

Canon 721

Chapter 721 Sudden Change, Heaven Collapse (2)

Before Zhou Shu could finish speaking, he saw waves appear in the air not far away, and then a figure slowly appeared in the air.

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The man clapped his hands. "Brilliant. I really didn't expect the Demon Ancestor's Reincarnation Mirror to see the light of day again in the hands of a human."

Zhou Shu narrowed his eyes slightly at the figure that appeared.

This man's red eyes revealed his identity as a demonic beast. His aura was not obvious, and he looked even inferior to a first-rank demonic beast.

But Zhou Shu didn't underestimate him at all. If this man's mood hadn't fluctuated slightly when he used the Reincarnation Mirror to kill Emperor Wei Wu, he wouldn't have even discovered his existence!

Zhou Shu hadn't even noticed his existence beforehand.

Ordinary first-rank demonic beasts could definitely not hide from his perception.

Even now, he still couldn't see through the cultivation of the demonic beast.

Although he couldn't see through his cultivation, he could feel the intense sense of danger coming from him.

"Demonic beasts are really getting worse with each generation. They actually let the supreme treasure of the Demon Realm fall into the hands of the human race," the demonic beast continued.

"Who told you that the Reincarnation Mirror is a treasure of the Demon Realm?" Zhou Shu snorted.

"The Reincarnation Mirror was created by a human forger. Now, it's returned to its rightful owner.

"If there's nothing else, please leave."

Zhou Shu was a little afraid of this demonic beast. Now that the Ten Nations Alliance was still behind him, he didn't want to fall out with this demonic beast rashly.

"I'm a fool to reason with a human junior." The demonic beast smiled and shook his head. "Since the show is over, it's time to get down to business.

"I didn't expect to obtain the Reincarnation Mirror on this trip."

Before he finished speaking, he stomped lightly on the ground with a loud bang.

The demonic beast's aura soared into the sky, and a world seemed to appear behind him.

The world was vast and boundless, with no end in sight. It felt vaster than the territory of any of the Ten Nations.

Boom!

Zhou Shu felt that the entire world was shaking.

This demonic beast was so powerful!

Zhou Shu was immediately certain that even with the Reincarnation Mirror, he was definitely no match for the demonic beast in front of him.

This demonic beast was countless times stronger than Pixiu.

He was definitely the most powerful opponent Zhou Shu had ever encountered in his life, an invincible opponent!

Without thinking, Zhou Shu threw the Reincarnation Mirror back. The Reincarnation Mirror shone brightly and enveloped the entire Ten Nations Alliance.

As the light circulated, the Ten Nations Alliance was sucked into the Reincarnation Mirror.

Since he couldn't win, of course he had to run!

Boom!

The demonic beast smiled and raised his hand. Boundless power surged over. Zhou Shu grunted and was sent flying, blood flying out from his seven orifices.

He staggered to the ground and reached out to recall the Reincarnation Mirror.

The Reincarnation Mirror floated in front of him. He held the Ming Hong Saber in one hand and the Tiger Soul Saber in the other. His aura surged and rose steadily.

In an instant, he had already raised his spiritual essence to the limit.

Facing such an opponent, he didn't dare to hold back at all.

Boom!

The demonic beast flicked his finger, and Zhou Shu flew back again.

The huge difference in cultivation made Zhou Shu unable to fight back.

Only now did Zhou Shu realize how far he was from becoming a top expert.

Demon King Ao and the other Demon Kings were like children compared to the demonic beast in front of him.

Zhou Shu gritted his teeth. Without any hesitation, he injected all his spiritual essence into the Reincarnation Mirror.

The Reincarnation Mirror hummed softly. The light on the mirror was extremely dazzling, as if it had become a small sun.

A light as thick as a bucket shot out toward the demonic beast.

The demonic beast smiled disdainfully. His body moved slightly, and a world seemed to appear in front of him. The light emitted by the Reincarnation Mirror kept sprinting in this world, but it could never approach him.

The demonic beast waved his hand indifferently, and a tsunami-like sound swept toward Zhou Shu.

Crack!

The light emitted by the Reincarnation Mirror was scattered, and Zhou Shu's body flew up again.

The demonic beast snorted and took a step forward.

In an instant, dozens of endless forces seemed to soar into the sky from behind him and forcefully collide with the Two Region Mountain.

Boom!

The Two Region Mountain shook violently. Then Zhou Shu saw the barrier of the two worlds connected by the Two Region Mountain appear.

The demonic beast growled and punched out. The Two Region Mountain actually flew up.

As soon as the Two Region Mountain flew, cracks immediately appeared on the barrier between the two worlds.

"Stop!" Zhou Shu shouted.

His eyes were about to pop out of their sockets. This demonic beast actually wanted to break the barrier between the two worlds!

The demonic beast didn't even look at Zhou Shu. His eyes revealed a fanatical expression as he clenched his fists and punched again.

Boom!

The barrier of the two worlds trembled again.

Zhou Shu saw a few figures behind the barrier vomit blood and stagger back.

The Qin emperor, Emperor Yuan Fang, the Qi emperor, the Jin emperor...

On the Ten Nations Continent, other than the emperor of Great Wei, the emperors of the other Nine Nations were all implicated. The imperial cauldrons in their bodies shook violently, causing them to vomit blood.

On Zhou Shu's body, he also felt the fear coming from the Great Wei imperial cauldron, as if it was also facing a life-and-death crisis.

"Haha..." The demonic beast laughed loudly, and the illusory world behind him became even more solid.
"Break!"

Boom!

The demonic beast punched the barrier. Through the barrier, Zhou Shu saw the Qin emperor on the other side vomit blood. The dense cracks on the Great Qin imperial cauldron that had appeared in front of him were expanding.

Zhou Shu even heard the sound of something shattering. Oh no!

The Great Qin imperial cauldron had already been damaged. Although it had been repaired previously, it hadn't been completely repaired.

Now, it couldn't withstand the impact!

Just as Zhou Shu had this thought, the Great Qin imperial cauldron shattered.

The Qin emperor shouted and fell on his back.

Boom!

As soon as the Great Qin imperial cauldron shattered, a huge gap immediately appeared in the barrier between the two worlds.

For a moment, the spiritual qi of heaven and earth swept from the Demon Realm to the Ten Nations Continent like a tornado.

The concentration of spiritual qi of heaven and earth in the two worlds was different. As soon as the barrier between the two worlds broke, the two worlds would become one again. The violent wind created by this spiritual pressure had the power to destroy everything.

For a moment, countless cities in Great Qin welcomed the apocalypse.

"Stop!" Zhou Shu roared and slashed out with the Ming Hong Saber and the Tiger Soul Saber.

Bang!

The demonic beast only waved his hand, and Zhou Shu was sent flying again.

Buzz—

Suddenly, a stream of light shot over and suppressed the demonic beast.

The demonic beast snorted and punched out, forcing the stream of light back. The stream of light transformed into an exquisite pagoda that suppressed down again with boundless power.

The demonic beast's expression didn't change. A dazzling light rose from his body as he blocked the exquisite pagoda and punched the barrier of the two worlds again.

"All the demonic beasts in the Demon Realm, obey orders! Attack the human continent!" A voice suddenly sounded above the Demon Realm, and almost every demonic beast could hear it clearly.

Demon King Ao, Tiangou, He Yuan, and the other Demon Kings, who had just walked out of the Demon Realm Ancestral Court, looked at the incomplete barrier in the sky in surprise.

There was confusion in their eyes. Who is giving orders?

Roar!

A beast roar spread throughout the Demon Realm. "Those who disobey the order will die!"

All the demonic beasts felt the beast blood in their bodies boil, as if it was out of their control. It was as if the voice in the air could kill them with a single sentence.

"Kill, kill, kill!"

All the demonic beasts' eyes turned even redder. They stared at the gap in the barrier in the air and rushed over crazily.

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All the demonic beasts in the Demon Realm ran crazily toward the gap in the barrier between the two worlds.

A gap appeared in the barrier. Not only did the demonic beasts of the Demon Realm see it, but all the humans on the Ten Nations Continent also saw this scene.

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The roars of demonic beasts had already spread to the Ten Nations Continent.

In Great Qin, which was relatively close to the barrier, everyone could even see the demonic beasts rushing over.

