuang. He had saved all three of them, so he had completed his main goal for this trip.

As for whether he could gain anything from the Heavenly Hub Armory, it didn't seem to be that important.

Moreover, even if Gao Chongming couldn't bring them there, Demon Queen Tushan wouldn't give up.

She had spent so much effort to get Zhou Shu to the Heavenly Hub Armory, so she wouldn't let him leave so easily.

*Boom!*

Suddenly, a bolt of lightning struck the clear sky. Gao Chongming's face lit up.

"I told you there was no problem!" Gao Chongming shouted. "Watch me, open!"

He shouted and pointed the Heaven-Breaking Sword at the sky. A sword beam pierced the sky.

In the clouds, seven-colored light suddenly descended.

The seven-colored light condensed into steps that extended from the sky to Gao Chongming.

Gao Chongming looked smug and raised his chin at Zhou Shu and the others.

“Follow me.” With a wave of his hand, he led the way up the steps formed by the rainbow light.

Gao Chongming was very fast. He took several steps at a time and quickly disappeared into the clouds.

At this moment, the steps condensed by the seven-colored light were already showing signs of dissipating.

Zhou Shu and the others didn't dare to delay and stepped onto the steps.

A moment later, they had already disappeared into the clouds.

Suddenly, a figure appeared not far away.

Who else could it be but Tushan?

She looked in the direction where the few of them had disappeared with a smile on her face.

Then a light lit up on her body, and she disappeared in an instant.

If Zhou Shu had taken an elevator from the first level of the Heavenly Hub Armory to the second level, then he had broken through the wall from the second level to the third. Now that he had entered the fourth level from the third, it felt like he was taking the stairs.

After passing through the clouds, he felt as if he had arrived in another world. The colorful steps under his feet had already disappeared.

The fourth level of the Heavenly Hub Armory in front of them felt like an armory. All they could see were dusty forging furnaces and collapsed weapons racks.

The weapons on the racks had disappeared. He wondered if they had been taken by the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain's disciples when the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain had been destroyed.

“This is the place where the disciples of Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain forged back then.” Gao Chongming seemed a little more normal than before. “Unfortunately, the fire is no longer here. It's gone...”

His voice was full of sorrow, and it fused with the dead environment in front of them, making Zhou Shu and the others feel depressed.

Zhou Shu coughed lightly. “Brother Gao, the Heavenly Hub Armory isn't just a place to store weapons? Are weapons also forged here?”

His voice freed Mi Ziwen, Yang Hong, and Lu Wenshuang from their sorrowful emotions. The three of them were drenched in sweat. They were actually affected by Gao Chongming's emotions and almost fell into this hopeless mood.



When they looked at Gao Chongming again, their faces were full of vigilance.

Gao Chongming didn't seem to notice their reaction. He had just revealed his emotions and didn't have any intention of targeting anyone.

"That's a misunderstanding that outsiders have toward the Heavenly Hub Armory." Gao Chongming snorted. "The nine heavens of the Heavenly Hub Armory is where disciples of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain train and cultivate. Of course, it has weapons inside. The weapons forged by the cave master and the others are all stored here.

"It's as much our home as the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain!"

Pain flashed across Gao Chongming's face. He must have remembered something.

"Come with me," Gao Chongming said. "Although the fires in the senior and junior brothers' furnaces have been extinguished, the fire in the cave master's furnace is still burning. The weapon you want to see is still in the fire."

He stepped forward. His casual words surprised Zhou Shu and the others.

The furnace of the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain was still burning?

The True Fire burning in the furnaces of forgers was supported by the spiritual essence of martial artists. Without the support of the martial artists' spiritual essence, the True Fire would quickly be extinguished.

How many years had it been since the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain had died? Why was the fire in his furnace still burning?

Confused, Zhou Shu followed.

This time, Gao Chongming didn't use his movement technique. Instead, he stepped forward step by step.

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He moved very gently, as if afraid of disturbing the ashes in the surrounding furnaces.

Zhou Shu walked beside him and asked, "Brother Gao, this is only the fourth level of the Heavenly Hub Armory, right? Why is the cave master's forging furnace here? Shouldn't it be in the ninth level?"

"Who did you hear that from?" Gao Chongming said without turning his head. "The fourth level of the Heavenly Hub Armory is the place for forging. The cave master's forging furnace is naturally here.

