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Chapter 591: I, Yao Qing, Am a Minor Character. Lord Hu Li, You Are the Thirteenth Demon King (1)

“Demon King Palace?” The two Demon Kings looked at each other and saw the doubt in each other’s eyes. “What Demon King Palace are you talking about?”

“How can your palaces be called a Demon King Palace?” Hu Li said mockingly. “Don’t you find it embarrassing?!”

“You said I was poor, but you are the poor demons.”

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Hu Li used all his strength to mock them. “Sometimes, I really can’t be bothered to criticize you. Aren’t you embarrassed to call yourselves Demon Kings? All of you live in dilapidated houses. I don’t even want to call them palaces.”

“Hu Li, you’re going overboard!” the two Demon Kings said coldly with ugly expressions.

“I’m going overboard?” Hu Li laughed. “I’m still giving you face. Otherwise, I’d be even more honest.”

The two Demon Kings narrowed their eyes. One of them sneered. “Hu Li, our residences don’t deserve to be called Demon King Palaces. Then, is this place you’re living worthy of it?”

His gaze swept across the residence of Hu Li. This was where Hu Li had lived before he became a Demon King. It matched the dilapidated house he had mentioned...

“Hehe.” Hu Li chuckled. “Naturally, this place isn’t worthy.

“I’ll broaden your horizons in two days!”

Thinking of Zhou Shu’s orders, Hu Li stiffly changed the topic. “You are both Demon Kings. You didn’t come to participate in my advancement ceremony empty-handed, right?”

“If you’re really short on money and can’t come up with anything good, it’s fine. I’m magnanimous. I’m very happy that you’re here. I have enough wine and meat.”

The two Demon Kings’ faces darkened. Why didn’t they realize before that this damn tiger was so eloquent?

Originally, they had come early for another purpose, not to bicker with Hu Li.

How did they end up being pulled down to Hu Li’s level by him, where he used his rich experience to make them look like fools?

“Hu Li, cut the crap,” one of the two Demon Kings said. “We didn’t forget your congratulatory gift. We didn’t come early to bicker with you. We have serious business.”

“I don’t have any relationship with you. Why did you look for me?” Hu Li asked.

When he was still a Great Demon, the only Demon King he had come into contact with was Demon King Ao. He had never seen Demon King Tiangou and Demon King Liu'Er before.

Demon Kings were high and mighty existences in the Demon Realm. Ordinary demonic beasts were not qualified to meet them.

Take Yao Qing for example. His mother was the number one Great Demon below the Demon Kings, but he had never seen a Demon King with his own eyes.

Since this was the case for Yao Qing, it was imaginable what it was like for other demonic beasts in the Demon Realm.

The reason Hu Li had been able to come into contact with Demon King Ao in the past was that he was originally a vassal of Demon King Ao. Otherwise, even if he was a Great Demon, it wouldn't have been so easy for him to see a Demon King.

He couldn't understand why Tiangou and Liu'Er were looking for him.

"Hu Li, you should know about Demon Queen Tushan, right?" The one who spoke was Tiangou. He looked at Hu Li seriously.

"What about Tushan? I don't have much of a relationship with her," Hu Li said.

Tiangou's face darkened. *Who asked you if you have a relationship with Tushan?*

You were just an ordinary Great Demon in the past. What right do you have to be friends with Tushan?

We Demon Kings can't even befriend her!

"Tu Shan is missing," Tiangou said.

"I didn't do it. It has nothing to do with me!" Hu Li blurted out subconsciously.

Tiangou's and Liu'Er's faces darkened again. *Why is Hu Li so anxious?*

Did we say you did it?

Even if you want to do it, do you have the ability?

Although Tushan is considered a relatively weak existence among the Demon Kings, you have just broken through. Can you defeat her?

"Hu Li!" Tiangou was getting impatient. "We're talking business with you! If you continue to mess around, don't blame us for being impolite!"

"How are you going to be impolite?" Hu Li said generously. "I'm not afraid of you. Continue."

He pretended to be all ears.

Tiangou snorted. "Tushan is missing. We suspect that she was harmed by the humans—"

"Tiangou, are you kidding me?" Hu Li couldn't help interrupting. "The human race doesn't even have a Great Demon realm expert. How can they harm Tushan? Not to mention, the gap in the barrier between the two worlds has been blocked. Why would there be human experts in the Demon Realm?"

"I think Tushan might be hiding somewhere to play. Anyway, Demon Kings are always missing. Isn't it normal for one to disappear for over a hundred years?"

Hu Li was unconcerned.

"I said you were ignorant, but you refused to admit it." The monkey-faced Liu'Er sneered. "Since we said it, we are naturally confident! You don't understand the matters between Demon Kings."

His face was full of contempt for Hu Li.

"I don't understand. Then, why are you here?" Hu Li said. "I've never even seen Tushan!"

"We came to you because we want you to cooperate with us on something."

Tiangou could already tell that they couldn't go along with Hu Li. Otherwise, he would continue to mess around.

He simply ignored what Hu Li said and continued speaking.

"You advanced to the Demon King realm and are holding some kind of advancement ceremony. Everyone in the Demon Realm knows about it. We can use this opportunity to lure the snake out of its hole."

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"Lure the snake out of its hole?" Hu Li said. "Do you think the snake demons will agree?"

The veins on Tiangou's forehead bulged. He almost couldn't suppress the urge to beat up Hu Li.

After panting heavily for a while, he continued, "What you have to do is cooperate! This is the unanimous decision of us eleven Demon Kings! If you're unhappy, you can talk to Demon King Ao.

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"I want to see if Demon King Ao will humor you like us!"

"If you have something to say, just say it. Why did you bring Demon King Ao out?" Hu Li said unhappily. After he became a Demon King, he had indeed gone to look for Demon King Ao, but he had been beaten up.

He had to admit that even though they were both Demon Kings, the difference in strength was immense.

Hu Li knew very well that he was still far inferior to Demon King Ao.

But this is just in terms of cultivation. In some aspects, I am stronger than Demon King Ao. For example, my Demon King Palace! Hu Li thought proudly.

"Tell me. How do you want me to cooperate? As long as you don't ruin my advancement ceremony, I can help you," Hu Li said.

Tiangou and Liu'Er looked at each other. An invisible fluctuation enveloped the entire space, and they were careful not to let their voices escape.

Not long after, Tiangou and Liu'Er left Hu Li's territory. Then Hu Li came to where Zhou Shu was in seclusion.

"Nephew Yao Qing, it's me, Hu Li!" Hu Li shouted. "Open the door first. I have something to tell you."

Creak!

The stone door opened, and Yao Aotian stuck his head out. "Please come in, Lord."

Hu Li was not surprised that Yao Aotian was guarding the door. Like him, Yao Aotian had received a great favor from Yao Qing. So what if he was guarding the door for a few days?

After passing Yao Aotian, Hu Li entered the cave that Zhou Shu was temporarily using.

In the cave, forging materials were piled up everywhere, and there were humans and demonic beasts busy processing the forging materials.

It wasn't until he walked deep into the cave that he saw Zhou Shu.

"Demon King Hu Li, why are you looking for me?" Zhou Shu sat cross-legged on the ground, his aura fluctuating.

Hu Li sat on the ground and slapped his thigh heavily. "Damn it. Nephew Yao Qing, I've let you down this time."

Zhou Shu frowned slightly. *What does this mean?*

He raised his guard. *What does Hu Li want to do?*

"Those Demon Kings want to use you as bait to lure the snake out of its hole. They want to find the person who harmed Demon Queen Tushan," Hu Li said. "I wanted to refuse, but this was decided by the other Demon Kings. I had no choice."

He blushed and felt a little embarrassed.

