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Zi Yuan's face darkened completely. She stopped and looked at David, with a hint of warning in her tone: "Fellow Daoist Chen, you can eat whatever you want, but you can't say whatever you want. The Kingdom of God is the top power in the Sixth Heaven; you can't slander it casually."

"Whether I am slandering you or not, you know it in your heart."

David also stopped, staring intently at Zi Yuan. "The Thunder Sound Bell has been stolen, and the demonic spirit is about to break free. Instead of resolving the crisis, your Divine Nation is still contemplating a marriage alliance with the Divine Temple.

, your Divine Nation is very likely colluding with the Evil Path Palace. You must know that the Evil Path Palace is a renowned institution of evil demonic cultivators. With your skills, how can you truly be considered a top-tier power?"

Zi Yuan's pupils suddenly constricted. She took a sharp step forward, lowering her voice. "How did you know about the Thunder Sound Bell? Who else told you that the Divine Nation was colluding with the Evil Path Palace?"

She had assumed David was merely escorting the princess, but she hadn't expected him to know about the theft of the Thunder Sound Bell and even to be aware of its possible collusion with other forces.

This was information a mere cultivator couldn't possibly possess, unless the forces behind him were truly connected to the theft!

David observed Zi Yuan's nervous expression, a sneer curling his lips. "I know more than you imagine.

Miss Zi, instead of trying to understand my identity, why not consider this: if the demonic spirit truly breaks free from its seal, can your Divine Kingdom still maintain its 'nobility'?"

With that, David ignored Zi Yuan and walked straight ahead.

Zi Yuan stood still, watching David's back, a wave of anxiety welling up in her heart. She was now certain that David wasn't simply here to escort the princess; his purpose was likely related to the Leiyin Bell!

"We must report this to the King as soon as possible!"

Zi Yuan thought to herself. She hurried after David, her eyes growing more alert. "Fellow Daoist Chen, the Divine Kingdom's sacrificial square is just ahead. The King is holding a grand sacrificial ceremony there, praying for the gods' protection. If you wish to see the King, I can take you there."

She decided not to test him further and took David directly to see the King. Since David knew so much, it would be better to let the king decide how to proceed.

After all, his cultivation and intelligence far surpassed hers. David glanced at the sacrificial square ahead. In its center stood a massive statue, crafted entirely of gold and emanating a rich divine energy.

The square was filled with divine monks in ritual robes, slowly kneeling in obeisance to the music of the ritual. "A grand sacrificial ceremony?" David's eyes flashed with a hint of amusement.

"When the demon soul is about to break free from its seal, instead of seeking a solution to the crisis, you're here to pray for divine protection. Your Divine Kingdom is truly devout."

Zi Yuan's expression darkened, but she didn't object. She knew David was telling the truth, but the Divine Kingdom had been passed down for millennia, and the grand sacrificial ceremony was a custom passed down from their ancestors. Even in times of crisis, it couldn't be easily abolished.

The two reached the entrance to the sacrificial square, but were stopped by guards. The leading guard was an eighth-rank cultivator in the Earthly Immortal Realm.

He glanced at David, then at Zi Yuan, and respectfully asked, "Miss Zi, who is this?" "He's the cultivator who brought the princess back. His name is David."

"I'm taking him to see the king," Zi Yuan said. The guard frowned, looking at David with a hint of disdain. "The king is holding a grand sacrificial ceremony, and outsiders are not allowed."

And he's only a first-rank cultivator in the Earthly Immortal Realm. He's unworthy of setting foot on the sacrificial square." Zi Yuan was about to speak, but David preempted her, saying flatly, "Unworthy?"

He stepped forward, and an invisible pressure instantly enveloped the guard. The guard's face suddenly changed. He hadn't expected a first-rank cultivator in the Earthly Immortal Realm to emanate such a powerful aura. He subconsciously tightened his grip on his spear, only to find his body stiffening.

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"How dare you be so presumptuous in front of the sacrificial square?"

The guard gritted his teeth. "This is the most sacred place in the Kingdom of God. How can a mere human cultivator like you be allowed to run wild!"

