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Chapter 651: Sima Grotto-Heaven, Chaos in the Demon Realm (2)

Forging connate divine weapons was very time-consuming. But for a year in Yuheng Valley was a day in the outside world, so forging there wouldn't delay matters outside. It couldn't be better.

"King Zhou, something bad has happened!"

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As Zhou Shu was thinking, Yao Buqi's voice suddenly entered his ears.

Zhou Shu's heart skipped a beat. In a flash, he was already outside the camp.

"What happened?" Zhou Shu looked at Yao Buqi.

"King Zhou, you can't pretend to be me to participate in the battle for the Holy Son of the Demon Realm," Yao Buqi said solemnly. "I've obtained reliable information. Because Demon King Liu'Er was impersonated by a human expert previously, just in case, those participating in the battle for the Holy Son of the Demon Realm have to pass the test of the Demon Mirror first."

While speaking, Yao Buqi stole a glance at Zhou Shu.

He knew very well that the person who had pretended to be Liu'Er was Zhou Shu!

When he first heard this news, he was shocked.

Back then, on the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament battlefield, although Zhou Shu was also very strong, he was only slightly stronger than him. He couldn't even defeat a Great Demon. How long had it been? Not only could he kill Great Demon Yao Lian, but he could even pretend to be a Demon King now.

To be able to pretend to be a Demon King without revealing any flaws, it meant that his cultivation was already comparable to a Demon King's.

Yao Buqi was shocked and envious.

He also wanted to become a Demon King, but he didn't know if he would be able to achieve this in his life.

Why did it seem like Zhou Shu had obtained a cultivation level comparable to a Demon King's so easily?

"What's the big deal?" Zhou Shu said indifferently. He had thought that something major had happened. He had long expected Demon King Ao and the others to do this.

Previously, he had pretended to be Liu'Er, causing Demon King Ao and Tiangou to be suspicious of each other. They were probably still in a state of shock. They would probably suspect any demonic beast they saw now was fake. Without the test of the Demon Mirror, they would definitely not believe it.

This brought Ji Lutian a huge opportunity.

Just forging the Demon Mirrors for Demon King Ao and the others was enough for him to make a fortune.

“So, what should we do now?” Yao Buqi asked. “I’m definitely not Yao Wudi’s match now. When the time comes, the position of the Holy Son of the Demon Realm—”

“Don’t worry. When the time comes, I’ll definitely make you the Holy Son of the Demon Realm,” Zhou Shu said casually. “Organize the information of your competitors for me.

“At most, I won’t let them participate in the selection battle of the Holy Son of the Demon Realm.”

Zhou Shu said it casually, but Yao Buqi felt a chill in his heart. What does this mean?

Is he planning to kill Yao Wudi and the others?

If an expert comparable to a Demon King really wanted to assassinate them, it was really possible!

But in that case, wouldn’t all the young experts of the Demon Realm die?

At that time, even if he became the Holy Son of the Demon Realm, he wouldn’t be able to convince the public.

Most importantly, although he was cooperating with the human race, he didn’t want the Demon Realm to decline and become inferior to the human race.

“King Zhou, you must not do that!” Yao Buqi said.

“Why?” Zhou Shu looked at Yao Buqi calmly.

Yao Buqi racked his brains and came up with an excuse. “King Zhou, you might not know this, but the Demon Realm is in a state of panic. Demon King Ao and the other Demon Kings have jointly issued a notice that Demon King Hu Li is wanted in the entire Demon Realm. If you show yourself now, it will be very dangerous!

“Currently, almost all the demonic beasts above the Grandmaster level and Great Demons in the Demon Realm are looking for traces of Demon King Hu Li. King Zhou, if you leave the Two Region Mountain, you will be easily discovered.”

“Hu Li is wanted?” Zhou Shu frowned. “Why would they do that? Hu Li is a Demon King. Can those Great Demons catch him?”

After he left Hu Li’s territory that day, he didn’t know that Hu Li had offended Demon King Ao, nor did he know what had happened afterward.

But Hu Li was already a Demon King. How could he be so easily wanted? Even if a Great Demon found him, could they catch him?

“To the outside world, Hu Li betrayed the Demon Realm and colluded with human experts to cheat more than a hundred Great Demons of their entire wealth...”

Yao Buqi stole another glance at Zhou Shu. If he wasn’t wrong, this was also done by the man in front of him...

He really didn’t expect a human to cause such a huge commotion in the Demon Realm, but he was still staying freely here.

Yao Buqi now had some doubts about whether it was right or wrong for him to cooperate with Zhou Shu.

“Where is Hu Li now?” Zhou Shu blurted out.

“How would I know?” Yao Biqui replied.

If he knew, he would have gone to Demon King Ao and the others to get the bounty. In order to put Hu Li on the wanted list, those Demon Kings had paid an enormous price this time. Not to mention capturing Hu Li, even if he just gave some news, he would be able to get a large bounty after it was confirmed to be true.

“There’s something wrong with the Demon Kings of the Demon Realm,” Zhou Shu said. “Hu Li is such a good demonic beast. Why is he wanted?”

Yao Buqi was speechless. Don’t you know why?

If not for you, would Hu Li have fallen to this state? But then again, without you, Hu Li wouldn’t have become a Demon King.

Yao Buqi fell into deep thought. Therefore, the pros and cons of working with Zhou Shu were really hard to say. If he could break through to the Demon King realm, it didn’t seem like a big deal even if he was wanted.

Even if Hu Li was really captured by Demon King Ao and the others in the end, could they really kill him? There were only so many Demon Kings in the Demon Realm, and Hu Li hadn’t really betrayed the Demon Realm...

Zhou Shu didn’t know about the complicated thoughts in Yao Buqi’s mind. He was thinking about something else.

Hu Li is a good demonic beast. Should I take this opportunity to take in Hu Li?

It seems Hu Li would make a good mount.

Why do I feel like I forgot something? Zhou Shu frowned.

He slapped his forehead. Oh no, Yin Chengshan is still in Hu Li’s territory!

In the past, he wouldn’t have been so worried about Yin Chengshan.

Yin Chengshan had transformed into Yao Aotian. Ordinary demonic beasts didn’t dare to provoke him.

But now, Demon King Ao, Tiangou, and the others suspected any demonic beast they saw and were constantly using the Demon Mirrors to test the various demonic beasts. If they tested Yin Chengshan, it would be troublesome...

Even without the Demon Mirrors, Hu Li was now wanted by the entire Demon Realm. There was a high chance that Yin Chengshan was still with him. This was also dangerous.

“Yao Buqi, where was Hu Li last seen?” Zhou Shu asked Yao Buqi.

“Last seen?” Yao Buqi frowned in thought. “Ever since Demon King Hu Li’s advancement ceremony, he was seriously injured by Demon King Ao and disappeared.

“By the way, Yao Aotian disappeared with him.”

“After the Demon Kings issued the bounty, many demonic beasts rushed to Demon King Hu Li’s territory. In the end, they realized that his territory was long empty. Not only was he gone, but his storeroom had also been emptied...”

Yao Buqi looked at Zhou Shu. If not for the fact that the time wasn’t right, he even suspected that Zhou Shu was pretending to be Hu Li.

But at the time, he should have been pretending to be Liu’Er. He shouldn’t have had the time to pretend to be Hu Li.

But the disappearance of Hu Li was definitely related to him!

He didn’t know if Hu Li was real or fake, but he had seen Yao Aotian before. He was definitely a fake!

“He has been gone since then.” Zhou Shu pondered. In that case, Yin Chengshan shouldn’t have died. I hope I can make it in time.

“Yao Buqi, I’ll think of another way to deal with your matter. Gather the information on your competitors first and wait for me to return.”