Boom!

The demonic beast who had torn the barrier wanted to continue attacking it, trying to break it completely.

But the exquisite pagoda in the air spun and blocked his fist.

The exquisite pagoda shone brightly. It grew with the wind, becoming 90 feet tall, and smashed toward the demonic beast.

Amid loud bangs, a pagoda and a terrifyingly powerful demonic beast collided continuously.

The exquisite pagoda was clearly at a disadvantage and kept retreating. It was about to retreat to the gap in the barrier.

At this moment, a large number of demonic beasts had already appeared nearby and were about to rush through the gap.

Zhou Shu was furious. All his efforts over the past few days had been to stop the Demon Realm from invading the Ten Nations Continent.

But now, before he was ready, the barrier between the two worlds was torn by the demonic beast that appeared out of nowhere.

If these demonic beasts rushed through the gap, it would definitely spell disaster for the Ten Nations Continent.

“Haha...” The demonic beast that had torn the barrier laughed loudly. “The barrier between the two worlds has already opened. Who can stop me? If the humans are willing to submit and be slaves, I might let them off. Otherwise, they will certainly die!”

“Who said no one can stop you?!” A loud shout sounded, and a figure appeared at the gap in the barrier.

It was Zhou Shu.

Zhou Shu reached out to wipe the blood from the corner of his mouth, his eyes filled with determination.

Admittedly, he wasn't someone who would sacrifice himself for the country and others. He wasn't that great.

But he couldn't watch the demonic beasts of the Demon Realm kill their way into the Ten Nations Continent and kill the citizens of the Ten Nations.

If he retreated today, he would spend the rest of his life in guilt.

“Divine Ability, Total Annihilation!”

Zhou Shu's body exploded with light, and his aura rose steadily. In an instant, his aura broke through the strength he had just displayed.

The demonic beast who had torn the barrier looked surprised. This overconfident ant's aura suddenly became a hundred times stronger, turning into a powerful ant. This is interesting...

Just as he had this thought, he heard another loud shout.

“Divine ability, One Against Ten Thousand!”

Zhou Shu stepped forward, and a city wall that stretched for dozens of kilometers appeared behind him.

The city wall was similar to the Great Wall in Zhou Shu's previous life. Although it was not as long as ten thousand kilometers, it was taller, more majestic, and looked indestructible.

“Reincarnation Mirror!”

Zhou Shu thrust his hands toward the ground, stabbing the Ming Hong Saber and the Tiger Soul Saber into the ground. Then between his hands, the Reincarnation Mirror appeared.

Under the enhancement of the divine ability Total Annihilation, Zhou Shu's strength increased by a hundred times, and the Reincarnation Mirror was the most powerful weapon he had.

At this moment, he naturally wouldn't abandon the Reincarnation Mirror just because he hadn't forged it himself.

Boom!

A dazzling white light shot out from the mirror.

The white light swept forward, and everything in its path dissipated into nothingness.

Dozens of kilometers in front of the Reincarnation Mirror, the white light swept away at least tens of thousands of demonic beasts and vaporized them.

The power of an eighteen-heaven divine weapon was terrifying.

But after the attack, Zhou Shu felt weak.

Even though the side effect of the divine ability Total Annihilation had yet to arrive, he had almost exhausted all his strength by activating the Reincarnation Mirror with all his might.

An eighteen-heaven divine weapon was not so easy to activate.

Zhou Shu knew that if he activated the Reincarnation Mirror with all his might again, he would probably completely lose his combat ability.

At this moment, if he lost his combat ability, the consequences would be unimaginable.

Helpless, he threw the Reincarnation Mirror toward the Ten Nations Continent behind him. In the light of the Reincarnation Mirror, Meng Bai, Wang Mu, Bai Qiancheng, Xiao Jianghe...

The Ten Nations Alliance reappeared in the air.

They landed just behind the illusory city wall.

At this point, returning to the Ten Nations Continent was no longer that important.

It was impossible for Zhou Shu to stop the Demon Realm army alone, so they couldn't stay out of it.

"All generals, listen to orders!" Zhou Shu shouted.

"Yes!" Meng Bai, Wang Mu, Bai Qiancheng, Xiao Jianghe, and the others subconsciously replied.

"Form up and face the enemy!" Zhou Shu shouted. He pulled out the Ming Hong Saber and the Tiger Soul Saber with both hands. His aura soared, and the two sabers slashed forward without hesitation.

Ding!

Just as Zhou Shu's saber beam was about to land on the Demon Realm army, a palm suddenly appeared out of nowhere.

The seemingly withered palm held Zhou Shu's saber beam in its hand.

With a crack, the palm crushed the invisible saber beam.

Then the owner of the palm slowly appeared in the air.

It was a slender humanoid figure with scarlet triangular eyes and a sinister smile on his lips.

"A junior wants to stop us?" The tall and skinny demonic beast sneered. "You're overestimating yourself."

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He took a step forward, and with a bang, a crack appeared on the ground, spreading toward Zhou Shu.

Then his figure suddenly disappeared and reappeared in front of Zhou Shu.

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Bang!

Zhou Shu blocked with his two sabers, and a huge force surged over. His body slid back uncontrollably against the ground.

After sliding hundreds of feet away, he roared and suddenly stomped on the ground, barely stopping in front of the city wall formed by his divine ability.

Another powerful demonic beast! Zhou Shu's eyes were solemn.

The tall and slender demonic beast had forced Zhou Shu back with a single strike and didn't continue to pursue him. He waved his hand, and the demonic beast army charged at Zhou Shu.

Like a tide, the demonic beasts instantly drowned Zhou Shu's figure and the city wall.

"Engage the enemy!" a few loud shouts sounded.

The 30,000-strong Ten Nations Alliance army passed through the city wall like moths to a flame and fought side by side with Zhou Shu.

The Demon Realm army seemed to be affected by some force. They completely lost their rationality and ignored their lives, frantically wanting to rush through the barrier between the two worlds.

As soon as the two sides collided, countless human soldiers fell under the attacks of the demonic beasts. At the same time, large groups of demonic beasts also fell.

The 30,000 soldiers of the Ten Nations Alliance were all elite soldiers who had survived the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament. They had already experienced hundreds of battles.

Even in the face of such a cruel battlefield, none of them retreated.

Boom!

Zhou Shu slashed several demonic beasts in half. At this moment, he noticed the slender demonic beast walking toward the Ten Nations Continent.

He frowned and ignored the Demon Realm army. He jumped in front of the slender demonic beast and slashed down again.

"Is there no one left in the human race? Sending a junior to block the way?" The slender demonic beast snorted and punched Zhou Shu's Ming Hong Saber.

The Connate Ming Hong Saber let out a sad cry, and a crack appeared on the blade.

Bang!

Zhou Shu took a few steps back. His face was as calm as water, and his eyes gleamed. "With me around, don't even think about stepping into the human world!"

When Zhou Shu saw the Ming Hong Saber, he put it away and moved the Tiger Soul Saber from his left hand to his right hand.

This slender demonic beast's cultivation was extremely high, much stronger than Demon King Ao's. The Connate Ming Hong Saber was actually shattered by his punch. This Tiger Soul Saber was a one-heaven divine weapon. Perhaps it could fight him.

"Ignorant brat, you're spouting nonsense!" The slender demonic beast's aura soared, and his body shone brightly as he punched out.

Zhou Shu raised his saber and fought. Under the eruption of a hundred times his combat strength, he didn't give in at all!

In the distance, the small exquisite pagoda had already been sent flying by a punch from the demonic beast that had torn open the barrier.

The demonic beast laughed. "You want to stop me with just a pagoda? Is there really no one left in the human race?"

The gap in the barrier was hundreds of kilometers long. What Zhou Shu and the Ten Nations Alliance were blocking was only dozens of kilometers wide.

Other than an exquisite small pagoda, there were no other obstacles in front of the demonic beast. He took a step forward and stepped into the Ten Nations Continent.

Boom!

The demonic beast's aura exploded. Behind the barrier between the two worlds, there was a human village. Under his aura, blood splattered everywhere. In an instant, no human in the village survived.

"Alas..." A sigh sounded, and a figure appeared out of thin air.

As the figure appeared, he reached out and took the exquisite pagoda.