"Holy?"

David scoffed, raising his hand. A wisp of golden spiritual energy gathered at his fingertips and pointed it at the ground in front of the guard.

With a loud bang, a bottomless crack appeared in the ground. The ground around the crack was covered with spiderweb-like cracks, and a terrifying aura emanated from it.

The guard's face turned pale with fear, and he stumbled back several steps, dropping his spear.

He stared at the crack, his eyes filled with terror—this power was definitely not something a First-Rank Earth Immortal could possess!

"Now, am I worthy enough to enter?"

David looked at the guards, his tone still calm, yet filled with undeniable authority.

The guards trembled, no longer daring to utter a single "no," and quickly made way. "Worthy... Worthy... Fellow Daoist, please come in..."

Zi Yuan watched this scene, her shock deepening.

She finally understood that David had no power behind him; he was a hidden power in his own right. His First-Rank Earth Immortal Realm was likely just a facade he deliberately projected.

The two entered the sacrificial square. The divine cultivators in the square paused their rituals at the sight of David,

Their gazes were etched with confusion and disdain as they looked at this ordinary-looking human cultivator, whose realm was only the First-Rank Earth Immortal Realm, accompanying Zi Yuan's staff.

"Who is that? Why is he with Ziyuan's staff?"

"It seems to be the monk who escorted the princess back. I heard that he is only a first-rank Earth Immortal."

"A first-rank Earth Immortal dares to come to the sacrificial square? This is the most sacred place in the kingdom of God!"

The voices of discussion rose one after another, and the eyes of those gods' monks were full of contempt and disdain.

David paid no heed to this, his gaze fixed on the statue in the center of the square. The statue's face was solemn, a scepter in hand, its body engraved with intricate divine patterns, emanating a rich ripple of divine power.

David unexpectedly sensed a familiarity within these patterns.

The patterns on the statue bore resemblance to those on the Leiyin Bell, both imbued with the power of a seal.

"Miss Zi, what material is the statue of your kingdom of God made of?" David suddenly asked.

Zi Yuan was stunned for a moment, then said, "It's made of 'Divine Meteorite Gold' from the heavens. Divine Meteorite Gold is rich in divine power and is the ideal material for crafting statues. What's wrong?"

"Nothing." David shook his head, pondering inwardly.

Divine Meteorite Gold could contain divine power and could also be used to strengthen the seal. The Thunder Sound Bell has been stolen, and the demonic spirit is poised to break free. Yet, a similar aura of seal emanates from the statue of the Divine Kingdom. Could the Divine Kingdom be connected to the seal of the Thunder Sound Bell?

At this moment, an old man in golden sacrificial garments opened his eyes from the high platform of the sacrificial square.

His hair and beard were white, his face wrinkled, yet he exuded an unfathomable aura, the aura of the human immortal

realm! He was the ruler of the Divine Kingdom, Wu Hao.

David had never imagined that the ruler of the Divine Kingdom would be a human in the immortal realm!

This meant that the Sixth Hall Master of the Divine Temple was no match for this ruler.

Even Taoist Wuji of the Leiyin Temple was no match for Wu Hao.

No wonder the Divine Kingdom was so vast, occupying such a vast expanse of Feng Shui treasures, yet no one else came to compete.

Wu Hao's gaze fell on David, a flash of surprise in his eyes, and then he regained his composure: "Zi Yuan, is this the monk who escorted the princess back?"

Zi Yuan hurried forward and saluted respectfully: "Your Majesty, it is. His name is David, and this time he brought Her Highness the Princess back to the Divine Capital safely."

Wu Hao nodded, his gaze fell on David again, and his tone was calm: "Fellow Daoist David, thank you for sending my daughter back. I wonder if you have any needs this time? The Divine Kingdom will definitely meet your needs."

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David looked directly at Wu Hao with a sharp gaze and said in a deep voice, "Your Majesty, I do have something to ask you. I heard that the Leiyin Bell in Leiyin Temple was stolen. I wonder if this has anything to do with the Kingdom of God?"