Originally, he thought that after becoming a Demon King, he would be a top existence in the Demon Realm and wouldn't need to listen to anyone's orders.

But who would have thought that the other twelve Demon Kings would join forces to pressure him?!

It wasn't appropriate to say that they were pressuring him. They had only asked Hu Li to cooperate and promised many benefits.

But Hu Li didn't elaborate on this with Yao Qing.

"Lure the snake out of its hole?" Zhou Shu looked curiously at Hu Li.

"It's like this. Isn't there a Demon Queen Tushan in our Demon Realm? I wonder if you've heard of her. It's said that Tushan is a very energetic woman..." Hu Li explained messily. "A while ago, she suddenly went missing. That's right. She went missing and can't be found no matter what."

Hu Li lowered his voice and looked like he was gossiping. "Let me tell you. I suspect that Tiangou has a crush on Tushan. Otherwise, why is he so sure that Tushan was harmed? He must have been secretly paying attention to her..."

Zhou Shu didn't know whether to laugh or cry. But after he thought about it, it seemed possible.

He didn't know who Tiangou was, but he was familiar with Tushan.

Tushan was extremely charming. It wasn't strange at all that a few Demon Kings had a crush on her.

"Let's continue. Tushan is missing, and the other eleven Demon Kings suspect that she was harmed by a human expert. But we have no idea where such a human expert is hiding in the Demon Realm, so everyone thought of an idea to find the human expert."

Hu Li was incoherent, but Zhou Shu roughly understood.

The disappearance of Tushan had been discovered by the other eleven Demon Kings. Therefore, they suspected that there was a human expert hiding in the Demon Realm and wanted to find the human expert who had secretly harmed Tushan.

"You want me to be the bait to lure out the human expert who harmed Demon Queen Tushan?" Zhou Shu asked.

Zhou Shu knew very well why Tushan had disappeared.

Tushan had been suppressed and taken away by the Demon Subduing Pagoda, and Zhou Shu had personally forged the Demon Subduing Pagoda. But he had no idea where the Demon Subduing Pagoda had flown to now.

Zhou Shu was very interested in finding the person who had taken away the Demon Subduing Pagoda.

Although Zhou Shu suspected that this person was Ji Lutian, it was hard to say.

After all, his suspicion of Ji Lutian was unfounded.

Using a fake Yao Qing as bait to lure Yao Qing's father out, who knew which Demon King came up with this idea?

"Nephew Yao Qing, don't worry." Hu Li gritted his teeth. "Although I can't change the decisions of the other Demon Kings, I can guarantee you that you won't be in any danger.

"In my territory, as long as I don't die, no one can hurt you!"

"Demon King Hu Li, I'm not worried about that." Zhou Shu laughed. "What do you want me to do? Why did you choose me?"

He wanted to hear how these Demon Kings were going to use Yao Qing to lure out the human expert who was most likely his father.

"You don't have to do anything." Hu Li shook his head. "Just pretend nothing happened. Help me prepare for the advancement ceremony, and leave the rest to those bastards."

Hu Li gritted his teeth. The bastards he was talking about were naturally the Demon Kings like Tiangou and Liu'Er.

Hu Li was feeling aggrieved. It was his advancement ceremony, but he was forced by outsiders to do some unhappy things. Anyone would feel uncomfortable.

"That's all?" Zhou Shu said.

"Or what?" Hu Li said. "We're already giving them face by being willing to cooperate! If it was up to me, I would have chased them out!"

Zhou Shu smiled without saying anything. *In the past, you had no right to speak to a Demon King.*

But he was still very curious about how these Demon Kings planned to lure the snake out of its hole.

"Demon King Hu Li, do you really not know what the Demon Kings are planning to do? Are they even hiding it from you?" Zhou Shu said. "I am just a nobody. The Demon Kings can do whatever they want to me. But you are the thirteenth Demon King of the Demon Realm. They won't treat you as a nobody, right?"

"They wouldn't dare!"

After being provoked by Zhou Shu, Hu Li was furious. He couldn't care less about the secret that Tiangou had told him.

"What right do they have to look down on me? A bunch of poor people who don't even have a Demon King Palace!"

Hu Li said loudly. "Of course I know what they want to do! Those bastards even said that they didn't want me to tell you, Nephew Yao Qing. They were afraid that you would expose yourself. To hell with them. Why should I listen to them? I just want to explain it to you!"

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Hu Li couldn't take it. Zhou Shu only stimulated him a little, but he couldn't take it anymore. He told Zhou Shu everything that Tiangou had asked him to keep secret.

"Demon King Hu Li, are you saying that those demon kings want to pretend to kill me because they suspect that my father is related to the human who secretly harmed Demon Queen Tushan?" Zhou Shu looked at Hu Li in surprise.

He had thought that these Demon Kings had some profound scheme.

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But it was so simple and crude?

Zhou Shu didn't expect that these demon kings also suspected Ji Lutian.

But thinking about it, there were not many humans in the Demon Realm, and Ji Lutian was an outstanding existence. It was normal for demonic beasts to suspect him.

“Say, why do they feel that Demon Queen Tushan was secretly harmed by the human race? Can’t it be a demonic beast?” Zhou Shu asked. “There are countless battles between demonic beasts.”

“How should I know?” Hu Li said matter-of-factly. “I haven’t even seen Tushan. How would I know who she offended?”

“Demon King Hu Li, do you think those Demon Kings will really kill me?” Zhou Shu asked calmly.

He was getting ready for his escape. He never expected this to happen.

If the Demon Kings really wanted to kill Yao Qing, should he fight back?

Once he fought back, even a fool would know that he was fake. The real Yao Qing was only a first-rank martial artist. How could he escape from the Demon Kings?

“Impossible,” Hu Li said confidently. “Even if they want to, there’s still me. I’ll definitely protect you.”

“You?” Zhou Shu shook his head. *It’s not that I look down on you, but you should still be at the bottom of the Demon Kings. Not to mention the other eleven Demon Kings, if any two of them come, you won’t have the time to protect me.*

“Demon King Hu Li, can I not participate in your advancement ceremony?” Zhou Shu asked.

“Your plan is completely unreliable.

“If my father has nothing to do with the human who harmed Demon Queen Tushan, or if she wasn’t harmed by the human race at all, the villain wouldn’t care about my life at all.

“Even if you really kill me, the villain might not appear.

“In any case, even if my father is really involved in this matter, how can you be sure that he will appear to save my life?”

Hu Li didn’t know, but Zhou Shu knew very well that his identity as Yao Qing was fake. Moreover, Ji Lutian also knew this.

The real Yao Qing was beside Ji Lutian.

Under such circumstances, regardless of whether the person who took away the Demon Suppressing Pagoda was Ji Lutian, he would never appear.

The plans of these Demon Kings were destined to fail from the beginning.

“That’s what I said, but the other Demon Kings don’t agree,” Hu Li said. “They insist on doing this. There’s nothing I can do.

“Nephew Yao Qing, please cooperate with them. After this matter, you will benefit greatly.”

He continued, “Since those bastards want us to contribute, don’t even think about it if we don’t get something out of it.”

Hu Li was speaking, but Zhou Shu didn’t care about his words at all.

He now felt that if he allowed these Demon Kings to do as they pleased, the chances of him being exposed were extremely high.

Although Yao Qing had some status in the Demon Realm, he was nobody in the eyes of the Demon Kings.

The death of Yao Qing was no different from that of an ant.

Not to mention Yao Qing, even his mother, the number one Great Demon below the Demon Kings, was just a stronger ant in the eyes of the Demon Kings.

They wouldn't take Yao Qing's life seriously at all.

Hu Li made it sound so nice. What did he mean they just wanted to pretend to kill Yao Qing?