Zhou Shu turned around and returned to the camp. He called out to Deputy Pavilion Master Shi Songtao, “Get Zhang San here! Immediately!”

Chapter 652: Hu Li: I’m Not, I Didn’t Do It (1)

In a secret place in the Demon Realm, Hu Li, whom all the demonic beasts in the Demon Realm were looking for, was staring at the man in front of him with wide eyes and panting heavily.

“You’re not Yao Aotian. You’re human!”

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Hu Li clenched his fists tightly, and cracking sounds came from his body. His aura was about to break through the cave he was hiding in.

Yin Chengshan smiled bitterly in his heart. He was extremely nervous, but his face was calm.

He didn’t expect that the divine ability Zhou Shu had cast on him would suddenly lose its effect.

He had turned from Yao Aotian to Yin Chengshan, which was why things turned out like this.

Opposite him was Hu Li. Even if he was seriously injured, it would be easy for him to kill him.

Yin Chengshan tried his best to calm himself down and slowly said, “Demon King Hu Li, don’t be rash. I have no ill intentions toward you.”

“Damn it!”

Boom!

The cave shook, and rocks began to fall.

Yin Chengshan extended his hand and said loudly, "Demon King Hu Li! Think about it. Have I ever harmed you?"

"On the other hand, not only did Demon King Ao rob your Demon King Palace, but he also severely injured you. Now, you're wanted by the entire Demon Realm!"

Yin Chengshan spoke very quickly and loudly. "It's the Demon Realm that let you down, not the human race! We humans have never harmed you!"

"Do you think I'm a fool?" Hu Li said angrily. "Is Yao Qing fake too? I was wondering why! I was so stupid to have believed you!"

Hu Li let out an angry roar. The cave was about to collapse from his aura.

Yin Chengshan wasn't afraid of landslides, but if Hu Li caused too much commotion, they would attract the attention of other demonic beasts. Now that Hu Li was a wanted criminal in the Demon Realm, it would be troublesome if other demonic beasts discovered them.

"Demon King Hu Li! Think about it! If not for Yao Qing, could you have become a Demon King?" Yin Chengshan said loudly. "Regardless of whether he's telling the truth or not, it's true that he helped you. Are you so ungrateful?"

"Shut up!" Hu Li panted heavily. "If not for that, do you think you would still be alive?"

"Get lost. I won't kill you this time, but if you dare to appear in front of me again, I will definitely kill you! Definitely!"

"Demon King..."

"Get lost!"

A powerful airwave impacted Yin Chengshan's body, and he was sent flying out of the cave like a feather.

Boom!

The cave collapsed, and Hu Li soared into the sky. He raised his head to let out a tiger roar.

"I'm here. If anyone wants to take me away, get over here!"

In his anger, Hu Li actually took the initiative to appear.

Yin Chengshan got up from the ground. He looked at the roaring Hu Li in the air and smiled bitterly.

He was originally wondering if he could instigate Hu Li to defect and trick him into coming to the human race. He didn't expect his efforts to be in vain.

"Hu Li, oh Hu Li, will those Demon Kings let you off if you appear like this?" Yin Chengshan smiled bitterly.

It would have been fine if those Demon Kings were not suspicious. But now that they already knew that Yao Qing was fake, how could they believe that Hu Li had broken through to the Demon King realm because of Yao Qing's words?

They would definitely suspect that Hu Li was fake. Even if he wasn't fake, he must have colluded with the humans.

This was something that couldn't be explained clearly.

Whoosh—

While Yin Chengshan was thinking, a few powerful auras had already appeared in the distance and were quickly heading over.

Yin Chengshan didn't dare to delay. He hid among the gravel and tried his best to gather his aura.

He was in danger himself. Not to mention a Great Demon, if he was discovered, even a first-rank demonic beast could easily take his life.

"Hu Li!" A figure approached at an unbelievable speed. It was Liu'Er!

He happened to be nearby and rushed over when he heard Hu Li's roar.

"Are you real or fake?" Liu'Er stopped when he was still a distance away from Hu Li and stared at him.

Hu Li widened his eyes, his killing intent soaring.

"I will never hide my name no matter what. I am Hu Li!" Hu Li roared. "Liu'Er! I've had enough of you!

"We're both Demon Kings. Why are you acting all high and mighty in front of me?! Want to capture me? What right do you have?! I won't run anymore. Let's see what you can do to me!

"Let me tell you. From now on, everything within a thousand kilometers of this place is my territory. Any demonic beast who dares to enter this place without my permission will be treated as an enemy of mine!

"Get lost now!"

Hu Li's tone was extremely arrogant, and he didn't take Liu'Er seriously at all.

Liu'Er was furious. "Hu Li, haven't you figured out your current situation?!

"Follow me back obediently now. Let's verify your identity first, and then you can explain how you broke through to the Demon King realm!"

Liu'Er said coldly, "If you're lucky, you might be able to keep your name. If you're stubborn, only death awaits you!"

"Haha." Hu Li laughed. "I'll die? Do you think I'm still the Great Demon from before? I'm a Demon King!

"I will let you know that I, Hu Li, am a Demon King!"

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Dazzling light erupted from Hu Li's body. For a moment, he seemed to have turned into a sun and crashed into Liu'Er.

Liu'Er was also furious. With a flash of light, his body grew thirty feet, and his fur stood on end as he pounced at Hu Li.

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The two Demon Kings collided. With a loud bang, a violent aura erupted in all directions.

Rumble!

Just their aura made the nearby mountains collapse.

Yin Chengshan groaned. The collapsing rocks kept smashing into his body. If he wasn't careful, his bones and tendons would break.

Yin Chengshan could no longer hide. He revealed himself and fled into the distance.

Liu'Er noticed Yin Chengshan.

"Hu Li, you've really colluded with the human race!" Liu'Er sneered. "Die!"

He released his divine ability and headed straight for Yin Chengshan.

Boom!

Hu Li roared and blocked the divine ability. With a wave of his hand, a strong wind blew Yin Chengshan into the distance.

"I knew it! You're a traitor!"

Seeing that Hu Li had saved the human, Liu'Er was even more certain. He stared at Hu Li and shouted, "I'll take you down today and let you see the difference between you and us Demon Kings!"

"Come on. If I'm afraid, I'll be your grandson!" Hu Li roared.

Bang!

Several kilometers away, Yin Chengshan descended from the sky and smashed into the ground. He was confused, and his entire body seemed to be falling apart.

He struggled to get up and suddenly felt his vision go black. He was shocked. He had already taken out the Flaming Sunset Saber. Without thinking, he slashed forward.

Clank!

With a crisp sound, the Flaming Sunset Saber almost fell from his hand.

Looking up, Yin Chengshan revealed a pleasantly surprised expression. "Your Highness!"

Zhou Shu retracted his finger and smiled.

"Fortunately, you're still alive." Zhou Shu smiled and looked up into the distance. Even from several kilometers away, he could still feel the aftershocks of the battle between the two Demon Kings.

Those with weaker cultivation levels would probably not be able to withstand the aftershocks.

Yin Chengshan got up from the ground and asked, "Why are you here, Your Highness?"

"Looking for you," Zhou Shu said succinctly.

Behind him, a man with a longbow on his back cupped his hands at Yin Changshan with an embarrassed expression.

The man was Zhang San.

He had been ordered to assassinate Yin Chengshan before, and he had almost killed him several times.

Now that the two of them had met, it was more or less awkward.

Yin Chengshan nodded at Zhang San. He didn't take it to heart. When he accepted the mission to pretend to be Yao Aotian, Zhou Shu had already given him a heads-up.

"Your Highness, I think we can win Hu Li over."

Yin Chengshan followed Zhou Shu's gaze and saw Hu Li fighting with Liu'Er. He was no match for Liu'Er to begin with. In addition, he had yet to recover from his serious injuries. Now, even though he was attacking without caring about his injuries, he was at a disadvantage and was forced back by Liu'Er.