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"There are several layers of heavens above. There are other mysteries. Only the core disciples of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain are qualified to enter."

Gao Chongming added, "Even with a Kun Wu Saber, people can only reach this fourth level."

“In that case, there’s nothing valuable in the first four heavens. Brother Gao, why are you guarding here?” Zhou Shu asked tentatively.

“There’s no need to guard it if there’s nothing valuable? This is our home! How can we let outsiders in?” As he spoke, he glanced at Mi Ziwen and Lu Wenshuang. “If not for my Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain suffering such a calamity, even if they’re your friends, they can forget about entering the Heavenly Hub Armory!”

His words made even Mi Ziwen roll his eyes.

Gao Chongming was too infuriating. How could he look down on others like that?

The Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain had fallen for many years, yet he still thought that they were so mighty!

*Do you think everyone wants to come to your Heavenly Hub Armory? It’s tattered everywhere. It’s worse than the Huaxia Pavilion’s Demon Realm branch!*

As they spoke, everyone suddenly felt a wave of heat wash over them.

When they looked up, they saw a huge forging furnace that was 90 feet tall in front of them!

The furnace was three-legged and had several transparent windows on it. Through the windows, one could see that the fiery red flames were still burning.

Even from a distance, they could still feel the heat coming from the furnace.

Zhou Shu was curious. How did the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain use such a large forging furnace? Could he be a giant?

Moreover, it would require a lot of forging materials to forge with such a large forging furnace.

Zhou Shu was currently forging the Lingxiao Treasure Palace at Demon King Hu Li’s place. The smelting furnace that Zhang Chunlin and the others had created wasn’t even as big as this forging furnace.

The master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain seemed to like ‘9’ a lot. His intrinsic divine weapon, the Heavenly Hub Armory, was a nine heavens divine weapon, and the forging furnace he had used was also 90 feet tall...

Zhou Shu released his divine sense and observed the furnace.

As he released his divine sense, Gao Chongming looked back at Zhou Shu.

He could actually sense Zhou Shu’s divine sense!

But thinking about it, since he could fight Tushan to a draw, he was at least at the Grotto-Heaven realm. Such an expert had most likely already developed divine sense. It wasn’t surprising that he could sense Zhou Shu’s divine sense.

Zhou Shu had nothing to hide. He smiled at Gao Chongming to show that he meant no harm.

Under the observation of his divine sense, Zhou Shu saw that the three feet of the furnace touched the ground, and spiritual energy constantly gathered from all directions.

It felt like all the spiritual energy in this heaven was supplying the True Fire in this forging furnace!

No, it might not be just this level. Perhaps the spiritual energy in the entire Heavenly Hub Armory was gathering here!

Zhou Shu came to a realization. The Heavenly Hub Armory had been the intrinsic divine weapon of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain's master, and this forging furnace had been used by him. It was understandable that his intrinsic divine weapon supported his forging furnace.

Thinking of this, Zhou Shu couldn't help but have a deeper understanding of the legendary grotto-heaven masters.

No wonder Shi Changsheng looked down on Demon Kings like Tushan.

They were both at the Grotto-Heaven realm, but the difference between the peak and the entry-level was like the difference between heaven and earth.

Peak Grotto-Heaven realm experts all had complete grotto-heavens. The spiritual energy in the grotto-heavens was equivalent to their spiritual essence.

How much spiritual energy did a world contain?

How strong was the spiritual essence of a peak Grotto-Heaven realm expert?

If such an expert had a nine heavens artifact by his side, his spiritual essence would be almost endless!

How strong would such an expert be?

As Zhou Shu thought, he tried to send his divine sense into the furnace.

*Buzz—*

As soon as Zhou Shu's divine sense entered the furnace, he felt a pain in his head. The wisp of divine sense had actually disappeared.

His head felt slightly numb. Just before the wisp of consciousness disappeared, he had seen the forging furnace clearly.

In the furnace, there was a small golden pagoda floating in the flames.

Zhou Shu suddenly realized that the small tower seemed to have nine levels...

*Is nine a lucky number for the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain?* he thought in complaint.

He looked at Gao Chongming and asked, "Brother Gao, is the cave master's weapon still being forged?"