Wu Hao's originally peaceful expression suddenly became solemn. He stared at David closely, and a hint of vigilance flashed in his eyes. Then he

questioned: "You are just a first-grade cultivator in the Earthly Immortal Realm, how could you know about the theft of the Leiyin Bell? This is the secret of Leiyin Temple. If it weren't for the top leaders of Leiyin Temple, no one would know about it!"

David met Wu Hao's gaze and said frankly: "To be honest, I am friends with Taoist Wuji of Leiyin Temple, a very good one."

Wu Hao frowned slightly, thought for a moment, and said: "In that case, this is not the place to talk, follow me to the palace to discuss in detail."

After that, he waved his long sleeves and flew towards the palace with David.

Arriving at the inner hall of the imperial palace, Wu Hao dismissed his attendants and said to David with a serious expression, "You know, this Leiyin Bell is of vital importance to Leiyin Temple."

"In fact, the Kingdom of Gods is just like Leiyin Temple. Countless demonic spirits are suppressed underground. And this sacrificial ceremony is to strengthen the divine patterns that suppress the demonic spirits."

"Now that the Leiyin Bell from Leiyin Temple has been stolen, our Kingdom of Gods is also in danger. I have strengthened the defense of the Divine Capital in the past few days."

David's heart trembled and he asked, "Lord, in your opinion, who is involved in the theft of the Leiyin Bell?"

A cold light flashed in Wu Hao's eyes, and he said in a deep voice, "I suspect this matter is related to the Evil Dao Hall. The Evil Dao Hall acts in a secretive way and specializes in shady activities. Moreover, according to my secret investigation, the Sixth Palace Master of the Divine Temple seems to have some connection with the Evil Dao Hall."

"A dignified member of the Divine Clan actually joined forces with those evil demons and heretics. What shameless fellows! The current Divine Temple is no longer what it used to be."

It was clear that Wu Hao was very dissatisfied with the current Divine Temple.

Upon hearing this, David couldn't help but question: "If that's the case, why did the king marry the princess to the son of the Third Hall Master of the Divine Temple? Isn't this a courting disaster?"

Wu Hao sighed and explained, "I had no choice but to do this. I suspected that the Third Palace Master was in collusion with the Evil Dao Palace. He married my daughter to him so that she could take the opportunity to get close to the Third Palace Master and investigate the matter thoroughly. If this is true, the Kingdom of God can take precautions in advance to avoid a catastrophe."

David pondered in his heart and felt that what Wu Hao said was true. It seemed that the Lord of the Kingdom of God was not in cahoots with the person who stole the Leiyin Bell.

He had made up his mind and stood up, saying, "Lord, since that's the case, I will not disturb

you any further. I intend to leave the Divine Kingdom and search for the Evil Dao Palace to see if I can find the whereabouts of the Thunder Sound Bell." Wu Hao quickly

reached out to stop him, saying sincerely, "Fellow Daoist Chen, please stay! Since you have such determination and strength, why not stay and cooperate with our Divine Kingdom?"

The demon souls are about to break free from their seal. If they are allowed to see the light of day, the entire Sixth Heaven will be doomed.

The Divine Kingdom is willing to devote all its resources to investigating the matter of the Thunder Sound Bell with you. We must not let the demon souls be released."

David's heart moved at Wu Hao's earnest gaze.

He knew the gravity of this matter was immense and that it would be difficult to accomplish alone.

With the Divine Kingdom's help, their chances of finding the Thunder Sound Bell would greatly increase.

After a moment's deliberation, he bowed and said, "Since the Lord is so sincere, I agree to stay and fight alongside the Divine Kingdom against this impending crisis!"

A gratified smile crossed Wu Hao's face. He patted David on the shoulder and said, "Excellent! The Divine Kingdom and the Heavenly Realm are fortunate to have Fellow Daoist Chen to help us!"

Seeing David's agreement to cooperate, Wu Hao's eyes lit up with a genuine smile. He knew that while the Divine Kingdom appeared powerful, it was actually plagued by internal and external troubles.