"How so?" Zhou Shu watched the battle between the two Demon Kings without turning around.

"First of all, Hu Li actually doesn't have much hostility toward humans. Second, after interacting with him recently, I've realized that his thoughts are actually very simple..." Yin Chengshan analyzed the pros one by one.

"I think that although the Demon Realm has always wanted to invade the Ten Nations Continent, it doesn't mean that every demonic beast in the Demon Realm is our enemy. We can rope in some demonic beasts and fight against the demonic beasts that are most hostile to the human race."

Zhou Shu glanced at Yin Chengshan and nodded in appreciation.

The fact that Yin Chengshan had this thought meant that he had really considered this problem.

Although it was still not clear why the Demon Realm had always wanted to invade the Ten Nations Continent, Yin Chengshan was right. Not every demonic beast wanted to invade the Ten Nations Continent.

Speaking of which, be it the vastness of the Demon Realm or the cultivation environment, it was much better than the Ten Nations Continent.

Many demonic beasts looked down on the Ten Nations Continent.

The ones who had been pushing the invasion of the Ten Nations Continent were only Demon King Ao and a few other Demon Kings.

Hu Li had actually never been so hostile to humans. Otherwise, he wouldn't have a good relationship with Ji Lutian.

There were actually many demonic beasts like Hu Li in the Demon Realm.

“Your Highness, Hu Li is no match for Liu’Er,” Yin Chengshan said. After spending so much time with Hu Li, he had developed feelings for him. He couldn’t bear to see him die.

Zhou Shu nodded. Yin Chengshan’s thoughts coincided with his.

Before he came here, he had also thought of taking Hu Li under him.

The gap in strength between the Ten Nations Continent and the Demon Realm was extraordinary. Even though Zhou Shu had been working hard, the difference in strength between the two wasn’t something that could be made up for in a short period of time.

If he could rope in a group of demonic beasts, it would be a good thing for the Ten Nations Continent.

Zhou Shu wasn’t a stubborn and inflexible person. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have cooperated with Yao Buqi.

“Zhang San, lend me your Great Destroyer Heavenly Bow,” Zhou Shu suddenly said.

Without hesitation, Zhang San took off the Great Destroyer Heavenly Bow on his back and handed it to Zhou Shu.

Zhou Shu took the Great Destroyer Heavenly Bow and shot an arrow. A stream of light shot toward Liu’Er.

Liu’Er beat Hu Li until he retreated. He had almost vented all the unhappiness he had been feeling recently.

Just as he was about to punch Hu Li, he suddenly felt the hair on his back stand on end. A fierce sense of danger surged in his heart.

Almost without hesitation, he turned and punched.

Boom!

The violent explosion made Liu’Er retreat. His expression changed slightly.

“Hu Li, you actually have help!” Liu’Er was furious.

“Don’t talk nonsense. I don’t!” Hu Li shouted. Before he could finish speaking, streams of light shot over and drowned Liu’Er.

He looked stunned.

Boom!

Liu’Er was sent flying dozens of meters away. Although he wasn’t injured, he was still in a sorry state.

“How dare you say you don’t have help?!” Liu’Er was furious. “I didn’t expect you to be so cunning. You actually colluded with the human race and set up a trap to harm me! Unforgivable!”

Liu’Er roared into the sky, and his aura exploded again.

“I didn’t—!”

Hu Li couldn’t defend himself. Liu’Er had already pounced at him. He had no choice but to activate his spiritual essence to fight Liu’Er.

He and Liu’Er noticed that a figure had appeared several kilometers away. The person was injured and holding a longbow. He shot out arrows unhurriedly, each aimed at Liu’Er’s vital points.

His attacks cooperated seamlessly with Hu Li’s, making Liu’Er feel extremely aggrieved. Often, when he was about to injure Hu Li, he was forced to defend against this person’s attacks.

As for Hu Li, he didn’t need to defend at all. He could just attack as much as he wanted.

This way, Liu’Er no longer had the upper hand. Instead, he was forced into a disadvantage by Hu Li.

“Hu Li, you traitor! Just you wait! I’ll be back!” Liu’Er was extremely aggrieved. Why had he been so unlucky recently?

The aggrieved feeling he had just vented surged into his heart again. But he knew that if this continued, he wouldn’t be able to gain anything. He couldn’t defeat the two of them by himself!

With a somersault, Liu’Er fled into the distance.

“I’m not!” Hu Li roared and punched Liu’Er’s back.

At the same time, an arrow shot toward the back of Liu’Er.

Boom!

Liu’Er activated a defense and blocked the two attacks. His figure suddenly accelerated and disappeared into the distance with a roar.

There was even a stream of Demon King blood in the air.

“Just you wait!” Liu’Er’s voice came from afar.

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Liu’Er fled extremely quickly, so fast that Hu Li couldn’t stop him in time.

Besides, he didn’t want to stop him.

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He had only wanted to vent his anger, not do anything to Liu’Er.

After seeing Liu’Er disappear, Hu Li slowly turned around and looked at the bow-wielding man several kilometers away.

The gazes of the man and the demon collided in the air, and there seemed to be sparks shooting.

“Yao Qing!” Hu Li gritted his teeth.

Although the person in front of him looked completely different from Yao Qing, the moment he saw him, Hu Li knew that this person was the previous Yao Qing!

He gritted his teeth in hatred. When he thought about how he had been played by the fake Yao Qing for so many days, he felt boundless anger.

"Demon King Hu Li, long time no see. How have you been?" Zhou Shu cupped his hands slightly from several kilometers away.

"How dare you come see me?!" Hu Li roared. "I'm going to kill you!"

A towering aura erupted from his body, and his killing intent was almost tangible.

Zhou Shu's expression didn't change as he smiled. "Is this how you treat your benefactor, Demon King Hu Li?"

"You're not my benefactor! You're a liar! You're not Yao Qing at all!" Hu Li walked toward Zhou Shu step by step, his fists clenched tightly.

Zhou Shu shook his head slightly and continued, "Is it that important whether I'm Yao Qing or not? I'm the one who helped you break through to the Demon King realm. I'm the one who forged the Demon King Palace for you.

"As a Demon King, are you going to deceive yourself like this?"

"It's fine if you don't want to admit it. I didn't help you for any repayment.

"I helped you because I think you're a good fellow. I only helped you because I thought you were pitiful.

"You're capable of more things. You shouldn't be just a small henchman under Demon King Ao."

Zhou Shu's words made Hu Li stop in his tracks, and a special feeling surged in his heart.

Hu Li was uncultured. Otherwise, a phrase would definitely appear in his mind: A gentleman dies for his bosom friend!

Although Hu Li didn't know this, the feeling still made the killing intent on his body dissipate.

He stopped and stood in the air, looking at Zhou Shu with a complicated expression.

After a long time, Hu Li gritted his teeth and said, "Who the hell are you?"

The corners of Zhou Shu's mouth curled up slightly. "Let's get to know each other again. I'm Zhou Shu from the Ten Nations Continent."

Hu Li's pupils constricted. "Are you the man who killed Yao Lian and led the human army into the Demon Realm?"

Before breaking through to become a Demon King, he had led an army of a million demonic beasts to encircle the human army that had entered the Demon Realm.

Unexpectedly, the army he had been besieging was beside him.

Zhou Shu nodded. "You can think of it that way."

"Very well!" Hu Li gritted his teeth. "I wanted to kill you. Since you've come knocking on my door, I can complete the unfinished business!"

“Haha...” Zhou Shu suddenly laughed. He looked at Hu Li and said with interest, “Demon King Hu Li, why deceive others—no, deceive yourself? You don’t have any killing intent at all, so how will you kill us?”