He was tall and slender, and his temperament was elegant. His gray sideburns exuded the vicissitudes of life, but his handsome facial features still filled him with male charm.

This person was Yao Qing's father, the forger of Great Qin a hundred years ago, Ji Lutian!

Ji Lutian, who had always shown himself as a first-rank martial artist, actually appeared on this battlefield. Moreover, it seemed that he was the one controlling the exquisite pagoda.

Ji Lutian sighed and seemed to mutter to himself, "There's still not enough time."

He raised his head and looked at the demonic beast opposite him. His aura began to rise steadily.

"Wolf King, who said that there's no one in our human race?" Ji Lutian said slowly. After he finished speaking, his aura had already risen to its peak, and he was no weaker than the Wolf King.

"It's you?" A strange look flashed across the Wolf King's eyes, as if he had recognized Ji Lutian.

He smiled coldly. "So what if it's you? It's not like back then. How much of your cultivation do you have left? You came at the right time. I'll send you on your way today!"

The Wolf King let out a long howl. A green aura transformed into a giant wolf that bit at Ji Lutian.

“Suppress!” Ji Lutian spat out a word. With a flick of his wrist, the exquisite small pagoda in his palm flew into the sky and instantly covered the sky as it slammed down toward the gray Wolf King.

Boom!

The giant wolf collided with the pagoda, creating a deafening sound.

The Wolf King and Ji Lutian retreated at the same time. The two of them were evenly matched.

On the other side, Zhou Shu was once again forced back by the slender demonic beast.

Even with the enhancement of the divine ability Total Annihilation, Zhou Shu’s current strength was only comparable to an ordinary Demon King.

This slender demonic beast was much stronger than the number one Demon King of the Demon Realm, Demon King Ao. Zhou Shu wasn’t his match at all.

Even with the rewards brought back by the Ten Nations Alliance, distant water couldn’t solve a nearby fire. Zhou Shu was now completely at a disadvantage.

When it rains, it pours. At this moment, Zhou Shu saw Demon King Ao, Tiangou, He Yuan, and the other original ten great Demon Kings of the Demon Realm.

Their eyes were also a little cloudy, as if they had joined the battle in a daze.

As soon as the ten Demon Kings attacked, large groups of human soldiers fell.

Seeing this, Zhou Shu’s eyes were about to burst, and he let out a furious roar. “You deserve to die!”

Boom!

A tornado seemed to erupt around Zhou Shu, and his aura actually soared.

Boom!

Zhou Shu’s figure flashed, and he was already in front of the slender demonic beast. This time, he actually gave up on the saber and directly punched.

Disdain flashed across the slender demonic beast’s face as he punched out as well.

Crack!

The next moment, shock flashed across the slender demonic beast’s face. Then he felt a piercing pain.

Eight-Nine Arcane Art!

After giving up on his weapon, Zhou Shu unleashed the Eight-Nine Arcane Art to the limit. With the enhancement of the divine ability Total Annihilation, his unparalleled physical strength was no longer inferior to this slender demonic beast.

This slender demonic beast had underestimated his opponent and hadn’t used his full strength. Zhou Shu’s punch had actually broken his arm.

Bang bang bang!

The muffled sounds were endless. The slender demonic beast was sent flying several kilometers away, and countless bones in his body broke.

But such injuries were not fatal for the slender demonic beast with his cultivation.

His eyes became incomparably cold as he stared fixedly at Zhou Shu. "Very good. A junior can actually hurt me. I will personally tear you to pieces!"

Cracking sounds came from his body, and his broken bones healed in an instant.

Zhou Shu's heart sank. The sounds of battle in the distance became softer and softer. It was impossible for the Ten Nations Alliance to stop the ten Demon Kings.

As for him, the effect of the divine ability Total Annihilation was almost over. If he didn't leave now, he would have to really stay here forever.

Zhou Shu gritted his teeth.

Right at this moment, a loud shout suddenly sounded. "Are you bullying us humans?"

A towering aura descended on the battlefield at an unbelievable speed. Then Zhou Shu felt his vision go black, and a burly figure appeared.

The figure was surrounded by lightning and had a violent aura. A thunderous voice sounded in the air. "Black Snake King, you old fart, you're bullying a young human. Do you really think that this young human has no backing?"

"If your Demon Realm wants to fight, I'll fight with you to your heart's content. If one of us doesn't die today, neither of you will leave!"

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Boom!

The light was dazzling, and a hurricane approached.

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Zhou Shu saw that the tall and sturdy figure who had suddenly appeared was already fighting the slender demonic beast.

As soon as he came, he took out a saber as tall as a person and pressed down on the slender demonic beast.

This human was actually a Grotto-Heaven expert!

Although Zhou Shu had long expected the human race to have hidden experts, it was really beyond his expectations that they would appear at this time.

After all, when Great Wei's capital fell, these people were nowhere to be seen.

With this person blocking the slender demonic beast, Zhou Shu heaved a sigh of relief. But before he could relax, a few more powerful auras appeared in the distance.

A few more Demon Kings appeared!

These old monsters who had been hiding for countless years suddenly showed up for some reason.

Moreover, as soon as they appeared, they attacked with momentous force.

They didn't even give Zhou Shu and the others a chance to react.

"Sima Grotto-Heaven, Zheng Yongtai is here. Demonic beasts, don't be arrogant!" A loud shout came from the direction of the Ten Nations Continent.

A dazzling sword beam rolled through the ranks of the Demon Realm army like a flood dragon. The sword beam pierced into flesh, and blood splattered everywhere. In an instant, countless demonic beasts died under the sword beam.

[The Seven Star Dragon Abyss Sword you forged effectively completed a kill. You are rewarded with Forging Materials Knowledge +2.]

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Countless messages instantly flashed before Zhou Shu's eyes.

He had already realized that Zheng Yongtai was the mysterious human expert whom Yin Wuyou had mentioned in her letter.

"Xu Ling Grotto-Heaven, Tang Shiliu is here. Demonic beasts, die!" Another person rode his sword over and landed in the Demon Realm army. Sword light flashed and blocked a Demon King.

"Great Qin, Xu Shi is here to kill demonic beasts on His Majesty's orders!" A large group of Great Qin elite soldiers appeared at the gap. The gap that appeared in the barrier between the two worlds was within Great Qin.

Great Qin's reaction was extremely fast. In a short time, a large number of Great Qin elite soldiers had already rushed to the gap and immediately joined the battle.

The sounds of battle echoed between heaven and earth, and the entire world seemed to be dyed red with blood.

Zhou Shu raised the Ming Hong Saber and the Tiger Soul Saber and gathered his last strength to kill the dozens of demonic beasts around him.

The effect of the divine ability Total Annihilation was finally ending.

At this point, Zhou Shu was already powerless. He had only been able to stop the Demon Realm army for a moment, and letting the human reinforcements arrive was already the limit of what he could do.

Boom!

A figure crashed down beside Zhou Shu, kicking up dust.

It was the human Grotto-Heaven expert who had first appeared on the battlefield.

He swayed a few times and spat out a mouthful of blood. "Damn it. Demonic beasts are so difficult to kill!"

Before he finished speaking, a pained expression appeared on the face of the slender demonic beast in the distance. The next moment, countless rays of light shot out from his body, and with a bang, he exploded into flesh and blood that filled the sky.

The slender demonic beast was actually killed by this human expert!

Zhou Shu looked at the burly human man beside him in surprise. He had just fought the slender demonic beast and knew his strength very well.

It was a demonic beast even stronger than Demon King Ao. Even Zhou Shu's divine ability Total Annihilation was no match for him, but he was actually killed by this man.

This man is so strong!

Boom!

Although a Demon King had died, there were still the ten great Demon Kings, the demonic beast who had torn the barrier between the two worlds, and a few other Demon Kings who had appeared out of nowhere!

On the human side, other than the burly man who had just won a complete victory, Tang Shiliu, who had arrived later, was also a Grotto-Heaven expert.

In addition, there was also Ji Lutian, who had been entangled with the demonic beast who tore apart the barrier. All in all, there were only three Grotto-Heaven experts on the human side.

This was an absolute disadvantage.

"Kid, can you still fight?" The burly man's gaze landed on the few Demon Kings killing in the crowd. His eyes narrowed slightly, and a cold light shot out.