The shadow of the Thunder Sound Bell theft lingered, and the conspiracy between the Divine Temple and the Evil Dao Temple loomed. They desperately needed an unfathomable helper like David.

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"Since Fellow Daoist Chen possesses true talent and knowledge, it's time to let the Divine Nation know your strength and convince everyone,"

Wu Hao pondered. "Ziyuan, take Fellow Daoist Chen to the martial arts arena and have the commander of the Imperial Guards arrange a sparring match. This will allow Fellow Daoist Chen to familiarize himself with the Divine Nation's combat capabilities.

appears to be unrelated text fragments and should likely be omitted.] Ziyuan nodded and gestured to David, "Fellow Daoist Chen, please follow me. The Divine Nation's Imperial Guards are among the top combat forces in the Sixth Heaven, and the martial arts arena is home to the Divine Nation's most elite cultivators."

David didn't refuse; he, too, wanted to ascertain the Divine Nation's true strength.

Cooperation presupposes equality. If everyone in the Divine Nation were like Wei Feng, who only appeared strong on the outside but were weak on the inside, such cooperation would be difficult to achieve.

The two left the palace and headed for the martial arts arena on the west side of the Divine Capital.

The Divine Clan monks along the way, noticing Zi Yuan's respectful attitude towards David and recalling the rumors from the academy about David breaking Wei Feng's arm, looked at David with a touch more awe, no longer the disdain they had previously.

The Divine Kingdom's martial arts arena was far grander than David had imagined. It was paved entirely with black, dark iron stone, the ground engraved with shock-absorbing formation patterns. Dozens of stone pillars inscribed with divine patterns stood along its edges, each topped by a suspended crystal ball to record battle records.

At that moment, hundreds of imperial guards clad in silver armor were training in the arena. Golden spiritual energy crisscrossed the landscape, and the cries of battle were deafening.

"That's the commander of the Imperial Guards, Ao Lie."

Zi Yuan pointed to a burly man in the center of the martial arts arena and introduced him in a low voice. "He's a hybrid of the dragon and the divine, with a cultivation level at the peak of the eighth rank in the Earthly Immortal Realm. His wielding of the 'Sky-Splitting Spear' is unparalleled, and he ranks tenth on the Divine Nation's Martial Arts Ranking

." "Dragon?" David was somewhat surprised. Following Zi Yuan's gaze, he saw Ao Lie, over eight feet tall, with long, cyan hair tied back. His face was resolute, and he exuded a chilling aura.

He was wielding a silver spear, several feet long, directing the Imperial Guards' drills. The tip of the spear occasionally pierced the air, ripping it apart with a sharp, explosive sound.

Ao Lie noticed their gazes and turned. When his eyes landed on David, his brows furrowed.

The cultivator before him was only a first-rank Earth Immortal. His attire was ordinary, and his spiritual energy fluctuations were unremarkable. It was hard to see what made him so special that he could even be accompanied by Zi Yuan's staff. " Master

Zi Yuan, who is this?"

Ao Lie sheathed his silver spear and strode over, his tone tinged with arrogance.

In his opinion, anyone who could catch Zi Yuan's eye must be a cultivator of at least the eighth rank of the Earth Immortal Realm. A "low-level cultivator" like David was unworthy of appearing in the martial arts arena.

"Commander Ao, this is Fellow Daoist David, a distinguished guest invited by the king."

Zi Yuan's tone was flat, but with unquestionable majesty, "The king ordered you to arrange a competition so that Fellow Daoist Chen can see the strength of the imperial guards."

Ao Lie's face showed obvious disdain when he heard this. He looked David up and down and sneered, "Lord Zi Yuan, you are not kidding, are you? Let me compete with a first-grade cultivator in the Earth Immortal Realm? If this gets out, wouldn't people laugh? The face of my Divine Kingdom Imperial Guards can't afford to lose face like this!"

The imperial guards who were training around also looked sideways, and after seeing David's realm, they couldn't help laughing, and the sound of discussion came one after another.

"The commander is right. A first-grade Earth Immortal is worthy of sparring with the commander? He'd probably be killed instantly!"