Anger flashed across Hu Li’s face. “Do you think I’m joking?”

“Of course not.” Zhou Shu shook his head. “However, Demon King Hu Li, you’re no longer a vassal of Demon King Ao. There’s naturally no need to continue what you did before. Besides, I’m afraid you’re no match for me in your current state.”

“Hmph! I’m injured this time and am indeed not your match. You’re lucky. I’ll let you off this time,” Hu Li said stubbornly.

Zhou Shu couldn’t help laughing. He didn’t expect Hu Li to have such thoughts.

He smiled and said, “Demon King Hu Li, there’s no personal grudge between us. The war between the Demon Realm and the Ten Nations Continent has little to do with you.

“Now that Demon King Ao and the others have treated you like that, why are you still reluctant to leave the Demon Realm?”

“You want me to betray the Demon Realm?” Hu Li’s eyes lit up coldly. “Get lost with your men before I change my mind. Otherwise, I can’t guarantee I won’t attack you!”

“Betray the Demon Realm?” Zhou Shu wasn’t nervous at all. He shook his head and said, “This is not a betrayal. The Demon Realm is not Demon King Ao’s Demon Realm, nor is it Demon King Liu’Er’s Demon Realm, nor Demon King Tiangou’s Demon Realm. The Demon Realm belongs to all demonic beasts.

“For their own selfish desires, they ignored the lives of a million demonic beasts and forcefully invaded the Ten Nations Continent.

“I want to ask you, Demon King Hu Li. What benefits will it bring to you demonic beasts to invade the Ten Nations Continent?

“In an avalanche, not a single snowflake is innocent. In a war, which demonic beast can escape? Even if you occupy the Ten Nations Continent, how many demonic beasts will die? And how many benefits will you all be able to obtain?”

“To put it bluntly, it won’t do you any good if you occupy the Ten Nations Continent, right? The Demon Realm is already big enough. Are you afraid that your territory won’t be enough?”

A trace of hesitation flashed across Hu Li’s face. He couldn’t respond to most of Zhou Shu’s words, but he understood something. Invading the Ten Nations Continent didn’t seem to be beneficial to him.

As Zhou Shu said, the Demon Realm was vast. If he wanted territory, there were plenty of places. He didn’t need to invade the Ten Nations Continent at all.

He had never thought carefully about why they were invading the Ten Nations Continent.

In any case, the Demon Kings had ordered an attack on the Ten Nations Continent, so they would just do as they were told.

Now that Zhou Shu said this, Hu Li suddenly realized that invading the Ten Nations Continent didn't seem to be really beneficial to him.

Killing and pillaging?

There was no sense of achievement in killing some weaklings. As for plundering, the gold, silver, jewelry, and weapons of the human race were useless to him.

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Seeing the hesitation on Hu Li's face, Zhou Shu continued, "In the end, Demon King Ao and the other Demon Kings don't care about the lives of ordinary demonic beasts at all. Even though you're a Demon King now, when have they ever treated you as an equal?"

"Why do they want to invade the Ten Nations Continent but don't tell you the truth? Now, just because they suspected you of colluding with humans, they issued a wanted order on a dignified Demon King like you. Is this how a Demon King should be treated?"

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"I'm afraid Demon King Ao and the others still treat you as a Great Demon and treat you as an underling that they can summon at will!"

Zhou Shu's words made Hu Li furious.

That's right. Liu'Er and the other bastards didn't treat him as a Demon King at all!

"Even so, I won't betray the Demon Realm—"

"Hu Li, don't you understand? Not listening to the orders of Demon King Ao and the other Demon Kings is not considered betraying the Demon Realm." Zhou Shu shook his head. "The humans of the Ten Nations have never thought of invading the Demon Realm."

Zhou Shu said seriously, "We're not enemies of the Demon Realm. We're just enemies of Demon King Ao and the other Demon Kings with ulterior motives! You are not a vassal of Demon King Ao and the others, so you and I are not enemies!"

Hu Li was confused. He felt that there was nothing wrong with Zhou Shu's logic, but he didn't know if it was right or wrong. It was too complicated, and he couldn't figure it out.

"We humans have a saying. The enemy of my enemy is my friend."

"Now that you're wanted by Demon King Ao and the others, and we are also surrounded by them, we're natural allies."

Zhou Shu continued, "Think about it carefully. Isn't this the truth?"

"You're resisting the hegemony of Demon King Ao and the others. You're the hero of the Demon Realm. How can you say that you've betrayed the Demon Realm?"

Zhou Shu's voice was full of bewitchment as he looked at Demon King Ao. "If you want to discover the truth and do something for the other demonic beasts in the Demon Realm, you need my help."

"Yes, I'm unhappy with the dictatorship of Demon King Ao, Tiangou, and Liu'Er. I'm not betraying the Demon Realm," Hu Li muttered to himself. "We demonic beasts are not tools for them to use. We are not demonic beasts they can kill and beat as they please.

"Even if I cooperate with the humans, it's not betraying the Demon Realm!"

The corners of Zhou Shu's mouth curled up slightly. It seemed that Hu Li was about to figure it out.

"That's not right!" Hu Li suddenly raised his head and stared straight at Zhou Shu. "What are you trying to do by saying so much?"

"I don't believe Demon King Ao and the others, nor will I believe you. You humans are the most cunning! Who knows what your goal is!"

Hu Li stared at Zhou Shu and said loudly, "On account of the past, I won't kill you this time. You can leave!"

"I don't need the help of you humans to do anything! I'm Demon King Hu Li. There's nothing I can't do!"

"In that case, forget it." Zhou Shu smiled. "I said so much only because I treat you as a friend. I don't have any ulterior motives.

"Demon King Hu Li, I think you understand now. Demon King Ao and the others must have some shady motive for ordering the Demon Realm army to invade the Ten Nations Continent. I only hope that you won't be used by them and make some unnecessary sacrifices.

"It doesn't matter if you're unwilling to cooperate with me. Take care.

"If you encounter a problem you can't solve, or if you're at a dead end, my door is always open to you.

"At that time, Demon King Hu Li, remember that you still have a human friend."

With that, Zhou Shu turned around and left. With his back facing Hu Li, he raised his hand and threw something out.

The thing turned into a stream of light and shot toward Hu Li.

Hu Li subconsciously caught it and looked down. It was a small porcelain bottle.

"You're injured. There are healing pills here." Zhou Shu's voice came from afar. "Take care!"

Zhou Shu led Yin Chengshan and Zhang San away.

Hu Li held the porcelain bottle in his hand with a complicated expression.

"Human, friend," He muttered to himself, with a look of confusion in his eyes.

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Boom!

Liu'Er landed on the ground from the sky, creating a deep pit.

He clutched his chest and spat out a mouthful of blood. His eyes darkened.

He looked at a figure covered in a black robe in front of him in horror and shouted, "Who are you?!"

"Liu'Er, don't try to stall for time." The figure shrouded in the black robe spoke. His voice was hoarse and unpleasant, without any emotion.

"I've already sealed everything within a fifty-kilometer radius. No demonic beasts will know what happens here, nor will any commotion spread."

The black-robed man continued, "No matter how much you scream, no demonic beast will save you."

"You..." Liu'Er was shocked and furious.

He had just fought with Hu Li and consumed more than half of his spiritual essence. In the end, he was suddenly ambushed by this black-robed man.

This black-robed man's cultivation was extremely high. He had been heavily injured by him and was no match for him at all.

When did such an expert appear in the Demon Realm?!

The black-robed man looked up at the sky and said, "It's about time. Liu'Er, stop resisting. It's useless!"

He raised his hand, and with a bang, light shone in the air. A ninety-foot-tall tower descended from the sky and suppressed Liu'Er.