The weapon in the forging furnace was being refined in the True Fire. He had just caught a glimpse of it and felt that the weapon had already taken shape, as if it was about to be successfully forged.

Could it be that the True Fire in the forging furnace had been burning all these years to complete the forging?

What level of divine weapon would a weapon forged over countless years be?

Zhou Shu felt eager to try. The forging of this weapon was already coming to an end. He was completely confident that he could complete the work that the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain had not completed and forge this weapon!

However, Gao Chongming was still present. If Zhou Shu acted rashly, he might agitate him.

Although Zhou Shu still didn't know much about Gao Chongming, he wasn't an enemy at the moment. Moreover, there was still Tushan lurking in the dark, eyeing him covetously.

"That's right. This Demon Subduing Pagoda was forged by the cave master to suppress all the demonic beasts in the world," Gao Chongming said. "As long as this treasure is forged, all the demonic beasts in the world will have to bow down to it.

"Unfortunately, something happened before the cave master succeeded back then."

A look of sadness flashed across Gao Chongming's face before he continued, "That female demonic beast broke into the Heavenly Hub Armory most likely because of this Demon Subduing Pagoda.

"Hmph, even if the Demon Subduing Tower hasn't been forged, the Heavenly Hub Armory isn't where a demon beast like her can trespass! I, Gao Chongming, am still here!"

Gao Chongming's aura surged. Zhou Shu suddenly noticed that under the corner of his clothes, his body was faintly transparent.

Zhou Shu frowned and asked, "Brother Gao, since you're a disciple of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain, you should be proficient in forging, right?"

"Why don't you complete the forging of this Demon Subduing Pagoda for the cave master?"

"I don't have what it takes." Gao Chongming shook his head. "The cave master's forging skills are a hundred times better than mine. I wouldn't dare to act rashly with the weapon he forged. If I ruin the cave master's plan—"

"The cave master is gone. Even if you don't ruin things, this Demon Subduing Pagoda will never be forged," Zhou Shu interrupted. "In that case, why don't we give it a try? I don't think the cave master will have any objections. The cave master wouldn't want to see his hard work go to waste.

"If no one completes the forging, it can only float in True Fire forever. It can't become a true divine weapon. Do you think the cave master wants to see that happen?"

"Can't the men of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain even bear this little burden?"

"Brother Gao, if you don't dare to do it, I'll do it!"

Zhou Shu said solemnly, "If I fail, then I'll have wasted the cave master's efforts. Brother Gao, you can then take my life and bury my body with this Demon Subduing Pagoda!"

"Second Brother..."

"Master."

"Your Highness!"

Mi Ziwen, Lu Wenshuang, and Yang Hong exclaimed at the same time.

Zhou Shu shook his head, indicating that the three of them shouldn't speak.

Gao Chongming's eyes narrowed slightly as he stared at Zhou Shu solemnly. "You wish to complete the forging of the Demon Subduing Pagoda for the cave master?"

"Yes." Zhou Shu looked Gao Chongming in the eye.

"Good!" Gao Chongming spat out a word crisply.

His reaction made the excuse Zhou Shu had prepared useless. He agreed so readily?

It turned out that his worries were just his imagination. Gao Chongming wouldn't stop him?

"If you fail, you don't have to die with the Demon Subduing Pagoda. You just have to do one thing for me," Gao Chongming continued.

### **Chapter 560: Who Did My Tail Offend? (1)**

When Zhou Shu first saw Gao Chongming, he had been fighting Demon Queen Tushan. At the time, Gao Chongming had the demeanor of an expert.

Later on, as soon as he spoke to recognize junior brothers, it seemed like there was something wrong with his brain.

After entering the fourth heaven of the Heavenly Hub Armory, he seemed to have regained some rationality.

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When he spoke just now, it was impossible to tell that there was anything wrong with him. His speech and tone were normal and regular. Everyone was hit by his temperament.

At this moment, Zhou Shu truly believed that Gao Chongming was a direct disciple of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain and the guardian of the Heavenly Hub Armory.

"Do what?" Zhou Shu asked seriously.

"We can talk later. Try it first." Gao Chongming stepped aside and gestured for him to enter.

His hand had become translucent. Mi Ziwen, Yang Hong, and Lu Wenshuang could see it clearly. Shock appeared on their faces.

This Gao Chongming...