If things went wrong, they might really kill Zhou Shu!

In any case, the death of Yao Qing wasn't important to the Demon Kings.

"Demon King Hu Li, have those demon kings left? Can I talk to them?" Zhou Shu asked.

"They've already left. Previously, they wanted to disturb your seclusion and said that they were prepared to support you. I rejected them directly. What a joke. With me around, do you still need their support?" Hu Li said casually.

Zhou Shu was speechless. *You clearly asked Yao Jun to call me over just now.*

Who said I wanted to reject them?!

Zhou Shu felt a little helpless. If he had known earlier, he would have met the two Demon Kings.

At the very least, he would give them a chance to support him. It had been such a good opportunity to gain some benefits.

Zhou Shu was silent for a moment before saying, "This is going to be troublesome. Demon King Hu Li, I feel that it's very dangerous now..."

"Nephew Yao Qing, do you not trust me? I am also a Demon King now. How can I not protect you?" Hu Li said unhappily.

"It's not that I don't trust you, Demon King Hu Li. It's fine if I don't know. But do you think you can be at ease knowing that you're being used as bait?" Zhou Shu said.

"Since the two Demon Kings have left, there's no way to talk about it now. Looks like I can only increase my own protection.

"Demon King Hu Li, I have to make some preparations. If you're restrained by an expert and can't protect me in time, if I don't prepare some means to protect myself, won't I die?"

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“Nephew Yao Qing, what do you intend to do?” Hu Li asked. “You were implicated by me this time. Don’t worry. I’ll cooperate with you whatever you want to do.”

“You had nothing to do with this, Demon King Hu Li. You were forced. I understand,” Zhou Shu comforted Hu Li.

“My cultivation is far inferior to the Demon Kings’, so I can only learn from humans and rely on external objects.”

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Zhou Shu pondered. “Demon King Hu Li, I’m going to send the human captives out to help me prepare something. You won’t stop me, right?”

“No, I’ll give you all those captives. You can do whatever you want with them. Not to mention letting them prepare things, even if you eat them, no demonic beasts will say anything.” Hu Li waved his hand.

Zhou Shu was delighted. He had been thinking about how to let Zhang Chunlin and the others leave this place openly. Now, he had seized an opportunity.

As long as he sent Zhang Chunlin and the others away, it didn’t matter if his identity was exposed.

With his strength, even if the Demon Kings gathered, he could still leave.

“If you need me to do anything, just tell me, Nephew Yao Qing,” Hu Li said guiltily.

“There’s nothing else. In terms of forging materials—” Zhou Shu said.

“Don’t worry. I will give you what I promised. On that basis, I’ll give you another five million kilograms of forging materials!” Hu Li patted his chest.

Zhou Shu smiled. “Thank you, Demon King Hu Li.”

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“Lord, if we leave first, what about you?”

In the depths of the cave, when Zhang Chunlin and the others heard what Zhou Shu said, their expressions changed.

These days had been the most comfortable since they fell into the hands of the demonic beasts.

They had almost forgotten that they were still captives of the demonic beasts.

It was only now that they remembered that they were still captives and hadn’t escaped.

“Don’t worry about me.” Zhou Shu shook his head. “This is a rare opportunity. I’ve already informed Hu Li. You can leave here openly now.”

Zhou Shu looked at Zhang Chunlin and said in a deep voice, “Sir Zhang, have you memorized the route I told you before?”

“It’s all here.” He pointed to his head.

“That’s good. Take everyone and follow the route I told you. Go to the place I told you about.

“With Hu Li’s seal, you don’t have to worry even if you encounter demonic beasts on the way. However, you have to be careful. As long as you leave Hu Li’s territory, you have to hide your whereabouts. Don’t let the demonic beasts know your final destination!”

“I understand.” Zhang Chunlin nodded solemnly.

“Also, each of you take a few of these Cosmic Bangles. When we get there, hand them over to a man named Shi Songtao. Sir Zhang, can I trust you on this?” Zhou Shu looked at Zhang Chunlin.

“Don’t worry. As long as I’m alive, I will ensure these things are safe. Even if I’m dead, these things will still be safe!” Zhang Chunlin said with a solemn expression.

“Alright, everyone, there’s no need to be so serious. This is a good thing.” Zhou Shu patted Zhang Chunlin’s shoulder and smiled.

“Originally, I was wondering how so many of us would be able to escape unscathed. Now, the demonic beasts have taken the initiative to give us an opportunity.

“I told Hu Li that I was sending you out to find ores. You can use this excuse to leave openly. This is an opportunity we can’t ask for more.”

“But you—” Zhang Chunlin was a little worried.

“I can leave whenever I want. What can the demonic beasts do to me?” Zhou Shu smiled. “As long as you leave safely, I can escape at any time.”

Plop—

Zhang Chunlin suddenly knelt on one knee. Behind him, the hundred-plus human captives also knelt on the ground.

“I don’t know your true identity, but you saved our lives,” Zhang Chunlin said. “If we can return to the human race alive, our lives will be yours!”

“What do I want your lives for?” Zhou Shu said. “Everyone, get up. We’re all humans, so it’s only right for us to help each other. In the future, everyone will have to continue fighting side by side. If you have the intention, when you return, use your understanding of demonic beasts to play more roles in future battles.”

“Yes, Lord,” everyone said in unison.

After watching Zhang Chunlin and the others enter the forest, Zhou Shu turned around and looked at Yao Aotian. “It’s just the two of us now. Aotian, do you blame me for not letting you leave with them?”

Yin Chengshan looked around and saw that there were no demonic beasts. “Your Highness, you must be joking.”

“I have no choice. I need someone to stay here and help me. I trust you more than Zhang Chunlin and the others.”

"I am willing to die for Your Highness!" Yin Chengshan's eyes flashed with excitement.

"You really have to take a little risk this time," Zhou Shu said. "I'll be blunt. You might really die."

"As you command, Your Highness." Yin Chengshan smiled. "From the day I joined the Demon Executing Army, I never thought that I'd be able to escape death."

"Come closer." Zhou Shu nodded and whispered something in Yin Chengshan's ear.

Yin Chengshan nodded solemnly, then bowed deeply to Zhou Shu before walking forward without looking back.

Seeing Yin Changshan disappear into the mountains, Zhou Shu turned around and looked at Hu Li's territory. The corners of his mouth curled up slightly. *Now, please begin the performance.*

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After a thousand years, another demonic beast in the Demon Realm had advanced to the Demon King realm. This was definitely a huge matter in the Demon Realm.

In particular, the new Demon King, Hu Li, had invited all the powerful demonic beasts in the Demon Realm, causing almost no demonic beasts in the Demon Realm not to know this news.

The demonic beasts who received Hu Li's invitation were naturally extremely excited, but those who didn't receive an invitation fell into deep self-doubt.

Were they not strong enough, or were they not well-known enough?

Whether they were qualified to participate in Demon King Hu Li's advancement ceremony became a symbol of their status in the Demon Realm.

All the demonic beasts' attention was attracted by Hu Li's advancement ceremony. For a moment, the demonic beasts forgot about the existence of the Ten Nations Alliance.

It could be considered a blessing in disguise. Zhou Shu had fooled Hu Li and also obtained a precious development opportunity for the Huaxia Pavilion's Demon Realm branch.

As the advancement ceremony approached, some demonic beasts had already arrived at Hu Li's territory.

In particular, some Great Demons had arrived early. They guarded outside Zhou Shu's cave day and night, wanting to hear his guidance.

All the demonic beasts in the Demon Realm knew that Hu Li had broken through to the Demon King realm from a Great Demon with Yao Qing's guidance.

Moreover, Hu Li wasn't the only one. Yao Qing had changed the name of the fellow who was originally called Yao Baobao. In the end, he had some comprehension, and his cultivation had also increased greatly.