Liu'Er's expression changed drastically. He roared angrily, and light exploded from his body. His body was instantly covered in yellow-brown fur, and his body began to grow at a visible speed.

But before he could grow larger, the pagoda had already smashed into his head.

Liu'Er saw stars. A light emitted from under the pagoda and completely enveloped him.

He resisted with all his might, but he was still led by the light toward the pagoda.

After an hour, Liu'Er finally couldn't resist and was sucked into the pagoda.

The black-robed man seemed to wipe his sweat. He raised his hand, and the pagoda turned into a stream of light that returned to his hand. Then with a flash of light, the pagoda disappeared.

The black-robed man made a soft sound and disappeared in an instant.

At the same time, within a hundred kilometers, a light shield invisible to the naked eye quietly shattered.

Not long after the black-robed man disappeared, Zhou Shu suddenly appeared where the black-robed man had fought with Liu'Er.

Looking at the mess on the ground, Zhou Shu frowned slightly.

His gaze fell on the smear of blood on the ground. His expression changed slightly as he raised his hand and beckoned.

The blood on the ground flew into his hand. His eyes flashed, and his divine sense landed on the blood.

The blood of a Demon King...

It's Liu'Er. Who injured him?

Zhou Shu looked around. There was no aura of any demonic beasts around. He frowned in thought. Liu'Er isn't an ordinary demonic beast. He's a Demon King. Who in the Demon Realm could hurt him?

Is it him?

Zhou Shu was deep in thought. The next moment, he looked up into the distance. A few powerful auras were approaching. With a flash, Zhou Shu disappeared.

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Just as Zhou Shu disappeared, a few figures descended from the sky.

If Zhou Shu was still here, he would definitely discover two existences he was very familiar with.

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They were Demon King Ao and Tiangou.

"This is it!" Tiangou said in a low voice. "Liu'Er's scent suddenly disappeared here!"

Demon King Ao's expression darkened. "I received his message and immediately rushed over. I didn't expect that I still wouldn't be able to make it in time!"

"Did Liu'Er encounter some misfortune?" a Demon King said solemnly.

The expressions of the Demon Kings turned very ugly.

For many years, Demon Kings had been at the peak of the Demon Realm. No Demon King had ever been injured or died.

But now, it had only been a short while since something first happened to Tushan and then to Liu'Er. The whereabouts of two of the twelve Kings of the Demon Realm were already unknown.

So, who would be next?

"Demon King Ao, we have to find Liu'Er, dead or alive!"

"That's right. And the person who did it, we can't let him continue!"

The Demon Kings spoke one after another.

Demon King Ao's expression was also very ugly. How could he not understand this logic?

Ever since Tushan disappeared, he had already begun to take action. Previously, he had suspected that Ji Lutian was related to this matter. He had even asked Tiangou and Liu'Er to deal with Yao Qing.

But after a series of actions, he still didn't know who attacked Tushan and Liu'Er.

"Tell me, all of you. Is there any way to find that bastard?!" Demon King Ao said coldly.

The Demon Kings frowned and remained silent.

There were no clues now. What could they do?

“Demon King Ao, I think the person who attacked Liu’Er and Tushan is related to the person who pretended to be Liu’Er.

“Think about it. These things happened after that human army entered the Demon Realm,” Tiangou said. “I suspect that these things are related to that human army!

“We might have overlooked it before. The human race is weak, but it’s abnormal that they could drive the million-strong Demon Realm army we sent back to the Demon Realm and kill Yao Lian.

“Moreover, if I remember correctly, after that human army entered the Demon Realm, they passed by Tushan’s territory and had a conflict with her.

“But in the end, they actually left her territory. This is extremely abnormal in itself.”

Tiangou’s words made the Demon Kings nod.

“Now that you mention it, that human army is really strange,” a Demon King said. “If it’s really related to them, Tiangou, where do you think they’re hiding now?”

“There’s one more thing. Have you forgotten? Hu Li became a Demon King when he surrounded that human army.

“From the looks of it, Hu Li is most likely fake.

“In that case, it’s very likely that Hu Li found that human army and died at the hands of those humans.”

Tiangou felt his entire body brimming with the light of wisdom, and inspiration surged out like a spring.

“Many of the demonic beast soldiers that Hu Li brought back then survived. We just need to ask them. The place where Hu Li broke through to the Demon King realm must not be far from where that human army is hiding!”

Tiangou’s deduction made the Demon Kings nod in agreement.

“Let’s do that!” Demon King Ao said firmly. “Gather all of Hu Li’s previous subordinates. Dig three feet into the ground. I want to find that human army! Hmph, the Demon Realm is the territory of the twelve Demon Kings. How can we let a mere human army be impudent? Let’s attack together. I don’t believe we can’t deal with them!”

The Demon Kings spoke very boldly, but they all secretly decided that from now on, they couldn’t be alone.

The enemy was in the dark, and they were in the open. Two Demon Kings had disappeared in succession, and their fates were unknown.

Although the two Demon Kings were the weakest among the twelve Demon Kings, they were still Demon Kings. Even other demon Kings might not be able to escape unscathed if they encountered them.

Tiangou hesitated for a moment and looked at Demon King Ao. "Demon King Ao, do you think we should..."

Demon King Ao narrowed his eyes, and his body emitted a cold aura. "If you want to die, go ahead. I don't want to die yet!"

Tiangou shook his head with a bitter smile and said nothing else.

The other Demon Kings didn't seem to have heard their conversation. "Let's mobilize our armies and dig out that human army!"

"No matter how strong they are, I don't believe they can stop so many of us Demon Kings!"

As the Demon Kings spoke, a Demon King suddenly said, "Hu Li!"

The Demon Kings stopped discussing and looked in the direction the Demon King indicated.

Hu Li appeared in the distance and walked toward the Demon Kings.

He was tall and sturdy, and his back was straight. With every step he took, the ground rumbled.

All the Demon Kings felt the tremors on the ground and snorted.

Any Demon King could easily cause such a commotion. Who was Hu Li trying to fool?

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A Demon King snorted. "Hmph, does he think that his identity hasn't been exposed? How dare he appear in front of us?"

Demon King Ao flipped his wrist, and an ancient mirror appeared in his hand. A light flashed on the mirror, and the white light shot out toward Hu Li.

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Hu Li's eyes widened. He didn't dodge and allowed the white light to land on his body.

The Demon Kings' gazes landed on the Demon Mirror in Demon King Ao's hand.

What appeared in the mirror was Hu Li.

All the Demon Kings were stunned. Even Demon King Ao was stunned.

Hu Li was reflected in the Demon Mirror?

Previously, the Demon Kings were almost certain that Hu Li was an imposter. Now, they actually discovered that Hu Li was real!

This stunned them all.

If Hu Li was real, then were their previous speculations all wrong?

"Hu Li!"

At this moment, Hu Li had already approached. He stopped, and his aura soared. “Aren’t you looking for me? I’m here now!

“What do you want to do? Bring it on. I, Hu Li, will take everything on!”

His eyes widened, and his fighting spirit soared.

Demon King Ao narrowed his eyes and asked coldly, “Hu Li, tell me. Did you collude with the human race?!”

“Demon King Ao, I used to serve you for many years. But now, I’m already a Demon King and no longer a soldier under your command! Be more polite when talking to me!” Hu Li said coldly.

He swept his gaze across the Demon Kings. “Would you believe me if I said I didn’t collude with the humans?

“You don’t believe me! Do you think that I, Hu Li, a Great Demon with ordinary aptitude, wouldn’t be able to break through to the Demon King realm and be on equal footing with you if not for the help of humans?

“That’s right. Let me tell you. It’s indeed thanks to the help of the human race that I can have my current cultivation!

“But I have never betrayed the Demon Realm!