"I think he's just here to join in the fun. Maybe he got through some backdoor to get brought here by Lady Ziyuan."

"I could beat ten of those bas***s with one hand!"

David remained expressionless, as if oblivious to the taunts.

He knew very well that in a world where strength reigned supreme, verbal arguments were meaningless; only fists could silence them.

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Zi Yuan's face darkened slightly; she knew Ao Lie's temper.

His tenth-place ranking on the martial arts rankings had made him extremely conceited, and he never took cultivators of lower realms seriously.

But she also understood David's strength and immediately said coldly, "Commander Ao, the king has given orders, and you must obey them. If you feel it would be beneath you to spar with Fellow Daoist Chen, send one of your men down to see if

you can." Ao Lie considered it and decided that sending a man would both fulfill the king's orders and preserve his own dignity. He waved to the edge of the martial arts arena, "Shi Hu, come here!"

A burly, fleshy-faced Imperial Guard captain swiftly stepped forward and knelt on one knee, "Commander!"

Although Shi Hu was a seventh-rank Earth Immortal Realm cultivator, renowned for his bravery within the Imperial Guard, even an ordinary eighth-rank Earth Immortal Realm cultivator might not be his match.

"I'll give you a mission,"

Ao Lie pointed at David and said casually, "Spar with this fellow Daoist Chen. Remember, be gentle and don't hurt anyone. He's only a first-rank Earth Immortal cultivator, after all. If anything goes wrong, you won't be able to bear the blame from the king."

"Yes!"

Shi Hu stood up and looked at David with contempt, as if he were looking at an ant ready to be crushed.

He flexed his wrist, his bones crackling, and grinned grimly, "Boy, if you know what's good for you, admit defeat. Otherwise, I'll knock you down and embarrass you."

David glanced at him calmly without saying anything. He walked straight to the center of the martial arts arena and gestured "please" to Shi Hu.

"You don't know what's good for you!"

Shi Hu snorted coldly. With a flash, he pounced like a tiger, clenching his fists. Golden spiritual energy gathered in his fists, forming sharp claws, and with a whistling sound, he struck David's chest.

The punch was powerful and powerful, clearly showing no real holding back. In his opinion, there was no need to go all out against a first-rank Earth Immortal cultivator.

The surrounding imperial guards held their breath. They believed that if David didn't die from this punch, he would be seriously injured. Zi

Yuan, however, remained calm. She had seen the speed with which David had slashed Wei Feng's arm, and knew that Shi Hu's seemingly ferocious punch wouldn't likely injure David at all.

, just as his fist was about to strike David, David suddenly vanished.

Shi Hu's punch missed, startling him. Before he could react, he felt a pain in the back of his neck. A surge of powerful force sent him flying like a kite with its string cut. With a thud, he landed heavily on the black iron stone floor, kicking up a cloud of dust.

"What?"

Ao Lie's eyes flashed with surprise; he hadn't seen David's movements clearly.

Shi Hu struggled to his feet, a look of disbelief on his face

. He touched the back of his neck, feeling a sharp pain. It was clear that if the blow had been just a little harder, his cervical vertebrae would have been broken.

"Boy, you dare to sneak attack!"

Shi Hu roared, lunging again.

This time, he wasn't afraid to be careless. Golden divine patterns illuminated his body, and a spiritual sword condensed in his hand. With a flash of light, he swept towards David.

David remained unhurried, his figure moving like a ghost amidst the flashes of swords. No matter how swift Shi Hu's blades, they couldn't touch the edge of his clothes.

Occasionally, David would throw a punch or a kick, each time precisely landing on Shi Hu's vulnerable spot.

"Bang!" "Snap!" "Ah!"

Screams rang out continuously, and Shi Hu's body was soon covered with scars. David kicked the spiritual sword away.

Finally, David grabbed Shi Hu's wrist and twisted it gently. With a crisp "crack," Shi Hu's arm was broken.

"I lost..."

Shi Hu could no longer hold on and collapsed to the ground, gasping for breath, looking at David with fear in his eyes.