Which demonic beast wouldn't want such a good thing to happen to them?

“Line up and be quiet!” The ugly Yao Jun stood outside Zhou Shu’s cave, maintaining order with a drooping face.

“If anyone dares to cut in line, they will never have the chance to see Lord Yao Qing!”

Yao Jun was furious. He had served Lord Yao Qing tirelessly without complaint and had yet to receive any guidance. What right did these fellows have?

But he didn’t dare disobey Lord Yao Qing’s orders.

“Lord Yao Qing said that the Dao is not to be passed down easily. Previously, in order to listen to Lord Yao Qing’s preaching, those Great Demons helped Lord Yao Qing dig tens of millions of kilograms of ores.”

Yao Jun said loudly, “You came late. It’s too late to mine now. However, Lord Yao Qing is kind and has decided to give you a chance. Line up and enter one by one. Remember, prepare your most precious things. Whether you can obtain the lord’s guidance will depend on your sincerity!”

Chapter 595: Change Your Name To Yao Ritian (1)

Zhou Shu was sitting behind a stone table, feeling like he had become a fortune-teller.

At this time, if there was a plaque beside him, it would be even more appropriate.

He looked at the Great Demon in front of him and asked, “What is your request?”

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“I want to change my name,” the Great Demon said pleadingly with a smile on his face.

Zhou Shu was speechless. Almost every demonic beast who came to see him had similar requests. They really thought that by changing their name, their cultivation would greatly improve.

It had to be said that these demonic beasts had worrying intelligence.

“What is your original name?” Zhou Shu didn’t mind. In any case, before he did anything, he would take advantage of the current situation.

“My original name was Yao Wan,” the Great Demon whispered.

“Finished¹?” Zhou Shu sized up the Great Demon curiously. *This name is really...*

“It’s not easy for you to survive until now,” he said.

As soon as he said this, the Great Demon agreed. “That’s right!

“Nephew Yao Qing, you don’t know this, but my life has been bitter. I almost died when I was born, and then I cultivated all the way...”

The Great Demon had the potential to be a chatterbox as he recounted his experiences.

Hearing these things, Zhou Shu was stunned. It had to be said that it wasn't easy for this Great Demon to survive until now. He had encountered a minor disaster every three years and a major disaster every five years. But he had managed to cultivate the Great Demon realm.

Things were really unpredictable.

"You're really unlucky." Zhou Shu looked at the excited Great Demon and casually comforted him.

"Ahhh, what can I do about my luck?" The Great Demon sighed.

"If the heavens are unfair to you, then you should work hard to defy the heavens," Zhou Shu said. "It's your fate not to accept your fate."

"From now on, your name will be Yao Ritian."

"It's my fate not to accept my fate?"

There was a trace of confusion in the eyes of the Great Demon. Then the light in his pupils exploded, and an unstoppable burst of aura erupted from his body.

Boom!

A thunderclap sounded in the clear sky, startling Zhou Shu.

No way? He cursed in his head. I just talked nonsense. He can even comprehend this?

The demonic beasts waiting outside the door were in an uproar.

"Another one. Did you see that? Another one!"

"It really works. Yao Qing can really guide people to break through!"

"I knew I had to come. How can mere external objects compare to a cultivation breakthrough? If I can break through to the Demon King realm, it's worth it even if I go bankrupt!"

The demonic beasts discussed excitedly.

Originally, there was no movement from the few demonic beasts that had entered and exited. These demonic beasts all became a little suspicious.

In the end, another demonic beast showed signs of breaking through. This immediately made them a little excited.

How many years had it been since a Great Demon broke through to the Demon King realm?

Now, there were actually Great Demons touching the threshold of the Demon King realm one after another after receiving Yao Qing's guidance. The remaining doubts in the hearts of the demonic beasts had completely disappeared.

Coincidence? How about letting me meet this coincidence?

Now, in the eyes of all the demonic beasts, Yao Qing was simply a treasure. His entire body was emitting golden light!

In the cave, Yao Wan had already restrained his aura.

He didn't break through to the Demon King realm, but just like Yao Aotian, he had already seen the threshold of the Demon King realm. As long as he didn't die and persisted in cultivating, he would be able to break through to the Demon King realm one day.

In the past, he felt that it was impossible for him to touch the threshold of the Demon King realm for the rest of his life.

"Thank you for the name, Nephew Yao Qing!" Yao Wan looked excited. He placed a void beast on the table in front of Zhou Shu.

The void beast opened its mouth and spat out a pile of things that clattered on the table.

"This is a small token of my appreciation," Yao Wan said. "I know that these things are not worth mentioning. When I'm ready later, I'll definitely satisfy you!"

"It's fine as long as your heart is in it. I'm not helping you for benefits." Zhou Shu's expression was calm, and he didn't even look at the items.

"I'm only taking your things so that you understand the principle that the Dao is not passed down so easily. I don't lack these things.

"These objects are nothing compared to the opportunity to break through to the Demon King realm."

His expression was indifferent, but he was cursing in his heart.

These demonic beasts don't look very intelligent. How can a casual sentence or two enlighten them?

Could the Martial Dao aptitude of demonic beasts really be so much better than that of humans?

Or are humans too smart, so they can't compare to demonic beasts in these aspects?

He was really speechless. One could be a coincidence, two could also be a coincidence, but three couldn't still be a coincidence, right?

Now, even he wondered if he could break through his cultivation just by changing his name.

"Thank you for your kindness, Nephew Yao Qing." Yao Wan praised and walked out with his void beast.

Although Yao Qing had said that, no matter what, he had to find some heaven and earth treasures to send to Yao Qing when he returned!

He is broad-minded, but I can't be insensible!

Standing at the entrance of the cave, Yao Wan looked at the long line of demonic beasts outside the door. He placed his hands behind his back and looked up at the sky.

"Let me tell everyone. From today onward, I'm no longer Yao Wan. My name is Yao Ritian!"

He raised his voice. "It's my fate not to accept my fate. Since the heavens have treated me unfairly, I'll defy the heavens!"

Yao Wan, the current Yao Ritian, had a surging aura. He walked away step by step, leaving the demonic beasts with a view of an unyielding and powerful back.

Chapter 596: Change Your Name To Yao Ritian (2)

“It’s my fate...”

“Heaven-defying...”

“Yao Ritian is indeed powerful...”

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“Yao Jun, quick, let me in to meet Yao Qing. I brought a lot of good things this time!”

“I’ll go first. My things are more precious!”

The Great Demons rushed excitedly toward the cave, drowning Yao Jun, who was blocking the door.

In the cave, Zhou Shu put all the heaven and earth treasures on the table into a Cosmic Bangle and secretly rejoiced for a while.

Although the things these Great Demons brought were not a lot, their value was definitely not low.

Zhou Shu didn’t expect that he would be able to gain so many benefits with only one day left.

One couldn’t be rich without a windfall.

After this, he felt that he wouldn’t have to worry about forging materials for a long time.

He was truly becoming rich overnight.

In just a few short months, the forging materials that he had accumulated were already comparable to Great Xia’s accumulation for hundreds of years.

It was no surprise. More than ten Great Demons and an army of millions of demonic beasts helped him mine.

Now, there were countless Great Demons and first-rank demonic beasts who had come to him with treasures to change their names.

If he was given a few more years, Zhou Shu felt that he could take away more than half of the wealth of the Demon Realm.

But he didn’t have that much time.

It was a coincidence that he gained so much this time. It was all thanks to Hu Li.

If not for the excuse of Hu Li’s advancement ceremony, it would have been impossible for him to order so many demonic beasts to mine.

The ceremony was about to begin, so there would naturally be no more opportunities.