“It doesn’t matter if you believe me or not. I don’t expect you to believe me.”

Hu Li widened his bell-like eyes and shouted angrily, “I came to tell you that I, Hu Li, am a Demon King! I can do whatever I want! None of you can tell me what to do!”

“Impudent!” Demon King Ao was furious. “Looks like I didn’t hit you hard enough last time!

“What gave you the illusion that you could talk to us like that? Do you think you can be unscrupulous just because you’ve become a Demon King? If I can’t, what right do you have?!”

Demon King Ao roared angrily. He took a step forward, and his aura soared into the sky. A golden flood dragon rose from his body and pounced at Hu Li.

“Come back with me. I’ll teach you a lesson!” Demon King Ao shouted. “You’re still not strong enough to stand on your own!”

“I told you. I’m no longer your vassal! I am—” Hu Li punched forward and shouted, “Demon King Hu Li!”

With an explosive sound, Hu Li took a few steps back, leaving a clear footprint on the ground.

The divine power unleashed by Demon King Ao was also shattered by Hu Li’s punch.

“Have you recovered from your injuries?” Demon King Ao’s pupils constricted.

During Hu Li’s advancement ceremony, Demon King Ao had taught him a lesson.

At the time, Demon King Ao knew very well how strong his attack was. In his opinion, it was impossible for Hu Li to recover without a year and a half.

It was precisely because he had injured Hu Li that he dared to issue a wanted order. Otherwise, ordinary demonic beasts wouldn't be Hu Li's match at all.

But it had only been less than a month, and his injuries had actually recovered!

This was beyond Demon King Ao's expectations.

"Hu Li, how dare you say that you didn't collude with the humans? How did you recover from your injuries?" Demon King Ao said coldly.

"What? Is it wrong for me to recover from my injuries? So I can only be injured by you?" Hu Li snorted. "Do I need to explain to you how my injuries healed?"

"Hu Li, I'll give you another chance." Demon King Ao's expression was cold. "Take us to kill that human army, and I can let bygones be bygones. Otherwise, there will be no place for you in the Demon Realm!"

"The Demon Realm isn't yours. What right do you have to say that?" Hu Li said coldly. "Don't say I don't know about the human army. Even if I did, why should I tell you?"

"Whether I have a foothold or not depends on my fists, not your reward!"

"Hu Li is crazy. Take him down." Tiangou sighed.

Demon King Ao was so angry that he was about to go crazy. Although Hu Li had already proven that he was really Hu Li, did this fellow specially come over to find trouble?

He had already given him a way out. Did he have to court death?

"In that case, Hu Li, don't blame me!"

Demon King Ao let out a long cry. With a flash, he transformed into a flood dragon more than a hundred feet tall and pounced at Hu Li.

He was furious. He used his full strength the moment he arrived and transformed into his demonic beast true form in order to capture Hu Li with a lightning strike.

Hu Li wasn't afraid at all. He also roared angrily, and his body expanded, turning into a brightly colored tiger dozens of feet tall.

A dragon and a tiger fought. For a moment, sand and stones flew, and the sky darkened.

Tiangou and the other Demon Kings retreated. They didn't interfere. It was just Hu Li. There was no need for them to do anything. Demon King Ao could handle him alone.

Boom!

A moment later, with a loud bang, the brightly colored tiger slammed into the ground and rolled back thousands of feet. The rocks and trees on the ground were all smashed into a mess.

Gruu—

The tiger flipped over and spat out a mouthful of blood. His body swayed, and it was already very difficult for him to even stand.

“Hu Li, you’re still far from being able to fight me!” Demon King Ao’s figure appeared in the air. He looked at Hu Li and said coldly, “On account of your many years of service to me, I’ll give you another chance. Kneel down and admit your mistake, and I’ll spare your life!”

“Forget about it!” Hu Li roared. “I will never kneel!”

Boom!

A powerful aura descended from the sky and slammed into Hu Li’s back. His knees bent slightly, and he almost knelt, but his huge tiger body swayed as he stabilized himself.

“Kneel!” Demon King Ao took a step forward, and his aura soared again.

Hu Li’s body creaked as his body slowly lowered uncontrollably.

He let out an indignant roar, but his knees were about to touch the ground.

At this moment, a stream of light shot over at an unbelievable speed. It was heading toward Demon King Ao.

As soon as the stream of light appeared, Demon King Ao had already noticed it. He let out a cold snort and reached out to grab it. An illusory flood dragon claw grabbed the stream of light in the middle.

Boom!

The stream of light exploded.

Before Demon King Ao could be happy, several more streams of light came from all directions. Then more streams of light appeared.

These streams of light were arrows condensed from light!

The sky was full of light arrows.

“Hu Li, leave quickly!” A voice came from afar.

The expressions of the Demon Kings changed at the same time.

“Take down Hu Li, dead or alive!” Demon King Ao roared angrily. He transformed into a flood dragon again and flew in the direction the arrows came from.

Tiangou and the other Demon Kings also reacted. Someone rescued Hu Li. He had indeed colluded with the humans!

Hu Li was still in a daze when he saw several Demon Kings charge toward him.

“You’re bullying me with numbers. You don’t care about martial virtue! Come one by one if you have the ability. I am not afraid of you!” Hu Li shouted and turned to run.

He wasn’t really stupid. He could still fight one-on-one. But one against many, if he didn’t run, should he stay and court death?

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Whoosh—

Hu Li panted heavily. It wasn't easy to tire a Demon King to this extent.

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He raised his head and looked at the calm Zhou Shu. After a long time, he said, "Who the hell are you? How can you have a cultivation level comparable to Demon King?"

He was as tired as a dog, and the other party was also escaping, so why wasn't he tired?

How could it be so easy to escape from a few Demon Kings?

The key was that while escaping, he would stop from time to time to shoot a few arrows.

Hu Li had mixed feelings about this person who had once pretended to be Yao Qing and deceived him. He didn't know if he should hate him.

"I might not be as good as you Demon Kings at fighting, but I'm good at running." Zhou Shu smiled. His current cultivation level was actually only a step away from the Grotto-Heaven realm. In other words, his cultivation level was inferior to that of Demon Kings like Hu Li.

If they really fought, although Zhou Shu couldn't say that he didn't have the strength to fight, and he had to rely on the strength of his body after being reborn, it was probably impossible for him to defeat a Demon King.

But when it came to escaping, not many could escape faster than him.

The divine ability Unstoppable For a Thousand Miles allowed him to convert all his strength into speed. At its limit, his speed was even faster than that of a Demon King.

If he wanted to escape, even the number one Demon King of the Demon Realm, Demon King Ao, wouldn't be able to catch up to him.

"Hu Li, why did you do that in front of those Demon Kings? Was it worth it to almost lose your life with just a few words?" Zhou Shu said angrily.

"What's there not worth about it? I just don't like them," Hu Li said. "I still wanted to continue scolding them, but I didn't have time."

What could Zhou Shu say? He could only roll his eyes at him.

Hu Li was really not very smart.

If he hadn't secretly stayed behind to see what would happen, Hu Li would probably have been captured by Demon King Ao and the others today.

It was actually not much better now. They had yet to escape, and the Demon Kings were still chasing after them.

If Zhou Shu hadn't borrowed the Great Destroyer Heavenly Bow from Zhang San and shot a few arrows to stop the Demon Kings from closing the distance, they would probably have caught up.

If they really caught up, Zhou Shu didn't have the strength to defeat so many Demon Kings and save Hu Li.

"Forget it. Go ahead," Hu Li said. "I'll fight them to the death and let them know that I am not an easy target."

"Are you stupid?" Zhou Shu said angrily. "How many Demon Kings do you think you can defeat? Even if you want to die, you can't do it this way."