Zhou Shu shook his head. "I'm almost at my limit."

The burly man was slightly stunned. He clearly hadn't expected Zhou Shu's answer. At this moment, shouldn't he say that he could still fight?

"Forget it. Your strength won't be of much use anyway." The burly man waved his hand. "If you can't take it anymore, retreat. Watch me kill a few more Demon Kings!"

The burly man roared. The light on his body exploded again, and the clothes on his upper body exploded into dust. He waved his surprisingly large saber and rushed toward the Demon Kings.

"Senior, may I know your name?" Zhou Shu shouted.

"Zheng Sanguang." The burly man's voice came from afar.

He spoke as if he was extremely confident, as if everyone should know his name.

But in reality, Zhou Shu had never heard of this name. His surname is Zheng. Does he have the same background as Zheng Yongtai?

He felt the power in his body begin to recede like a tide. He didn't dare to delay any longer. His figure shot up and turned into a stream of light to leave the battlefield.

Boom!

Just as Zhou Shu was about to retreat to the Ten Nations Continent, a powerful force suddenly blocked his path.

His eyes narrowed slightly. "Tiangou?"

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Under normal circumstances, although Zhou Shu might not be Tiangou's match, he wouldn't be afraid of him either.

But now, the effect of his divine ability Total Annihilation was almost over, and his strength was disappearing. He had no time to waste with Tiangou.

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"I smell a familiar scent on you!" Tiangou narrowed his eyes in confusion. "Who are you?"

Zhou Shu didn't answer but attacked instead.

Crack!

Tiangou shattered the saber beam with just a punch and forced back Zhou Shu tens of meters.

Zhou Shu's heart sank. Most of his strength had already disappeared, and he was unable to shake off Tiangou.

In a few breaths, all the strength in his body would disappear. At that time, not to mention Tiangou, even an ordinary demonic beast could easily take his life!

"Daddy!" Suddenly, a figure shot over and sent Tiangou flying with a punch.

A seven to eight-year-old little girl pounced into Zhou Shu's arms.

Zhou Shu was slightly stunned and said uncertainly, "Xiaoyu'er?"

"Yes!" Xiaoyu'er nodded.

Zhou Shu was stunned. How long has it been? Xiaoyu'er has already grown so much?

Previously, he had already discovered that her growth was different from other children's. Thinking of Xiaoyu'er's strange background, he didn't find this strange.

But he didn't expect her to grow so much in just a few days.

It made Zhou Shu a little uncomfortable.

In a few days, wouldn't she be seventeen or eighteen years old?

Wouldn't it be a little awkward if she called him daddy then?

Even on the battlefield, many thoughts flashed through Zhou Shu's mind.

Zhou Shu couldn't be bothered to ask Xiaoyu'er why she was here. He raised his hand and pointed at Tiangou. "Xiaoyu'er, kill him!"

"Okay!" Without hesitation, Xiaoyu'er raised her small fist and smashed it at Tiangou.

There was no technique to speak of in Xiaoyu'er's attack. She was purely suppressing him with overwhelming force.

As she waved her fist, a world seemed to appear behind her. The power of a punch was the power of a world.

Like a bolt of lightning, she punched Tiangou.

Even with Tiangou's strength, he was sent flying by the punch, his face full of shock.

Xiaoyu'er moved like lightning and instantly arrived in front of Tiangou. She raised her fist and punched again.

She was innocent. Since her father said to kill him, she had to kill him.

Tiangou was forced back by a little girl and sent countless demonic beasts flying.

He groaned inwardly, his back already drenched in cold sweat. How can this little girl have such brute force?

"He Yuan, come help me!" Tiangou shouted.

There were far more Demon Kings in the Demon Realm than human Grotto-Heaven experts. They could spare the time to help each other.

Zhou Shu frowned slightly. Although he saw that the humans' reinforcements were constantly pouring into the battlefield, if the difference in high-end combat strength couldn't be made up for, then there would be no way they could win this war.

The barrier between the two worlds had been damaged too suddenly. Both Zhou Shu and the Ten Nations Continent were completely unprepared.

If not for the fact that Great Qin had been preparing for war these days, even the reinforcements in front of them wouldn't have been able to react.

Even so, it seemed that the outcome was already doomed.

Boom!

An army of tens of thousands of demonic beasts had already broken through the defense line of the Ten Nations Alliance and Great Qin and entered the Ten Nations Continent.

The Ten Nations Continent was about to become a place where demonic beasts wreaked havoc.

Suddenly, a broken spear that blotted out the sky and the sun appeared out of nowhere.

The spear only had the tip and half of the spear shaft. Although it was only a broken spear, when it appeared, it carried the might to destroy the world.

Boom!

The broken spear struck the Demon Realm army, and a monstrous airwave surged out. Tens of thousands of demonic beasts were instantly reduced to ashes.

Zhou Shu was dumbfounded.

He wasn't the only one. All the humans and demonic beasts present were shocked by this shocking attack.

Killing tens of thousands of demonic beasts in one strike, was this still the strength of a human?

Boom!

The broken spear rose again and aimed at the Demon Realm army.

A huge palm appeared in the sky above the Demon Realm.

The hand covered almost half of the Demon Realm as it grabbed at the broken spear.

The broken spear and the giant hand collided.

It was as if two stars had collided. The monstrous airwaves formed a mushroom cloud visible to the naked eye. The Demon Realm army and the human army were like leaves in the waves and were sent flying.

Even the Demon Kings of the Demon Realm, Zheng Sanguang, Tang Shiliu, Ji Lutian, and the other experts were sent flying backward.

The battlefield, which had just been in chaos, was now full of corpses after the first collision between the giant hand and the broken spear.

The Demon Realm army and the human army each retreated dozens of kilometers, clearing a large empty space in the middle.

After the giant hand and the broken spear collided, they floated in the air.

Compared to the giant hand, the broken spear seemed a little small, but the aura it carried was no weaker than the giant hand in the slightest.

Both sides faced each other for a long time without fighting again.

An invisible fluctuation seemed to ripple out, and the giant hand slowly disappeared into the air. The broken spear also turned into a stream of light and instantly disappeared into the sky.

The broken spear and the giant hand disappeared as quickly as they appeared. They had only exchanged a single blow.

But what was left was the effect of the broken spear killing tens of thousands of demonic beasts and the Demon Realm army temporarily retreating.

Zhou Shu was fascinated. Is this the power of a peerless divine weapon?

The power of the spear forced the Demon Realm to retreat.

If I could forge such a divine weapon, I wouldn't have to fear the invasion of the Demon Realm!

My understanding of divine weapons is only basic.

In the distance, the Demon Realm army moved again. Zhou Shu was shocked. The broken spear had already left. If the Demon Realm army came again, who could stop them?

"Sima Grotto-Heaven is here to help!" Suddenly, there was a rumbling sound in the distant air, and bronze chariots appeared in the air.

"With the Xu Ling Grotto-Heaven here, demonic beasts can forget about being presumptuous!" In another direction, rumbling sounds rang out as a large group of fully armored soldiers lined up.

Among them were several incomparably powerful auras that were not inferior to those of ordinary Demon Kings.

Boom!

The two figures in the air separated and landed in front of the Demon Realm army and the human army.

It was the demonic beast who had torn the barrier between the two worlds and Ji Lutian!

Ji Lutian held the exquisite small pagoda in his hand as a blush flashed across his face. He calmly wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth and looked at the demonic beast who had torn the barrier.

"I'm afraid you won't be able to attack the human continent today," Ji Lutian said slowly.

The demonic beast opposite had a gloomy expression and said hoarsely, "Hmph, you reacted fast enough, but I want to see how long you can last."

Ji Lutian smiled. "It might take longer than you think."

"Is that so? Then let's try!" the demonic beast said coldly. He raised his hand, and the demonic beast army retreated again. They retreated a hundred kilometers before starting to set up camp.

The demonic beast looked at Ji Lutian and said, "I'll give you a chance. If you can defeat me today, I'll give you another three months to prepare."

He extended his hand and gestured an invitation to Ji Lutian.

A bitter smile flashed across Ji Lutian's face. He suddenly turned around and looked at Zhou Shu. "King Zhou, may I borrow the Reincarnation Mirror?"