After the ceremony, regardless of whether his identity was exposed or not, Zhou Shu wouldn't stay here for long. Now, the Demon Kings had already begun to scheme against him. If he stayed any longer, he didn't know what would happen.

It's almost time. Zhou Shu looked at the time. Hu Li's advancement ceremony was about to start. Unfortunately, there were so many leaks outside the door that he didn't have time to harvest.

His heart stirred as he sent a voice transmission to Yao Jun.

Yao Jun, who was outside the door, was slightly stunned before he raised his voice and shouted, "Everyone, be quiet! Lord Yao Qing has orders!"

The demonic beasts fell silent.

Yao Jun continued, "Lord Yao Qing said that Demon King Hu Li's advancement ceremony is about to begin. He still has to rush over to celebrate, so he doesn't have time to guide everyone anymore."

"Don't, Nephew Yao Qing. It wasn't easy for us to get here."

"That's right, Lord Yao Qing. Our treasures are as good as Yao Ritian's. We brought all our wealth over this time!"

"Silence, all of you! Anyone who makes any more noise will be disqualified!" Yao Jun shouted. "Lord Yao Qing only said that he doesn't have time now. He didn't say that he wouldn't have time in the future!"

"If any of you want to ask Lord Yao Qing for guidance, you can register with me first."

"After Demon King Hu Li's advancement ceremony is over, Lord Yao Qing will receive you according to the order of registration. At that time, you can ask for any guidance you want."

"I'll go first!" A Great Demon jumped out before Yao Jun could finish speaking. "It's just a small gift. Please help me give it to Nephew Yao Qing."

The Great Demon handed over a void beast with both hands.

"I want to register too!"

"Me first!"

"Me first!"

The scene was in chaos. The demonic beasts stuffed the treasures they brought into Yao Jun's arms.

Yao Jun had never thought that there would be a day when heaven and earth treasures would drown him.

Through the thick stone door, Zhou Shu heard the commotion outside, and the corners of his mouth curled up.

It was right to kill the wrong rather than let it go. This round was definitely profitable!

He smiled and turned to walk toward the other exit of the cave. Next, it was time to finish the last scene.

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On a not-too-tall mountain peak in Hu Li's territory, the mountain peak seemed to have been flattened. Half the venue was full of stone tables and chairs, while the other half was empty.

"Hu Li, is this your advancement ceremony? I thought you could come up with something decent, but that's it?"

It was Demon King Liu'Er who spoke with disdain.

Previously, Hu Li had bragged in front of him. He thought that he was going to do something big. In the end...

"Don't worry. I'll give you an eye-opener," Hu Li said indifferently.

Then he said meaningfully, "Tiangou, Liu'Er, take it easy later. If you really hurt Yao Qing, I won't let you off!"

"Do you think we're afraid of you?" Liu'Er said disdainfully.

Tiangou glared at Liu'Er and turned to Hu Li. "Don't worry. With our status, we won't accidentally injure a first-rank demonic beast.

"We only want to force out the mastermind behind Tushan's disappearance, not kill a first-rank demonic beast."

"You make it sound nice." Hu Li snorted coldly. "Who knows what you're up to! Those are all your guesses. You don't even know if something really happened to Tushan!"

"That's right. We truly don't have any evidence." Tiangou didn't deny it. "But Yao Qing's identity is special. There's no harm in using him. There's no loss anyway."

"Nonsense!" Hu Li said angrily. "You're not taking Nephew Yao Qing's life seriously!"

"Hu Li, this is my decision. It has nothing to do with them." A voice suddenly sounded. "If you have any resentment, come at me."

Before the voice finished speaking, a figure suddenly appeared not far from Hu Li.

The figure was nine feet tall and burly. He was wearing brocade clothes that looked like dragon robes and a flat crown on his head.

He didn't dress like a demonic beast but like an emperor of the human race.

"Demon King Ao!" Hu Li's expression changed slightly before he cupped his hands and bowed.

Liu'Er, Tiangou, and the other Demon Kings who had arrived first also stood up and bowed to this person.

This man was the number one Demon King of the Demon Realm, Demon King Ao!

Demon King Ao had a square face and a dignified appearance. His eyes were completely different from other demonic beasts. They were not red but golden. It made people dizzy just by looking at them.

“Hu Li, getting Yao Qing to be bait was my decision.” Demon King Ao’s gaze landed on Hu Li. “His identity is special. Only he can be the bait.

“I can tell you that one of my subordinates was killed not long ago,” he said solemnly. “It’s the one you saw at my place last time. Before he was killed, he was investigating the Demon Ancestor’s secret chamber. Legend has it that only human-demon mixed-bloods can enter the Demon Ancestor’s secret chamber.

“I suspect that his murder and Tushan’s disappearance were done by the same person. In that case, Yao Qing should be very useful to him.

“Now, do you have any other questions?”

Demon King Ao looked at Hu Li. If Hu Li wasn’t a Demon King now, Demon King Ao wouldn’t have explained so much.

But since Hu Li was already a Demon King, his vassal, and had his own army, he couldn’t let him have any resentment.

Demon King Ao naturally started from the thoughts of a superior.

After hearing Demon King Ao’s explanation, Hu Li finally came to a realization.

“I see. I understand. Don’t worry, Demon King Ao. I’ll definitely cooperate fully!” Hu Li said seriously.

“In that case, call Yao Qing out. Your ceremony can begin now. With your commotion, anyone in the Demon Realm will probably know. You can lure out the mastermind.” Demon King Ao waved his hand indifferently.

“Alright!” Hu Li said loudly. Then he let out a long roar.

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Hu Li’s roar attracted the attention of all the demonic beasts.

The flattened mountaintop was several kilometers in radius. Although only half of it was set with stone tables and chairs, it was enough to seat more than ten thousand demonic beasts.

At this moment, there were at least eight thousand demonic beasts.

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Moreover, these demonic beasts were all famous existences in the Demon Realm. Ordinary first-rank demonic beasts were not even qualified to come to the top of the mountain.

If all the demonic beasts on this mountaintop could be killed, at least 99% of the high-end power of the Demon Realm would disappear.

But nowadays, no one could slaughter all the demonic beasts on this mountaintop. It had to be known that there were already twelve Demon Kings present.

Hu Li had a lot of face this time. All the Demon Kings in the Demon Realm, except the missing Tushan, came to participate in his advancement ceremony.

This was also because no new Demon King had appeared in the Demon Realm for more than a thousand years.

Another reason was that the number one Demon King of the Demon Realm, Demon King Ao, was here, so it wasn't appropriate for the other Demon Kings to refuse.

Apart from the Demon Kings, there were countless Great Demons, not to mention the first-rank demonic beasts with extraordinary backgrounds.

Now, all the demonic beasts' gazes were on Hu Li, not knowing what he meant by letting out a long roar.

Demon King Ao also looked at Hu Li in confusion. He had asked Hu Li to call Yao Qing out. Why did he do this?

Just as he had this thought, he suddenly looked up at the sky.

As if in response to Hu Li's roar, a ball of golden light suddenly exploded in the sky.

The golden light was dazzling like the sun.

Demon King Ao frowned slightly, and his aura faintly erupted.

Hu Li was shocked and hurriedly said, "Demon King Ao, we're on the same side. Take it easy!"

He was afraid that Demon King Ao would attack on impulse. That would be troublesome.

Hearing Hu Li's words, the other restless Demon Kings also retracted their auras. They looked at the sky, wanting to see what Hu Li was up to.

Boom!

With a loud bang, the ball of golden light in the air exploded, and a magnificent palace suddenly appeared in the air.

It was impossible to describe how majestic the palace was with words. Demon King Ao's, Tiangou's, Liu'Er's, and the other Demon Kings' eyes lit up.