"If you don't like the Demon Kings, you can secretly accumulate strength and overthrow their rule. When your strength is inferior to others, you have to learn to hide1—"

"You want me to act like their dog?" Hu Li was furious. "How can I be their dog again!"

"Not that dog!" Zhou Shu was speechless. Forget it. We should run first. They're going to catch up again.

The man and the Demon King began to run again.

After a while, Zhou Shu pulled Hu Li and flew into a canyon.

In the distance, a few Demon Kings suddenly stopped.

"Demon King Ao, they entered Yuheng Valley!" Tiangou looked at Demon King Ao with an ugly expression.

The fellow who had pretended to be Liu'Er had entered Yuheng Valley in front of them.

They still wanted to chase after them, but a powerful fluctuation erupted in Yuheng Valley, scaring them so much that they didn't dare to enter.

Now, Hu Li and that person had actually run into Yuheng Valley again!

It was a tough decision to make.

Yuheng Valley was a forbidden area of the Demon Realm. Even a Demon King could die inside. This was the conclusion reached by countless demonic beasts over thousands of years.

No matter how conceited these Demon Kings were, they didn't dare to say that they would definitely come out alive from Yuheng Valley.

"I saw!" Demon King Ao said coldly. "Tiangou, why don't you go in and investigate?"

"Demon King Ao, you're the strongest. It's more suitable for you to go." Tiangou wasn't stupid. He wouldn't go in. Hunting Hu Li wasn't something a demon like him could do alone.

Demon King Ao snorted coldly. He was the strongest, but Yuheng Valley was a forbidden area of the Demon Realm. No demonic beast had ever been able to explain the situation inside clearly, so he wouldn't take the risk.

"What do we do now?" the other Demon Kings asked.

"They're courting death by entering Yuheng Valley. We can save ourselves the trouble," a Demon King said.

Tiangou shook his head. "The human who saved Hu Li once came out of Yuheng Valley alive. If he can come out once, he might be able to come out a second time."

"Then, what do you think we should do? Should we chase after them too? If you want to chase after them, go ahead. I won't go in anyway," a Demon King said.

The Demon Kings had equal statuses and didn't have a strict hierarchy. Usually, they gave Demon King Ao some face, but when it came to their own safety, they wouldn't put their lives in Demon King Ao's hands.

"If we don't want to go in, we can wait here. I don't believe they won't come out after going in!" Tiangou said coldly.

The Demon Kings looked at each other and nodded. As long as they didn't go in and take the risk, it was fine to wait here. After all, time was indeed not worth mentioning to Demon Kings.

Chapter 659 The Cosmic Cauldron (2)

In Yuheng Valley, Hu Li grabbed Zhou Shu.

"You're crazy! Do you know where we are?" Hu Li said nervously. "This is a forbidden area of the Demon Realm! Even a Demon King might not be able to leave alive!"

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"Is that so?" Zhou Shu's lips curled up slightly in a smile. "Hu Li, in order to save you, I made a huge sacrifice. This is my biggest secret. Other than me, you're the second person in the world to know this secret."

He looked at Hu Li and said seriously, "Welcome to my territory."

Zhou Shu extended his hands, and a sword light shot into the sky from his back.

Deep in Yuheng Valley, a long sword shot over and slowly stopped in front of Zhou Shu. As the sword trembled, the entire Yuheng Valley seemed to tremble.

Hu Li's expression was very complicated. He looked at Zhou Shu in disbelief.

"You said the forbidden area of the Demon Realm is your territory?" Hu Li was silent for a long time before speaking. He was not very smart to begin with, and the series of events made him even more confused.

This forbidden area of the Demon Realm is the territory of a human?

How is that possible?

If it's true, this is indeed a great secret. Why would this person tell me?

Does he really treat me as his friend?

"Friend..." Hu Li muttered to himself. There was no such saying in the Demon Realm. Between demonic beasts, the hierarchy was strict. They were either vassals or enemies.

Hu Li felt very confused. For some reason, he felt a warm current in his heart. At this moment, if a demonic beast wanted to deal with Zhou Shu, Hu Li would definitely help Zhou Shu fight to the death...

"That's right. This is my secret base." Zhou Shu nodded. "Hu Li, this is my big secret. If the other Demon Kings find out, I'll never have a day of peace.

"If you tell the other Demon Kings—"

"How is that possible?" Hu Li said loudly. "What do you take me for?"

"I misspoke." Zhou Shu smiled and shook his head. "Alright, this place is safe for the time being. Recuperate first. I have to recover."

He found a place and sat down cross-legged. The Longevity Sword circled around and landed on his knees.

In his consciousness, Shi Changsheng transformed into a figure.

"What's going on? Did you fool Hu Li?" Shi Changsheng asked with interest.

"How can you say that I fooled him?" Zhou Shu said seriously. "I'm forming an alliance, understand? Hu Li doesn't have that much hostility toward the human race. What's so strange about me forming an alliance with him?"

"Alright, forming an alliance." Shi Changsheng gave him a thumbs-up and smiled. "Young fellow, you're really a talent."

He had watched Zhou Shu walk all the way from the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament battlefield. Everything he did amazed him.

He was clearly behind enemy lines. If it was anyone else, they would probably still be hiding everywhere and could die at the hands of demonic beasts at any moment.

But Zhou Shu was living so easily here. Not only had he scammed a massive amount of forging materials from demonic beasts, but he had even become an ally of a Demon King.

Even Shi Changsheng could only admire him.

"Old Shi, have you made any new discoveries in Yuheng Valley?" Zhou Shu asked casually.

"I really found something interesting." Shi Changsheng looked at Zhou Shu with a strange expression and suddenly said, "Young fellow, what is your relationship with God?"

He pointed at the sky.

"What?" Zhou Shu didn't understand. They were clearly talking about Yuheng Valley. Why did it suddenly involve God?

"I suspect that you're God's illegitimate son!" Shi Changsheng said seriously.

"Old Shi, you're a Grotto-Heaven expert. Only a country bumpkin would say such words. Do you still believe in God?" Zhou Shu said angrily.

"I don't believe it either," Shi Changsheng said matter-of-factly. "But other than the fact that you're God's illegitimate son, I really can't understand why you're so lucky."

Shi Changsheng continued, "Why hasn't a single demonic beast discovered the secret of Yuheng Valley after being in the Demon Realm for so many years?"

"It's fine if that strange little girl directly acknowledged you as her father, but..." He sighed. "Damn you, you're so lucky!"

"Old Shi, can you be straightforward?" Zhou Shu said helplessly. "What exactly did you discover in Yuheng Valley?"

Shi Changsheng didn't beat around the bush this time. Instead, he said with a solemn expression, "Divine weapon, peerless divine weapon! A true peerless divine weapon!"

Zhou Shu was slightly stunned. A peerless divine weapon?

Shi Changsheng wasn't an ordinary person. He was once an existence at the peak of the Grotto-Heaven realm and the master of the Zhuling Grotto-Heaven. His knowledge was definitely not something ordinary people could compare to.

The peerless divine weapon he was talking about was definitely not an ordinary connate divine weapon. One had to know that his main body, the Longevity Sword, was ranked second in the Connate Armament Manual.

Apart from the Demon Suppressing Pagoda that suppressed Tushan, the few connate divine weapons Zhou Shu had forged were not as high-ranked as the Longevity Sword.

Moreover, he suspected that the Connate Armament Manual had underestimated the Longevity Sword.

"Is it the weapon of the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain?" Zhou Shu asked. "Old Shi, didn't you say that his intrinsic divine weapon is the Heavenly Hub Armory? But we've been to the Heavenly Hub Armory before. Isn't it already destroyed?"

"You're lucky." Shi Changsheng sighed. "I wouldn't have said anything if it was the Heavenly Hub Armory."