Zhou Shu frowned slightly. He was really confused now. Who is Ji Lutian?

He nodded and raised his hand to recall the Reincarnation Mirror.

When the battle just started, he had casually thrown the Reincarnation Mirror back to the Ten Nations Continent and hadn't had the time to take it back.

The next moment, Zhou Shu frowned slightly. He was actually unable to sense the Reincarnation Mirror! Seeing Zhou Shu's expression, Ji Lutian sighed and shook his head. "In the end, I can't keep it. Forget it. If there's no Reincarnation Mirror, so be it."

Ji Lutian turned around and looked at the demonic beast. "Since you're asking for a beating, I'll do as you wish!"

He took a step forward, and a light shot from his body.

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Ji Lutian and the demonic beast who had torn the barrier between the two worlds fought from the ground to the sky and then from the sky to an unknown place.

The effect of the divine ability Total Annihilation was over, and Zhou Shu felt a strong sense of weakness. He leaned on his saber and forced himself not to fall to the ground.

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The human army behind him was silent. There were clearly tens of thousands of people, but there was no movement at all.

The only thing audible was the heavy breathing from the opposing demonic beast army.

Zhou Shu looked up at the Demon Realm army opposite him. His emotions had already calmed down. He had already discovered that the Demon Realm army opposite him was clearly in an abnormal state.

They seemed to have fallen into a state of mania. Although the demonic beasts he encountered in the past were a little impulsive and brainless, they were generally relatively rational.

But now, opposing the demonic beast army seemed to have lost their rationality.

Thinking back to the previous battle, Zhou Shu was even more certain that something was wrong with them.

At this moment, it wasn't the time to investigate this matter. Ji Lutian and the demonic beast were fighting in some unknown place. Zhou Shu turned to look at Zheng Sanguang beside him.

In the distance, there were people from the Sima Grotto-Heaven and the Xu Ling Grotto-Heaven. From the looks of it, there were more than ten thousand of them.

Although when Zheng Yongtai appeared, Zhou Shu had thought that there would be people in grotto-heavens, like Shi Changsheng had mentioned previously, he was still a little surprised to see so many people.

Zhou Shu pondered for a moment and said, "Senior Zheng, you are..."

When Zheng Sanguang heard Zhou Shu's voice, he turned around and forced a smile on his bloodstained face.

"Kid, don't be afraid. With us around, the demonic beasts of the Demon Realm won't be able to do anything." Zheng Sanguang patted Zhou Shu's shoulder.

The image that Zhou Shu had painstakingly maintained collapsed.

He was drained of all energy. How could he withstand a pat from an expert like Zheng Sanguang?

Seeing Zhou Shu sit on the ground, Zheng Sanguang was stunned. He hadn't used much strength. Could I have injured this kid?

That shouldn't be the case. This kid was quite fierce before. I was still wondering where he came from.

"Are you injured?" Zheng Sanguang scratched his head awkwardly.

"It's fine. Senior, don't worry." Zhou Shu shook his head and smiled bitterly.

He realized that things seemed to be different from what he had imagined.

Previously, when he heard about Zheng Yongtai from Yin Wuyou's letter, he had suspected that these people from hidden grotto-heavens had ill intentions. But now, it seemed that they weren't bad people.

Zheng Sanguang said that with them around, the demonic beasts of the Demon Realm wouldn't be able to do anything.

Then, why didn't they appear when the demonic beasts invaded the Ten Nations Continent?

No, the Demon Realm didn't seem to have really invaded the Ten Nations Continent before. In the previous Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament, the Ten Nations could handle it themselves.

Is there something I don't know? Zhou Shu was full of doubts.

Seeing that the victor was yet to be determined in the battle between Ji Lutian and the demonic beast and Zheng Sanguang seemed to be easier to talk to, Zhou Shu sat on the ground and continued, "Senior Zheng, may I know which nation you're from?"

Seeing that Zhou Shu was really fine, Zheng Sanguang heaved a sigh of relief and waved his hand.

"Which nation? I'm not from any nation. I'm human. Do you know the Sima Grotto-Heaven?"

Zhou Shu feigned ignorance and shook his head.

Zheng Sanguang didn't mind. "That's right. I almost forgot. You probably don't know. It's okay. You'll find out later."

"Senior, where is the Sima Grotto-Heaven?" Zhou Shu continued asking.

"Don't ask. I can't tell you even if you ask," Zheng Sanguang said with a grin. "The grotto-heavens have appeared. You'll know if the opportunity arrives."

Zhou Shu asked a few more questions, and Zheng Sanguang used the same excuse.

Suddenly, it was as if a sun had exploded in the sky, and two figures descended from the sky.

The demonic beast who had torn the barrier between the two worlds landed in front of the Demon Realm army, his clothes completely gone. He stood naked in front of the two armies, his entire body covered in black and shiny scales. Many of these scales had also fallen off, making him look a little miserable.

Ji Lutian had also landed in front of the human army. He didn't look any better than the demonic beast. His clothes hung in strands, and bloodstains could be vaguely seen on his body.

Zhou Shu didn't know where the exquisite pagoda was. He could even see Ji Lutian's body swaying slightly, as if he couldn't stand steadily.

Zheng Sanguang leaned over to Ji Lutian and asked, "Did you win or lose?"

"I was lucky to win by one move." Ji Lutian's voice was weak.

Zheng Sanguang was delighted and waved his fist fiercely. It was obvious that he wasn't as confident as he had been with Zhou Shu.

If the Demon Realm army really attacked without caring about anything, even with the reinforcements from the Sima Grotto-Heaven and the Xu Ling Grotto-Heaven, it would have been very difficult for them to stop the Demon Realm army.

Now that Ji Lutian had won, they would have a few months to prepare.

Zheng Sanguang activated his spiritual essence and shouted, "Bastards of the Demon Realm, what else do you have to say? Get lost!"

The demonic beast who had torn the barrier narrowed his eyes, and his chest heaved violently for a long time. "I'll let you live for a few more months!"

As soon as he finished speaking, the demonic beast seemed to be too ashamed to stay any longer. He stomped heavily and soared into the sky, instantly disappearing into the horizon.

The Demon Realm army didn't retreat. Instead, they stationed themselves on the spot, as if they were preventing the human army from attacking the Demon Realm or were preparing to attack the Ten Nations Continent through the gap in the barrier between the two worlds after months.

In any case, they probably wouldn't continue to attack now.

All the humans heaved a long sigh of relief.

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At this moment, Ji Lutian finally couldn't hold on any longer, and his body swayed. If Zheng Sanguang hadn't caught him in time, he would probably have sat on the ground like Zhou Shu.

"How are you? Are you seriously injured?" Zheng Sanguang supported Ji Lutian and was at a loss. He had no problem fighting, but he really couldn't treat him.

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"I'm fine. I just need to rest for a while." Ji Lutian shook his head. "Please send me to see Brother Zheng."

Zheng Sanguang seemed to know Ji Lutian. He nodded solemnly and supported Ji Lutian as light rose under his feet. The next moment, he rode away on a cloud.

Zhou Shu opened his mouth, but no sound came out. Even though Zheng Sanguang left, the people from the Sima Grotto-Heaven and the Xu Ling Grotto-Heaven were still here. Moreover, Zheng Sanguang had just said that the grotto-heavens had already appeared, so he would definitely have to deal with them in the future.

The doubts in his heart would be resolved one day.

“Daddy!” Xiaoyu’er scuttled to Zhou Shu’s side and said dejectedly, “That big dog ran away. I didn’t kill him.”

“It’s okay.” Zhou Shu comforted her and saw Meng Bai and Mi Ziwen supporting each other as they walked over.

The two of them were covered in injuries, and they even had to support each other when they walked. It was obvious how serious their injuries were.

But although his injuries were serious, they still survived. In this battle, countless comrades would never be able to return to the Ten Nations Continent.

“Great General, Big Brother...” Zhou Shu said.

The three of them looked at each other with complicated expressions.

Who would have thought that things would turn out like this just as they set up base in the Demon Realm?

The 30,000-strong Ten Nations Alliance had already seen their homeland, but they had fallen in front of their homes.

After a long silence, Zhou Shu asked, “How are the casualties?”

Meng Bai and Mi Ziwen shook their heads. They hadn’t had time to count the casualties, but they didn’t need to. They knew that the numbers wouldn’t be good.