The Great Demons and first-rank demonic beasts were stunned.

Seeing the reactions of the demonic beasts, Hu Li revealed a smug expression. "Now, allow me to introduce you to my Demon King Palace!"

Following his voice, the palace slowly descended from the sky and landed on the other half of the empty space on the mountaintop with a bang.

At such a close distance, the demonic beasts felt the shock of the palace even more.

"This is your Demon King Palace?" Demon King Ao also looked surprised.

"That's right, Demon King Ao. My Demon King Palace is not inferior to your palace, right?" Hu Li said proudly.

Demon King Ao's face darkened. *Why didn't I realize that Hu Li was so annoying before?*

I must find an opportunity to beat him up again!

My palace can't compare to Hu Li's Demon King Palace!

Demon King Ao narrowed his eyes slightly as a thought suddenly flashed through his mind.

As soon as this thought appeared, it grew like wild grass. In the end, it completely occupied his mind, making him forget about Yao Qing.

Only this Demon King Palace is worthy of the number one Demon King of the Demon Realm!

Only the number one Demon King of the Demon Realm was worthy of such a Demon King Palace!

Hu Li?

What right did a new Demon King like him have to occupy such a Demon King Palace?

Demon King Ao looked at Hu Li without revealing anything. *Today is Hu Li's advancement ceremony, so I'll give him some face first.*

For some reason, Hu Li suddenly felt a chill run down his back.

Before he could think carefully, he saw Yao Qing appear at the entrance of the Demon King Palace.

This Yao Qing was naturally Zhou Shu.

He controlled the Demon King Palace to descend from the sky and stood at the palace's entrance. He cupped his hands to Hu Li and the other demonic beasts and said loudly, "Congratulations, Demon King Hu Li, on advancing to the Demon King realm. From now on, your lifespan will be as long as the heavens!"

Boom!

Fireworks exploded around the Demon King Palace, which was thanks to the demonic beasts that Zhou Shu had arranged in advance.

Hu Li's mouth opened wide, and a smile was about to bloom on his face.

It was this feeling, this feeling of being the center of attention of ten thousand demons!

Let's see who dares to look down on me in the future! Hu Li puffed out his chest and looked around.

"Everyone has come from afar to celebrate my advancement. I am very honored. Today is not only the ceremony of my advancement but also the official celebration of the completion of my Demon King Palace!

"It's not that I'm boasting, but there's only one Demon King Palace in the world. Today, I'm in a good mood. I'll let you see how magical my Demon King Palace is!"

Hu Li clapped his hands.

Zhou Shu nodded. With a light step, the entire Demon King Palace shone with golden light and flew up again.

“This Demon King Palace was forged as one. As long as spiritual essence is injected, it can rise into the sky. If the spiritual essence is endless, it can completely become a heavenly palace!”

Zhou Shu’s voice sounded in the ears of the demonic beasts.

“In addition, this Demon King Palace also has defensive and offensive abilities.”

Following his voice, a semicircular golden light rose from the Demon King Palace and enveloped it entirely.

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Then without him moving, sharp sword beams shot out from the Demon King Palace. Although the power of the sword beams was not great and was only equivalent to a strike from a Grandmaster, they were dense, and tens of thousands had already slashed out in an instant.

This ability to defend and attack was a little flashy and impractical in the eyes of the Demon Kings, but its ability to soar intrigued them.

A palace in the skies, it was exciting just thinking about it.

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Wouldn’t it be in line with their high and mighty status?

At this moment, all the Demon Kings wished they could have the same Demon King Palace!

“Also, this Demon King Palace can be enlarged and shrunk. It’s not a problem to bring it out.”

Zhou Shu raised his hand, and the Demon King Palace continued to shrink until it was the size of a palm. With a flip of his wrist, the Demon King Palace disappeared.

With another flip, the Demon King Palace reappeared.

The palm-sized Demon King Palace expanded as spiritual essence was injected. In an instant, it returned to its normal size and slowly landed on the flat ground at the mountaintop.

“Demon King Hu Li, please enter the palace!” Zhou Shu said loudly.

“Haha...” Hu Li was overjoyed. As expected, the Demon King Palace had indeed stunned these demonic beasts.

“Everyone, don’t stand on ceremony. Come into the hall with me. I’ll host a banquet here today.”

Hu Li strode into the palace.

The Demon Kings and Great Demons followed.

The palace looked dazzling from the outside, and after entering, the inside was just as resplendent.

Demon King Ao looked at the layout of the Demon King Palace. The more he looked, the more he liked it.

In the past, he had thought that his palace was not bad. Now, it was simply a slum.

As the number one Demon King of the Demon Realm, he should live here!

Seeing Hu Li walk towards the dragon throne in the middle of the hall, Demon King Ao could no longer hold back his thoughts. "Hu Li! I like this Demon King Palace very much. Give it to me. Whatever you want, just ask."

Demon King Ao's voice was not loud, and he deliberately restrained himself. Other than the nearby Demon Kings, the Great Demons and first-rank demonic beasts couldn't hear him at all.

Hu Li stopped in his tracks and turned to look at Demon King Ao in disbelief.

He rubbed his ears as if he suspected he was hearing things.

"Demon King Ao, what did you say?" Hu Li said solemnly.

"Say, I like this Demon King Palace very much and want to buy it. Name any price you want. I won't bargain," Demon King Ao said again.

He exuded a proud aura. Hu Li had been his vassal in the past, and he had always treated Hu Li quite well. Even though Hu Li had become a Demon King now, he was still far inferior to Demon King Ao.

He didn't think Hu Li would reject him.

"I'm not selling it!" Hu Li said through gritted teeth. "This is my Demon King Palace. It's my life! I definitely won't sell it!"

"Hu Li, you're not giving me face?" Demon King Ao's expression darkened as he frowned. "I won't let you suffer. Just build another Demon King Palace in the future."

"Demon King Ao, it's not that I don't want to give you face, but Yao Qing specially forged this Demon King Palace for me." Hu Li straightened his neck. "If you want one, you can ask Yao Qing to help you build one. Why do you have to snatch mine?"

"I told you. I'm buying, not snatching." Demon King Ao snorted coldly. "If I wanted to snatch it, do you think I would discuss it with you?"

He snorted coldly in his heart. *After today, it's uncertain if Yao Qing will still be alive. When the time comes, who will build another Demon King Palace?*

"I won't sell it either!" Hu Li said.

Demon King Ao stared at Hu Li and said in a deep voice, "I'll double what you spent on building this Demon King Palace. In addition, I'll teach you another Demon King divine power!"

"I don't want it. I want my Demon King Palace!" Hu Li said.

Demon King Ao stared at Hu Li. After a moment, he snorted and stopped talking.

Seeing that Demon King Ao had been rejected, the other Demon Kings who had similar thoughts didn't ask in order not to make a fool of themselves.

The Demon Kings sat down. Seeing that Demon King Ao didn't continue, Hu Li secretly heaved a sigh of relief.

Although he sounded tough just now, he was actually nervous.

This was Demon King Ao. Before he was a Demon King, he had worked under Demon King Ao.

Although he was also a Demon King now, he was still instinctively afraid of Demon King Ao.

If not for the fact that the Demon King Palace was his treasure, he wouldn't have rejected Demon King Ao.

Now that Demon King Ao no longer mentioned it, everyone was happy.

"Start the banquet!" Hu Li quickly changed the topic, skipping the few segments he had prepared.

"Yao Qing, come here."

The position of the Demon Kings was separate from that of the Great Demons.

After the banquet was over, Demon King Ao asked for Yao Qing.

Zhou Shu had actually been observing the Demon Kings. These were all powerful enemies that humans would have to face in the future.