"Let me tell you. The world only knows that surnamed Diao has the Heavenly Hub Armory, which is a nine-heaven divine weapon. But very few people know that he had another intrinsic divine weapon!"

"I happen to be one of the few people who know. If it were anyone else, they might not recognize this weapon even if they saw it."

"Surnamed Diao left it in Yuheng Valley, but you obtained it. It was sealed, and ordinary people wouldn't detect its existence. But I'm beside you, and I know it. How lucky are you?!"

"Old Shi, you've said so much, but you still haven't said what this peerless divine weapon is."

Zhou Shu was curious. He really wanted to know what kind of peerless divine weapon could make Shi Changsheng sigh.

"Cosmic Cauldron!" Shi Changsheng said solemnly.

“Cosmic Cauldron?” Zhou Shu asked curiously.

“The reason why the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain could become the ancestral court of forgers was because of this Cosmic Cauldron!

“It’s rumored that surnamed Diao used the Heaven and Earth Furnace to forge. Little do people know that although the Heaven and Earth Furnace is strong, it’s only a replica of the Cosmic Cauldron.

“Surnamed Diao created the Heaven and Earth Furnace and bragged about it, but he kept the Cosmic Cauldron a secret. In fact, the Cosmic Cauldron is the best forging furnace in the world!”

“Really?” Zhou Shu’s eyes lit up. If it was an offensive divine weapon, he might not care much. But a furnace was different.

He was a forger. If he had a good forging furnace, he would definitely be able to yield twice the results with half the effort.

“Of course. Would I lie to you?” Shi Changsheng said. “If it was back then, I definitely wouldn’t give this Cosmic Cauldron to you. But now, I’m just a sword. It’s useless to take the Cosmic Cauldron, so I can only let you have it.

“Let me tell you. Surnamed Diao forged the Heavenly Hub Armory with the Cosmic Cauldron.”

Shi Changsheng continued, “Moreover, you know about the imperial cauldrons, right? They were also forged with the Cosmic Cauldron!”

“The imperial cauldrons came from the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain?” Zhou Shu’s expression froze. “The Demon Realm and the Ten Nations Continent were separated by the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain?”

Zhou Shu looked at Shi Changsheng. Although he had always suspected it, he had never had any evidence. Shi Changsheng had always avoided talking about it. He didn’t expect him to say it this time. The imperial cauldrons really came from the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain!

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“How would I know?” Shi Changsheng glanced at Zhou Shu and said casually, “I’m talking about the imperial cauldrons being forged with the Cosmic Cauldron. I didn’t say that the Demon Realm and the Ten Nations Continent were separated by the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain.”

“Is there a difference?” Zhou Shu frowned. According to his understanding, the barrier between the Demon Realm and the Ten Nations Continent was based on the Ten Imperial Cauldrons.

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Since the imperial cauldrons were forged from the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain’s Cosmic Cauldron, didn’t this mean that the barrier between the Demon Realm and the Ten Nations Continent was created by the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain?

In addition, the Two Region Mountain that had now acknowledged Yao Buqi as its master seemed to belong to Gao Chongming, a disciple of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain. All the signs showed

that the separation of the Demon Realm and the Ten Nations Continent was related to the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain.

“Of course there’s a difference. For example, if you forge a sword and someone kills someone with it, can you say that you killed them?” Shi Changsheng said casually. “You usually look quite smart. Why are you so stupid now?”

Zhou Shu shrugged. “You didn’t make yourself clear, okay? Then tell me, who separated the Demon Realm and the Ten Nations Continent?”

“Do you still want to listen to me? Why do you keep interrupting?!” Shi Changsheng said angrily.

Zhou Shu rolled his eyes. Shi Changsheng was trying so hard to come up with excuses. He knew that he wouldn’t say it so easily.

“Carry on. I won’t talk anymore,” Zhou Shu said.

Shi Changsheng had helped him a lot, so he couldn’t force a confession from him. Therefore, even if he knew that he had many secrets, there was nothing he could do.

“I originally thought that it was already abnormal enough for surnamed Diao to place the Heaven and Earth Furnace in Yuheng Valley. To be honest, although the Heaven and Earth Furnace only has seventy to eighty percent of the power of the Cosmic Cauldron, it’s still very good,” Shi Changsheng continued. As expected, he stopped mentioning the imperial cauldrons.

“I didn’t expect him to hide the Cosmic Cauldron here. He’s really something.”

“I searched this place last time, but I didn’t find anything,” Zhou Shu couldn’t help saying. “Is it strange that the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain left the Cosmic Cauldron here? Yuheng Valley is where the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain is, and the Cosmic Cauldron is his furnace...”

“You don’t understand.” Shi Changsheng shook his head. “That’s why I said you were lucky. You don’t know anything, so you naturally didn’t discover the Cosmic Cauldron.

“If not for me, you wouldn’t have discovered the Cosmic Cauldron even if you searched Yuheng Valley a few more times!”

This was why Shi Changsheng was infuriating. He often spoke halfway, making people feel uneasy. Zhou Shu wished he could give him a good beating.

But Shi Changsheng wasn’t human. He couldn’t be beaten or scolded. He couldn’t even use the Zhuang Zhou Butterfly Dream Technique on him.

Forget it. It’s already very good that Shi Changsheng is willing to hand over the Cosmic Cauldron. I can’t ask too much of him, Zhou Shu thought.

To be fair, if he was Shi Changsheng, he might not have handed the Cosmic Cauldron over after discovering it.

Although Shi Changsheng was the Longevity Sword now and had no use for the Cosmic Cauldron, he could keep it for himself and use it someday.

From his past actions, he was not a generous person. If he saw any heaven and earth treasures, he would swallow them all.

Zhou Shu was really surprised that he was willing to hand over the Cosmic Cauldron.

“Old Shi, where is the Cosmic Cauldron?” Zhou Shu asked.

After cultivating the Iron Smelting Hands Technique, he had the ability to forge with his bare hands, but this didn’t mean that he didn’t need a furnace.

With a forging furnace, his forging would definitely be more efficient than forging with his hands.

It was said that the furnace of the master of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain was much better than ordinary furnaces.

“Follow me!” The Longevity Sword trembled with a buzz and flew into the sky.

Zhou Shu stood up and followed.

Hu Li, who was healing at the side, opened his eyes and heard Zhou Shu’s voice.

“Hu Li, just rest well. I’ll be back soon.”

Hu Li thought for a moment and didn’t think there was anything wrong, so he closed his eyes and continued to heal himself.

Not long ago, when he fought with Demon King Ao, he had suffered another serious injury. He had already used up the Essence Cleansing Pills that Zhou Shu had given him last time. Now, he was too embarrassed to ask Zhou Shu for more, so he could only circulate his energy to heal his wounds...

Zhou Shu followed the Longevity Sword into the depths of Yuheng Valley.

In front of him was a nine-foot-tall rock. It was square and covered in pits caused by weathering.

Zhou Shu looked at the rock in surprise. Never would he have expected the Longevity Sword to bring him here.

“Old Shi, you’re not going to tell me that this rock is the Cosmic Cauldron you mentioned, are you?”

No matter how he looked at it, it was just an ordinary rock. Even if he used his divine sense to probe, there was nothing unusual.

If he didn’t know Shi Changsheng’s identity, he would really think that Shi Changsheng was playing him.

There were no outsiders here. Shi Changsheng directly transformed into an old Daoist priest on the Longevity Sword.

He stood on the Longevity Sword, looking like he was flying on the sword. His sleeves fluttered in the wind, looking extremely carefree.

“Didn’t I tell you? Without me, you would never have discovered the Cosmic Cauldron,” Shi Changsheng said triumphantly.

“This...” Zhou Shu looked at the rock and didn’t know what to say.