Just from what they saw with their own eyes, Han Dazhi of Great Liang had died in battle, Zhang Wuyuan of Great Qi had died in battle, Tang Chengshi of Great Jin had died in battle...

These people had experienced the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament and the series of battles in the Demon Realm, but they had all died in this sudden battle.

“What are you doing?”

Just as the three of them had mixed feelings, a commotion suddenly sounded.

When they looked up, they saw that Great Qin’s Xu Shi seemed to be in a conflict with the people from the Sima Grotto-Heaven and the Xu Ling Grotto-Heaven.

“Big Brother, help me up.” Zhou Shu frowned and forced himself up.

After going through the crowd, Zhou Shu finally arrived in front of Xu Shi and the others with the support of Xiao Jianghe.

"This is Great Qin's territory. Great Qin will defend it!" Xu Shi was also covered in injuries. He changed from his usual style and spoke angrily to the person opposite him.

"Defend? How are you going to defend? With your heads?" The person opposite snorted coldly. "I told you to get lost, so get lost. Why are you talking so much nonsense?"

This person's tone was extremely impatient. In the battle just now, all the forces had suffered casualties, and no one was in a good mood.

Zhou Shu pulled over a Great Qin soldier and asked about the situation.

After asking, Zhou Shu used his saber to support himself on the ground and stepped forward. "Lord Xu, calm down."

"Your Highness!" Xu Shi looked over and saw that it was Zhou Shu. He cupped his hands in greeting. "Your Highness, you came at the right time. I don't know where these people came from, but they're too rude! They actually asked Great Qin's elite soldiers to retreat and hand this place over to them."

Zhou Shu nodded. "I understand. Lord Xu, how about leaving this matter to me?"

Xu Shi was stunned for a moment. Although Zhou Shu was Great Qin's Side-by-side King, he had never cared about Great Qin's matters.

He pondered for a moment and nodded.

"You're a king of Great Qin?" The person on the other side looked at Zhou Shu. "You came at the right time. Get all the useless Great Qin people to retreat. Don't hinder us from setting up defenses here."

Zhou Shu frowned slightly. He didn't know if he was from the Sima Grotto-Heaven or the Xu Ling Grotto-Heaven. Although he had good intentions, his tone was too annoying.

What do you mean by useless Great Qin people? You're fighting demonic beasts, but aren't they also fighting demonic beasts?

"Aren't you going overboard?" Zhou Shu said coldly.

"Overboard?" The man smiled coldly. "Am I wrong? You don't even have a cultivation level above the third rank of the Martial Dao. If you're not trash, what are you?"

"Were you born with high cultivation?" Zhou Shu could tell that this person was at the Earth Immortal realm. In the past, there were definitely many experts like him. "We're all fighting the invasion of the Demon Realm. Why hurt others?"

"We're the ones fighting. What can you do? Wave a flag and shout? What things can you useless people do except increase the battle results of the demonic beasts?" The man sneered.

"Your Highness!" Xu Shi couldn't stand it anymore. They had just lost countless soldiers in battle. Facing the Demon Realm army, these good soldiers hadn't even taken a single step back.

"Have you never learned how to speak?" Zhou Shu's expression darkened.

What Zheng Sanguang said had made him feel that he had misunderstood the grotto-heavens. In addition, both sides had fought side by side against the Demon Realm army, so he had been very polite.

But this person's every word was full of disdain for the Ten Nations' armies. The soldiers of the Ten Nations had just fought to the death. They couldn't be insulted!

"If you haven't learned how to speak, go back and learn properly before coming out and embarrassing yourself!" Zhou Shu said coldly. So what if he was an Earth Immortal? He was only equivalent to a Great Demon. It wasn't like he hadn't killed a Great Demon before!

"You're very bold." The man's eyes narrowed slightly, and his killing intent erupted.

The powerful killing intent seemed to lower the surrounding temperature. Xu Shi, Xiao Jianghe, and the others involuntarily took a few steps back.

Zhou Shu had no strength left, but in his sea of consciousness, five towering mountains automatically appeared and suppressed everything. He didn't move or shake as he looked straight at the man. "Since we're fighting side by side, we are considered comrades. You'd better be polite."

"Haha..." The man laughed. "Do you trash think you're worthy of being our comrade? I'll say it again. Get lost immediately! If you delay us from setting up our defenses, don't blame me for being ruthless!"

Zhou Shu was also a little angry. Are all people from these grotto-heavens so arrogant?

"Your Highness!" The people of Great Qin were violent to begin with, and Xu Shi couldn't take it anymore.

Zhou Shu shook his head. "Get the brothers to retreat first."

Be it the Ten Nations Alliance or the elite soldiers of Great Qin, after the battle just now, they were all exhausted and injured.

In any case, the Demon Realm army wouldn't attack for a while. Since this person was so arrogant, he would let them set up defenses here first.

Xu Shi took a deep breath. Although he was a little unwilling, he would definitely not object to Zhou Shu in front of outsiders.

"Yes!" Xu Shi gritted his teeth.

Zhou Shu turned to look at Meng Bai. "Great General, tell our people to retreat to the Ten Nations Continent. Retreat thirty kilometers."

Meng Bai nodded and cupped his hands. "Yes, I'll make arrangements now."

Zhou Shu looked at the man from the grotto-heavens. "May I know your name?"

"Hmph, that's right." The man sneered. "Useless people should have the self-awareness of being useless. Defending against demonic beasts isn't something that trash like you can do.

"With us resisting the demonic beasts, you only need to be grateful. As for my name, you don't need to know. You and I are not from the same world at all!"

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"Your Highness, what is the origin of those people? Why should we endure their rudeness?" Even with Xu Shi's shrewdness, he couldn't help speaking after retreating thirty kilometers.

Great Qin's imperial cauldron had shattered. In Great Qin's territory, the barrier between the two worlds had been damaged, and the demonic beasts of the Demon Realm had invaded. This had a profound impact on Great Qin.

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First, the Great Qin emperor was unconscious, and it was hard to say if he would survive. Then there were countless casualties in Great Qin. It would be strange if Xu Shi was in a good mood.

"Lord Xu, can't you tell that those people have extraordinary backgrounds?" Zhou Shu said with a calm expression.

"So what if I can tell? Great Qin is not afraid of anyone!" Xu Shi said. "Your Highness, didn't you see? Great Qin's Ji Lutian even defeated that powerful demonic beast."

Zhou Shu glanced at Xu Shi. No wonder Xu Shi dared to have a conflict with the people from the grotto-heavens. It turns out to be because of Ji Lutian.

Unfortunately, you're wrong. The Ji Lutian you think might not be Great Qin's Ji Lutian.

Although he didn't know what was going on, Zhou Shu was certain that Ji Lutian was definitely not the legendary forger of Great Qin.

Xu Shi was thinking too much if he was counting on Ji Lutian to protect Great Qin.

But then again, although the words of the grotto-heaven people were unpleasant, they might not do anything to Great Qin.

Simply put, the people of the grotto-heavens were arrogant and probably didn't take Great Qin seriously. The people of Great Qin were probably no different from ants to them.

"Although I'm not afraid, there's no need to conflict with them." Zhou Shu didn't explain much to Xu Shi. Even if he did, Xu Shi might not believe him. After all, Zhou Shu wasn't familiar with Ji Lutian.

"No matter what, they contributed to resisting the Demon Realm army just now."

Zhou Shu looked at the gap in the barrier between the two worlds. The people from the Sima Grotto-Heaven and the Xu Ling Grotto-Heaven were busy setting up defenses.

Their defense methods were also very interesting. They lined up the bronze chariots they drove to the gap. The bronze chariots emitted light and connected together like a city wall.

But the number of chariots was limited, and they were unable to defend the entire gap that stretched for hundreds of kilometers.

"This is Great Qin's territory..." Although Xu Shi was also a little shocked, he still felt a little uncomfortable.

In the territory of Great Qin, a large army of unknown origins was stationed here without their permission. How was Great Qin supposed to face others?

Zhou Shu shook his head. "With the appearance of the grotto-heavens, the situation in the world is probably going to change greatly. Lord Xu, you can't solve problems with emotions. The most important thing now is to figure out the true intentions of the grotto-heavens."