He had long noticed Demon King Ao.

In Zhou Shu's perception, Demon King Ao was clearly more than one level more terrifying than the other Demon Kings.

He was almost certain that with his current cultivation, he was definitely not Demon King Ao's match. It was the same even if he used his divine ability Total Annihilation.

Although he had long thought of this possibility, he was still somewhat shocked when he saw how powerful Demon King Ao was.

The more he thought about it, the more he felt that after this matter was over, he should just obediently be a forger and forge divine weapons to accumulate strength.

Zhou Shu composed himself and came in front of the Demon Kings. "Greetings, my lords."

He had long received news from Hu Li and was already prepared for what the Demon Kings wanted to do. However, he still pretended to know nothing on the surface.

"What are your orders, Lord?" Zhou Shu said.

"You're Yao Qing? Your mother is Yao Wenxin, and your father is Ji Lutian?" Demon King Ao sized up Zhou Shu.

"That's right." Zhou Shu endured the discomfort.

“Very good.” Demon King Ao nodded. “Let me ask you. Are you a human or a demon?”

“I’m Yao Qing, a demonic beast,” Zhou Shu said without hesitation.

“Alright, since you admit that you’re a demonic beast, let me ask you again. Are you willing to sacrifice yourself for the Demon Realm?” Demon King Ao continued.

“For the Demon Realm?” This time, Zhou Shu hesitated for a moment, as if he was seriously thinking about it. “If necessary, I’m willing! I was born and raised in the Demon Realm. The Demon Realm is my home—”

“Since you’re willing, go to hell,” Demon King Ao interrupted.

Before Zhou Shu could finish speaking, Demon King Ao raised his hand, and a golden light hit Zhou Shu’s chest, sending him flying.

“Demon King Ao!” Hu Li shouted. He didn’t expect Demon King Ao to attack so suddenly. This was different from what Tiangou and the others had said.

Seeing Zhou Shu being sent out of the Demon King Palace by Demon King Ao and falling down the mountain, Hu Li jumped up and was about to save Zhou Shu.

“Sit down, Hu Li,” Demon King Ao said coldly. A huge aura directly forced Hu Li back.

Hu Li’s face flushed red. But even though he was also a Demon King, Demon King Ao’s powerful aura still made it difficult for him to break free.

“Tiangou, Liu’Er,” Demon King Ao said indifferently.

Tiangou and Liu’Er nodded at the same time. With a flash, they chased after Zhou Shu.

“Stop! Bastards! You promised me it was just an act. You said you wouldn’t hurt Yao Qing!” Hu Li shouted angrily.

This sudden change stunned all the Great Demons and first-rank demonic beasts present.

What’s going on?

Why does Demon King Ao want to kill Yao Qing?

Yao Qing can’t die. If he dies, where is our hope of breaking through?

But this is Demon King Ao. Who can stop him?

All the demonic beasts fell into a dilemma.

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Bang!

Zhou Shu rolled a few times in the air and crashed onto the ground. He opened his mouth and spat out a mouthful of blood.

He cursed in his heart as he saw two powerful auras flying toward him from the top of the mountain.

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With a slight frown, he turned to run.

When Demon King Ao suddenly attacked, Zhou Shu almost thought that his identity had been exposed.

Just as he was about to unleash his strength, he felt that Demon King Ao's attack didn't match his strength as the number one Demon King in the Demon Realm.

Therefore, he forcefully controlled his urge to fight back and took the blow from Demon King Ao.

Furthermore, in order to avoid being exposed, he even suppressed the Golden Bell Shield Technique, afraid that Demon King Ao would see through him.

Otherwise, with the power of Demon King Ao's attack, he wouldn't have been able to hurt Zhou Shu at all.

However, Yao Qing was only a first-rank demonic beast. Even if Demon King Ao held back, he would still be injured.

"Yao Qing has disobeyed Demon King Ao. I have received orders to kill him. All demonic beasts, cooperate fully!"

Zhou Shu had run dozens of kilometers when a loud shout suddenly came from behind.

He rolled his eyes. The two Demon Kings behind him chased slowly, and it had been a while before they shouted.

This was clearly giving him time to escape. Otherwise, with so many powerful demonic beasts on Hu Li's mountain, how could Yao Qing escape?

Not to mention anything else, if these two Demon Kings went all out chasing, they would have long caught up to Yao Qing.

Zhou Shu was not using his full strength now. He maintained his fleeing speed at the level of a first-rank demonic beast.

By now, he understood their plan.

They casually found an excuse to beat Yao Qing out and chased after him, trying to use Yao Qing to lure the hidden human expert out.

The reason they did this was actually related to that bastard Emperor Wei Wu!

Zhou Shu had previously eavesdropped on Demon King Ao's explanation to Hu Li. He had always thought that Emperor Wei Wu was the one who discovered the Demon Ancestor's secret chamber. It turned out that Demon King Ao was behind it.

It seems that Demon King Ao wasn't that smart. He had been tricked by Emperor Wei Wu, and now, he had come up with this damn idea.

It seemed that these demonic beasts had become a little stupid because they were born too powerful. Or rather, they couldn't be bothered to use their brains...

While cursing in his heart, Zhou Shu didn't stop moving.

Behind him, Tiangou and Liu'Er chased after him unhurriedly a hundred kilometers away. Occasionally, they would approach Zhou Shu and attack him, then they would distance themselves like cats chasing mice.

They didn't take chasing after a first-rank demonic beast to heart at all. To them, chasing was just for show. They couldn't kill Yao Qing right away.

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In Hu Li's territory, Hu Li panted heavily and looked at Demon King Ao with wide eyes. "Demon King Ao, today is my advancement ceremony. Is this how you congratulate me?"

"Hu Li, look at the big picture," Demon King Ao said indifferently. "You've lost some face this time. We'll give you some benefits later."

The other Demon Kings agreed deeply. *He's just a new Demon King. We are all here for his advancement ceremony. Isn't this giving him enough face?*

He's actually giving us attitude over a mere first-rank demonic beast. How ridiculous!

"Haha..." Hu Li suddenly laughed.

He laughed for a dozen breaths, almost to the point of tears.

"Demon King Ao! I, Hu Li, have served you for hundreds of years and have always treated you as my idol. You are the number one Demon King in the Demon Realm. Your strength is heaven-defying, and you are invincible!

"But it's gone today! Never again!"

Hu Li suppressed his roar and said, "Yao Qing is my benefactor! Without him, I wouldn't be where I am today! I promised to protect him. You did this in front of all the demonic beasts at my advancement ceremony. If I, Hu Li, accept it peacefully, I won't have any face left in the future!"

"Hu Li, are you crazy?" Demon King Ao frowned. "Sit down!"

"Why should I listen to you!" Hu Li shouted. "I, Hu Li, the thirteenth Demon King of the Demon Realm, am not Yao Li anymore! You have no right to criticize me anymore!"

"Bastard!" a Demon King berated. "Hu Li, do you think you have the right to speak to Demon King Ao like that just because you've become a Demon King?"

"Hurry up and apologize and hand over your Demon King Palace!" the Demon King scolded Hu Li angrily.

Hu Li glanced at him sideways and sneered. "Do you think you're worthy of being called a Demon King?"

"I, Hu Li, disdain to be associated with you!"

“We have nothing to lose. If we’re not convinced, we’ll fight! Demon King Ao, I’m not convinced! Today, I want to challenge you!”

Boom!

Hu Li’s body emitted a dazzling light.

His aura rose steadily. “Damn you for luring the snake out of its hole. You bastards, instead of thinking about how to deal with the enemy, you used the life of a first-rank demonic beast to play tricks here. Do you think you’re human?”

“Hu Li, are you crazy?” a few Demon Kings berated.