Gao Chongming didn't seem to feel anything. He watched as Zhou Shu walked to the ninety-foot-tall furnace while standing proudly with his hands behind his back.

Just as Zhou Shu began to control the furnace, Gao Chongming turned to look in a direction and sneered.

Zhou Shu expelled the distracting thoughts in his mind and began to sense the Demon Subduing Pagoda in the furnace wholeheartedly.

This Demon Subduing Pagoda had been personally forged by the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain back then. Most of its forging work had been completed, and it was only a few steps away from success.

But these last few steps were the most crucial ones. If Zhou Shu wanted to continue forging the Demon Subduing Pagoda, he would have to understand it first.

He leaped and landed on the furnace. His divine sense seeped into it like water.

*Buzz—*

Once his divine sense entered the furnace, it was directly suppressed by the Demon Subduing Pagoda. But he was already prepared and cut off this wisp of divine sense in time.

He thought for a moment, visualized the Five Mountains' True Form in his consciousness, and tried again.

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In the eyes of Mi Ziwen, Yang Hong, and the others, Zhou Shu only sat still on the furnace.

But Gao Chongming nodded slightly, his eyes flashing with anticipation.

A breeze blew, and Gao Chongming's clothes fluttered. His body was more translucent than before, and even his face began to turn translucent.

It was as if he was about to turn into a phantom.

At this moment, no one would think that Gao Chongming was alive.

Mi Ziwen and Yang Hong couldn't understand. How could a person who could fight Tushan to a standstill not be alive?

If he wasn't alive, what was he?

Their realms were too low, and their knowledge was insufficient. They couldn't understand what was going on with Gao Chongming.

After most of the day, Zhou Shu, who had been sitting quietly, finally moved. He let out a long roar and clapped his hands. The lid of the furnace flew up, and he flew into the furnace.

"Master!" Lu Wenshuang exclaimed. True Fire burned in the furnace. If Zhou Shu went in like this, wouldn't he have to withstand the power of the True Fire?

She stepped forward, but Gao Chongming stopped her.

"You!" Lu Wenshuang was furious.

Mi Ziwen was afraid that Lu Wenshuang and Gao Chongming would have a conflict, so he hurried forward. "Miss Lu, don't worry. Second Brother will be fine."

Lu Wenshuang also knew that she had been impulsive. But for some reason, after dual cultivation with her master, her mood had become extremely volatile, especially when it involved her master.

Just like now, even though she knew that it was impossible for Zhou Shu to hurt himself, she still couldn't help but want to help him.

Seeing that Lu Wenshuang was no longer moving forward, Gao Chongming ignored her and stared straight into the furnace.

In the forging furnace, Zhou Shu's hands had already turned red. Two fire dragons shot out from between his hands and surrounded the Demon Subduing Pagoda.

The Demon Subduing Pagoda shone brightly, as if it wanted to suppress the two fire dragons that Zhou Shu had transformed.

His lips curled up slightly. He had already figured out the current state of the Demon Subduing Pagoda, so he was naturally not afraid at all.

At the same time, his divine sense transformed into the Five Mountains' True Form and pressed down on the Demon Subduing Pagoda.

The few people outside the furnace seemed to vaguely see five towering mountains. All of them looked shocked.

*Boom!*

The Demon Subduing Pagoda was completely swallowed by the two fire dragons. Amid the sound of the burning flames licking the metal, there was a sudden explosion. Seven-colored lights suddenly bloomed in the furnace.

A powerful aura spread out from the furnace. Mi Ziwen, Yang Hong, and Lu Wenshuang felt that their breathing was a little irregular. They felt as if the sky was pressing down on them, and their bodies bent down.

Gao Chongming sighed and moved to stand in front of the three of them. The oppressive aura suffocating them instantly dissipated.

When they looked up, Gao Chongming's body was even more transparent than before. Through his body, they could even see the scene in front of them!

"Haha..." A coquettish laugh suddenly sounded. "On account of you helping me complete the Demon Subduing Pagoda, I won't kill you this time."

Tushan suddenly appeared in the air. Her figure became a thousand feet tall, and she reached out to grab the Demon Subduing Pagoda in the furnace.

"I've been waiting for you!" Gao Chongming shouted coldly. The Heaven-Breaking Sword appeared in his hand, and he soared into the sky.

A sword beam filling the sky slashed at Tushan.