Zhou Shu looked at the busy grotto-heaven people. It had to be said that these people were indeed far stronger than the people of the Ten Nations.

More than 10,000 people had come from each of the two grotto-heavens. There were more than 20,000 people in total!

The weakest among these 20,000 people was a third-rank martial artist, and most of them were first-rank martial artists. There were also about 50 Earth Immortals.

These were just people casually sent out by the two grotto-heavens. Zhou Shu definitely didn't believe that this was their full strength.

In other words, each grotto-heaven had the strength to easily destroy any nation on the Ten Nations Continent.

If they wanted to overturn any nation, it would be as easy as flipping their hands.

This was only the Sima Grotto-Heaven and the Xu Ling Grotto-Heaven. According to Shi Changsheng, there were 36 grotto-heavens back then, and there might be more than these two left.

The sudden appearance of these grotto-heavens would definitely affect the situation in the world. There was no doubt about it.

It would be great if these people were just fighting against the demonic beasts. But if they wanted to do something else, how could the Ten Nations resist?

Xu Shi was still immersed in his dream of Ji Lutian's unparalleled combat strength. He couldn't imagine that the current situation was already a matter of whether Great Qin or even the Ten Nations could survive.

"Lord Xu, where is the Great Qin emperor?" Zhou Shu looked at Xu Shi. "At this time, we need the Great Qin emperor and the others to come forward and talk with the grotto-heavens."

The purpose of the grotto-heavens was unknown, but at least on the surface, their goal was the same as the Ten Nations'. They were both resisting the invasion of the demonic beasts of the Demon Realm.

Now that the Demon Realm had temporarily stopped its offensive, there had to be negotiations on how the grotto-heavens and the Ten Nations would get along and how they should cooperate in the future.

The most suitable people to appear were naturally the emperors of the Ten Nations.

"The imperial cauldron shattered. His Majesty is seriously injured and unconscious..." Xu Shi said solemnly. Zhou Shu knew about Great Qin's imperial cauldron, so there was no need to hide it now.

Zhou Shu pondered for a moment and took out an Essence Cleansing Pill. "Get someone to send this back. It might help."

"Thank you, Your Highness." Xu Shi cupped his hands.

Although Zhou Shu was Great Qin's Side-by-side King, everyone knew that he had never treated himself as a true member of Great Qin.

Xu Shi turned around and arranged for someone to send the Essence Cleansing Pill back to Great Qin's capital. Suddenly, a voice sounded in Zhou Shu's ear.

"Are you the King Zhou they mentioned?"

Zhou Shu looked up and saw a handsome young man standing in front of him. "Zheng Yongtai?"

In the previous battle, he had noticed that the weapon this young man used was the Seven Star Dragon Abyss Sword that he had personally forged.

"You know me?" The young man was stunned for a moment before a proud expression appeared on his face. "As expected, my name has spread."

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"Why are you looking for me?" Zhou Shu was speechless.

Before he figured out the intentions of the grotto-heavens, he didn't want to interact too much with them. Moreover, the people from the grotto-heavens were so infuriating that he was afraid that he wouldn't be able to control himself from teaching them a lesson.

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"Nothing. I just came to tell you that the Seven Star Dragon Abyss Sword you forged is not bad," Zheng Yongtai said. "Are you interested in joining our Sima Grotto-Heaven?"

"Join the Sima Grotto-Heaven?" Zhou Shu was stunned and puzzled.

"That's right. Since the grotto-heavens have appeared, we will definitely open our doors to recruit disciples," Zheng Yongtai said.

"There are definitely benefits to joining in advance. Since you can forge connate divine weapons, you will definitely be able to pass the Sima Grotto-Heaven assessment. At that time, when you become a disciple of the Sima Grotto-Heaven, you can call me Uncle-Master," Zheng Yongtai said proudly, as if it was a great honor to call him uncle-master.

Zhou Shu's face darkened. Do you think I'm crazy? Why would I call you uncle-master? Why would I join the Sima Grotto-Heaven to be a disciple!?

"I can already forge connate divine weapons. If I join the Sima Grotto-Heaven, what can you teach me?" Zhou Shu didn't directly refuse.

Although Zheng Yongtai's tone was also arrogant, it was still better than the people earlier. In any case, he had nothing to do now, so he might as well get some information from Zheng Yongtai.

“The Sima Grotto-Heaven can teach you many things,” Zheng Yongtai said proudly. “Do you think it’s so great to be able to forge connate divine weapons? Let me tell you. Any one of our disciples can forge connate divine weapons! What is the success rate of forging connate divine weapons? I’m afraid you won’t succeed once even if you forge a dozen times, right?”

Zhou Shu was silent. He couldn’t say that he didn’t have a success rate when it came to forging weapons...

... because he had never failed.

“Does the Sima Grotto-Heaven have a way to increase the success rate of forging connate divine weapons?” Zhou Shu asked.

“Of course, our Sima Grotto-Heaven’s forging techniques are definitely much stronger than yours. If you master our forging techniques, it won’t be a problem to increase the success rate to thirty percent.”

Zhou Shu almost couldn’t bear to refute this innocent child. The highest success rate is only thirty percent?! They only succeed in forging three out of ten times?

How pitiful. How many forging materials are wasted...

“Of course, this is only one of the advantages,” Zheng Yongtai continued. “After you join our Sima Grotto-Heaven, you will still have a chance to break through to the Earth Immortal realm!

“Your cultivation techniques outside are lacking. Even if you cultivate to death, it’s impossible for you to cultivate to the Earth Immortal realm. Only by joining our grotto-heavens can you learn a complete cultivation technique and have a chance to break through to the Earth Immortal realm.”

Zheng Yongtai’s words made Zhou Shu’s heart tremble. The Ten Nations Continent’s Martial Dao is lacking?

No wonder there wasn’t an Earth Immortal on the Ten Nations Continent for so many years. Logically speaking, even if the concentration of spiritual qi of heaven and earth on the Ten Nations Continent isn’t as high as in the Demon Realm, this shouldn’t happen.

So this is the real reason!

Zhou Shu didn’t cultivate the Martial Dao of the Ten Nations Continent. Although he had obtained Great Xia’s Emperor Xuan Jade Book, he only cultivated it casually. The foundation of his Martial Dao came from the Legendary Armament Canon.

The Eight-Nine Arcane Art, Dragon Elephant Prajna Technique, and Golden Bell Shield Technique were all rewards from the Legendary Armament Canon.

On the Ten Nations Continent, there was also someone who had broken through to the Earth Immortal realm.

It was Lu Wenshuang!

But Lu Wenshuang’s breakthrough came after she cultivated the God of War Catalog.

“The Martial Dao of the Ten Nations Continent is lacking. Did you do it on purpose?” Zhou Shu stared at Zheng Yongtai.

“You don’t have to look at me like that. I didn’t do it.” Zheng Yongtai shrugged indifferently. “I wasn’t even born at the time. I’m not sure why.”

“But on account of the Seven Star Dragon Abyss Sword, let me tell you. If you want to break through to the Earth Immortal realm, you have to join a grotto-heaven, and our Sima Grotto-heaven is the most suitable.

“With my personal recommendation, after you join us, you will definitely be treated differently. It won’t be a problem for you to become the core.”

Zheng Yongtai patted his chest and promised.

Zhou Shu couldn’t help rolling his eyes in his head. After talking for so long, that’s it?

If it’s just for these reasons, why would I join the Sima Grotto-Heaven?

“Are there any other benefits?” Zhou Shu asked. “For example, letting me reach the Grotto-Heaven realm?”

“What are you thinking?” Zheng Yongtai said angrily. “You have to take it one step at a time when cultivating the Martial Dao. Whoever tells you that you can reach the heavens in a single bound is definitely a liar.”

Zheng Yongtai lectured seriously.

Zhou Shu smiled inwardly. Zheng Yongtai is a little arrogant, but he isn’t a bad person. When he went to Great Xia, he didn’t kill anyone. He has principles.

“I’ll think about it,” Zhou Shu said. “I’m very curious. The grotto-heavens have hidden themselves for many years. Why did they suddenly appear and recruit disciples?”

Zhou Shu looked at Zheng Yongtai. This was what he was most puzzled about. Also, the hidden Demon Kings of the Demon Realm had appeared one after another and suddenly tore the barrier between the two worlds. It was hard to say whether the two were related.