Demon King Ao’s expression was gloomy. He stared at Hu Li and said coldly, “On account that you served me for a hundred years, I’ll give you a chance. Take back what you just said and sit down obediently. I can pretend that nothing happened.”

“You can pretend nothing happened, but I can’t. If you don’t dare to fight, I’m leaving. I still have to protect Yao Qing!”

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“Since you’re asking for trouble, I’ll fulfill your wish!” Demon King Ao’s eyes flashed coldly.

He stood up, and a golden light appeared on his body. Before he could move, Hu Li’s burly figure had already flown out of the Demon King Palace’s doors.

Demon King Ao took a step forward and was already outside. He reached out and motioned a grab. A giant hand condensed from golden light held Hu Li in the middle.

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“Hu Li, do you think you can go against me just because you’ve become a Demon King?” Demon King Ao said coldly. “Compared to me, you’re just a baby!”

Roar!

Hu Li roared angrily. A monstrous aura suddenly erupted from his body, and iron-like fur grew from the surface of his body. In an instant, he seemed to have become a ferocious tiger.

Clouds churned in the air, condensing into an enormous tiger that was a thousand feet tall.

The tiger roared at the sky behind Demon King Hu Li.

The hand condensed from golden light in the air suddenly shattered. Hu Li roared, and the enormous tiger pounced at Demon King Ao.

Demon King Ao snorted. He raised his hand and punched.

A golden fist smashed into the tiger.

The thousand-foot-tall tiger was shattered by Demon King Ao's punch, and his fist continued to land on Hu Li's chest.

Crack!

With the sound of bones shattering, Hu Li was sent flying again.

Hu Li, the new Demon King of the Demon Realm, couldn't even withstand a single move from the number one Demon King of the Demon Realm, Demon King Ao!

There was complete silence. All the demonic beasts were stunned.

They had all seen the aura that Hu Li had erupted with clearly. They sighed in their hearts. As expected of a Demon King, he was extremely strong!

But now, they all looked at Demon King Ao in horror. *Is this the strength of the number one Demon King in the Demon Realm?*

Even Demon King Hu Li isn't his match. If he wants to kill us, he would be able to with just a finger.

No, he doesn't even need to move his finger!

He can probably kill Great Demons like us in one breath!

Boom!

Hu Li flew up from the foot of the mountain again. His face was ferocious, and there was blood at the corner of his mouth as he pounced at Demon King Ao again.

Bang!

Demon King Ao unleashed his divine ability and sent him flying again.

Once, twice...

All the demonic beasts fell silent. Hu Li pounced at Demon King Ao again and again, but he was sent flying again and again.

His eyes were already blurred by his blood and starting to lose focus. The power of his attacks was no longer comparable to that of ordinary Great Demons.

We have nothing to lose. If we're not convinced, we'll fight...

Yao Aotian, who was Yin Chengshan, who was hiding among the demonic beasts, thought, *Is this why he could break through at a glance?*

He's putting his life on the line.

What a pity. Why is such a character a demonic beast?

Yin Chengshan sighed in his heart.

Demon King Ao stomped Hu Li under his feet and shouted angrily, "Enough!"

Hu Li struggled with all his might, but he was no match for Demon King Ao at his peak, let alone now that he was seriously injured.

"I'm not convinced! You bastards dare to kill my benefactor. I won't let you off!" Hu Li roared.

"Who do you think you are?" Demon King Ao said angrily. He kicked Hu Li hundreds of feet away, knocking down a large number of stone tables on the mountaintop. He only stopped when he hit a pillar of the Demon King Palace.

Boom!

The Demon King Palace trembled from the impact.

Hu Li's eyes rolled, and he fainted miserably.

"Lock him up and wake him up!" Demon King Ao said coldly. "All demonic beasts, disperse."

He waved his hand.

"Disperse, disperse. The celebration is over!" the other Demon Kings shouted at the demonic beasts present.

All the demonic beasts looked at each other. This Demon King advancement ceremony that shook the entire Demon Realm ended so quickly?

They hadn't even eaten anything!

But then again, it wasn't a wasted trip since they were able to see such a wonderful show.

If not for this opportunity, they wouldn't have been able to see a battle between Demon Kings.

No, it should be Demon King Ao beating up Demon King Hu Li!

Some Great Demons were excited about the previous battle, while some Great Demons felt a little sad.

Hu Li didn't seem to have done anything wrong. Why did he end up like that?

Why are Demon King Ao and the other Demon Kings so domineering? They're not the masters of the Demon Realm. Can we weak demonic beasts only be at their mercy?

If even Demon King Hu Li and Yao Qing are like that, if they want to kill us, will we have any room to resist?

"Demon King Ao, Hu Li was disrespectful to you. You've shown him mercy by sparing his life. Take this Demon King Palace as his apology gift," a Demon King suddenly said. "You're a magnanimous person. Forgive Hu Li this time. After all, he has just become a Demon King and doesn't know much."

The group of Great Demons and first-rank demonic beasts descending the mountain stopped in their tracks.

Some Great Demons' and first-rank demonic beasts' expressions turned abnormally ugly. This Demon King seemed to be pleading for Hu Li, but in fact, he was scheming against the Demon King Palace.

This was too ruthless.

During his advancement ceremony, he severely injured someone's benefactor and chased after him. Now, he even wanted to take away his Demon King Palace?

All the Great Demons were worried.

"Hmph, no matter what, Hu Li has served me for hundreds of years. Although he was disrespectful, I will still spare his life," Demon King Ao said. "I'll take care of the Demon King Palace for him for the time being. When he is clear-headed, I'll return it to him."

When the Great Demons and first-rank demonic beasts heard this, they cursed in their hearts. *He served you for hundreds of years, yet he ended up like that. Why didn't I realize before that these Demon Kings are actually so greedy?*

As Demon King Ao spoke, he walked into the Demon King Palace under the compliments of the Demon Kings.

Seeing this, the Great Demons and first-rank demonic beasts sighed and shook their heads as they walked down the mountain.

They couldn't interfere in the matters of the Demon Kings. With their status, if not for this environment, only a few people were qualified to meet the Demon Kings.

It was just a pity for Hu Li. He was clearly the glorious thirteenth Demon King of the Demon Realm, but he had ended up in such a state just to stand up for Yao Qing. Was it worth it?

Almost all the demonic beasts had this thought flash through their minds. They didn't know if it was worth it, but they were all thinking that Hu Li seemed to be more likable than the other Demon Kings.

The demons were really reassured by Hu Li's character, who was willing to fight for his own people.

As the demonic beasts thought this, they walked down the mountain.

Suddenly, a loud bang came from the top of the mountain.

They subconsciously looked back and saw dust rising from the mountaintop. A group of Demon Kings flew into the air in a sorry state.

The incomparably grand Demon King Palace actually collapsed.

"Hu Li!" Demon King Ao's angry voice sounded in the air.

A strong wind swept over the mountaintop and blew the fragments of the Demon King Palace down the valley.

"You'd rather destroy the Demon King Palace than let me have it? Very well!"

Demon King Ao gritted his teeth.

"You actually dare to disobey me for Yao Qing. You want Yao Qing to live, but I won't let him live!

"I'll leave this place to the few of you. Hu Li's mind isn't clear, and he doesn't need any territory.

"Regarding Yao Qing, do a sharp job!"

Before he finished speaking, the humiliated Demon King Ao soared into the sky and disappeared in a golden light.

The few Demon Kings looked at each other and revealed indifferent expressions. Hu Li's territory was not big, so they really didn't think much of it. But since Demon King Ao gave instructions, they would reluctantly accept it.

They didn't notice that a figure had suddenly appeared beside Hu Li. It was Yao Aotian.