“Let me tell you. This concerns a huge secret that ordinary people will never know,” Zheng Yongtai said mysteriously.

“You know about it?”

“Although I’m not an ordinary person, I don’t know,” Zheng Yongtai said.

Zhou Shu’s face darkened. What was with the mysterious tone then? You made me think you were some big shot.

“This has nothing to do with us,” Zheng Yongtai said. “Little Zhou, it’s not a good habit to bite off more than you can chew. If you want to come into contact with those secrets, you will naturally have a chance when your cultivation increases.”

“But even if you join our Sima Grotto-Heaven and complete your cultivation technique, it’s impossible for you to break through to the Earth Immortal realm without ten years of bitter cultivation. It will take at least fifty years for you to catch up to my cultivation.

“So, don’t even think about asking about those secrets. The right thing to do is to cultivate obediently.”

Zheng Yongtai looked experienced and patted Zhou Shu’s shoulder.

Now that Zhou Shu was in a weakened state, there were no energy fluctuations on his body. Previously, when he fought the demonic beasts, Zheng Yongtai hadn’t arrived. When Zheng Yongtai arrived, Zhou Shu had already stopped fighting.

Therefore, Zheng Yongtai didn’t know that Zhou Shu’s current cultivation was already above his.

In terms of realm, Zhou Shu was already at the peak of the Earth Immortal realm. In terms of strength, Zhou Shu could even fight ordinary Grotto-Heaven experts.

If he encountered a Demon King with the bloodline of a true dragon, his Dragon Binding Technique might be able to kill them.

Zheng Yongtai naturally didn’t know about these things now. He continued, “I invited you because I think you’re pleasing to the eye. Otherwise, when our Sima Grotto-Heaven really opens recruitment to the world, it will be difficult for you to join. What else are you considering?”

“Joining the Sima Grotto-Heaven is not a small matter. I have to understand it clearly,” Zhou Shu said seriously. “Are there only the Sima Grotto-Heaven and the Xu Ling Grotto-Heaven? I think the Xu Ling Grotto-Heaven is quite strong.”

“You’re wrong about that.” Zheng Yongtai shook his head. “The ranking of the Xu Ling Grotto-Heaven is below our Sima Grotto-Heaven’s, and their strength is inferior to ours. Moreover, let me tell you this. You’re a forger. Our Sima Grotto-Heaven has the legacies of forgers. The Xu Ling Grotto-Heaven doesn’t even have a forger. What can you learn if you join them?”

“If they don’t have forgers, won’t I be valued more if I join them?” Zhou Shu said.

Zheng Yongtai: “...”

What you say makes so much sense. How can I refute it?

“You have to look long term,” Zheng Yongtai said. “Let me tell you. Among the grotto-heavens that exist now, our Sima Grotto-Heaven is the strongest. The other grotto-heavens can’t compare to us at all. Even if they temporarily give you some benefits, if you want to go higher and further, who else can compare to us?”

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Zheng Yongtai talked non-stop about the benefits of the Sima Grotto-Heaven, and Zhou Shu believed him.

But he had no intention of joining any grotto-heaven.

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With the Legendary Armament Canon, be it the art of forging and cultivating Martial Dao techniques, he could do so without anyone's help.

Joining a grotto-heaven was completely useless to him.

But Zhou Shu had more or less obtained some information from Zheng Yongtai.

There were indeed more than two left out of the 36 grotto-heavens that Shi Changsheng had mentioned. Moreover, for some reason, these grotto-heavens had been in seclusion, and they only began to appear recently.

Most importantly, the Martial Dao of the Ten Nations Continent had been deliberately modified by these grotto-heavens. The path above the first rank of the Martial Dao had been deliberately cut off by the grotto-heavens!

Zhou Shu didn't know the reason for this yet. If the grotto-heavens were malicious, then there was no need for them to stand out and protect the Ten Nations from the invasion of the Demon Realm. After all, even if the Demon Realm army occupied the Ten Nations Continent, it wouldn't affect the grotto-heavens.

A grotto-heaven was an independent world.

But Zhou Shu didn't understand why they wanted to sever the path above the first rank of the Martial Dao.

Perhaps it was because Zheng Yongtai's status was not high enough that he didn't seem to be able to come into contact with these secrets.

Zhou Shu had a feeling that there might be a huge secret hidden here. This might also be related to the barrier between the Demon Realm and the Ten Nations Continent.

"Hey, Little Zhou, are you listening to me?" Zheng Yongtai extended his hand in front of Zhou Shu and waved it left and right.

"I heard you," Zhou Shu said helplessly. No one had ever called him Little Zhou, but he couldn't fall out with Zheng Yongtai over such a small matter.

Speaking of which, Zheng Yongtai looked young, but his true age was not certain. It was not too much to call him Little Zhou.

"I know how powerful the Sima Grotto-Heaven is, but I still have to consider whether I want to join it or not," Zhou Shu said.

"That's up to you. In any case, I've said what I needed to say. It's your loss if you miss this opportunity," Zheng Yongtai said.

"By the way, I have another question. Is the Heavenly Mountain Villa one of your grotto-heavens?" Zhou Shu suddenly asked.

"Heavenly Mountain Villa? No." Zheng Yongtai said. "There's no such grotto-heaven among the existing sixteen grotto-heavens."

“I’ve also heard of the Heavenly Mountain Villa. I suspect that they’re the descendants of one of the thirty-six grotto-heavens back then, but I don’t know exactly which one.”

Zhou Shu was deep in thought. Zheng Yongtai’s status was indeed not high. He didn’t know any secrets at all.

“Brother Zheng, how many disciples does your Sima Grotto-Heaven have?” Zhou Shu asked a question that Zheng Yongtai should know.

“We have tens of millions of disciples. In addition to their families and servants, there should be more than a hundred million people in the Sima Grotto-Heaven.”

As expected, Zheng Yongtai knew this question.

The number he said shocked Zhou Shu.

Ten million disciples and more than a hundred million people? This number was more than most countries on Earth in Zhou Shu’s previous life. No wonder the grotto-heavens could hide for many years. They formed their own world. With so many people inside, they could also reproduce.

They didn’t need to communicate with the outside world at all.

There were tens of millions of Sima Grotto-Heaven disciples. It was no wonder that they had casually dispatched an army of ten thousand people, and the weakest among them was at least a third-rank martial artist.

From the looks of it, any grotto-heaven was countless times stronger than any of the Ten Nations.

As Zhou Shu pondered, he saw the man who had wanted to chase them away walk over.

“Zheng Yongtai, why are you talking so much to a mortal?” the man said. “How’s the matter of the connate divine weapon I told you about last time? Now that the war has already begun, don’t refuse me anymore!”

“Tang Mao’er¹, I’m not trying to shirk responsibility.” Zheng Yongtai looked at the man. “I can’t satisfy your request. You should find someone else.”

“If others could solve it, would I need to look for you?” The man called Tang Mao’er by Zheng Yongtai looked furious. “Isn’t it just a hundred connate divine weapons? It’s not like I’m not paying. Are you looking down on me by making excuses?”

Tang Mao’er looked like he wanted to fight Zheng Yongtai.

Only now did Zhou Shu realize that he didn’t intentionally speak to Xu Shi in that manner because he had something against him. He spoke to everyone the same way.

Zheng Yongtai was also a cultivator from a grotto-heaven. When Tang Mao’er spoke to Zheng Yongtai, he still looked high and mighty. It was unknown where his arrogance came from. From the looks of it, his cultivation was only about the same as Zheng Yongtai’s.

Moreover, he had a favor to ask of Zheng Yongtai.

Zheng Yongtai had a good temper. He actually didn't kick Tang Mao'er away. He rolled his eyes and said, "A hundred? Tang Mao'er, even if you go bankrupt, you can't afford a hundred connate divine weapons."

"How dare you underestimate me?" Tang Mao'er was furious.

"Am I looking down on you? Do you know what a hundred connate divine weapons means?" Zheng Yongtai said angrily. "Even if all the forgers in our Sima Grotto-Heaven don't do anything but forge, they can't forge a hundred connate divine weapons in a year!"

"You want a hundred now? Are you crazy, or am I?"