## Martial 3881

Chapter 3881, More Unfortunate Than Fortunate

In the pitch-black darkness, an unknown amount of time passed as the trio were squished inside the sack. Suddenly, a slit of light broke open above them, but it rapidly closed after a moment before any of them could react to it.

Yang Kai wondered, "What does this mean?"

Ma Liu answered, "I don't know. Junior Brother, does anything feel off?"

Yang Kai shook his head, "No!"

"Where's Brother Jiang?" Ma Liu asked again, but he did not get any response. After calling several times, a realization dawned on him, "Brother Jiang is gone."

Yang Kai was also surprised and quickly felt around only to find that Jiang Sheng had indeed disappeared. Thinking about the incident just now, Jiang Sheng had probably been taken out by their abductor.

Ma Liu was a little flustered, "Why did he take Brother Jiang?"

"Don't worry, Senior Brother. Since Senior didn't kill us earlier, he likely has plans for us. We'll know more when Senior Brother Jiang comes back." Although Yang Kai said so, he could not help worrying whether Jiang Sheng would come back alive. From the declaration of the middle-aged man earlier, it was not difficult to infer that he had grievances against Seven Wonders Land. Now that the three of them had fallen into his hands, they were totally under his control, and had no way to escape or fight back.

Ma Liu obviously understood this and felt quite pessimistic despite Yang Kai trying to cheer him up. He secretly regretted taking this job. Initially, he thought it was a good opportunity for him, but now he had gotten into this danger and was not sure if he could survive it.

The space in the sack was not as crowded without Jiang Sheng, and after grumbling for a while, Ma Liu quieted down. Yang Kai tried searching for any flaws in the artifact sack with his Divine Sense, but unfortunately, he found nothing.

After several days, the slit of light cut through the darkness again, the situation was exactly the same as the previous one. The mouth of the sack was swiftly closed right after it opened, so quick that Yang Kai could not react to it at all.

When the darkness settled in again, Yang Kai obviously felt Ma Liu, who had been squeezed together with him in the sack, had vanished. He knew that Ma Liu had been taken out too, leaving only him in the sack space.

Given that Jiang Sheng was not returned, Yang Kai believed that he was more unfortunate than fortunate. Now even Ma Liu had been taken away, and it was unlikely that he could come back. Yang Kai grew anxious at this moment.

He had been quietly searching for the flaws in the artifact these days but unfortunately, he found nothing. The artifact was obviously unusual for it had its own internal space that could accommodate living creatures; however, the size of the space inside was a little strange. It appeared to be able to resize itself. It could fit snugly around one person, but it could also fit three people. However, it felt crowded no matter how many people were thrown into the sack, as if there was a soft barrier surrounding the space.

Before, Jiang Sheng and Ma Liu tried to break the confinement of this sack artifact, but they failed. Since the two Open Heaven Realm Masters had no way to overcome it, Yang Kai believed that he could not break free even if he used his full strength.

He just did not know if the space of this sack had a limit and whether it could be broken.

Anyway, he did not really have a choice in his current situation. He could only try to stuff the sack till it burst and hope for the best. However, it was not too late for him to come up with another idea even if it did not burst. Regardless, it was better than being trapped here waiting to die.

At this point, Yang Kai no longer hesitated and took a deep breath before bellowing, "Dragon Transformation!"

A loud Dragon roar sounded. Golden light radiated brightly in the dark space, and a glimpse of a golden Dragon head flashed and disappeared into Yang Kai's body. Followed by the cracking of his bones, Yang Kai's body swiftly expanded.

100 metres, 300 metres, 500 metres, 1,000 metres...

The surrounding soft barrier tightly bound Yang Kai's massive body, like invisible ropes. Yang Kai was about to spurt blood as he felt extremely uncomfortable, like his whole body was about to be crushed.

However, he endured all kinds of discomfort and continued to expand his body.

\*Kacha...\* Every one of his bones crackled noisily. Hot air sprayed out of Yang Kai's nostrils, and the vitality in his chest surged, filling his throat with a bloody taste.

When he expanded to his limit, which was 2,000 meters, the sack artifact showed no signs of bursting. Yang Kai immediately knew that his attempt had failed.

He was unwilling to give up though and reached out his hand to summon the Azure Dragon Spear. With the fluctuation of the Space Principles, he thrust out his spear with a massive black spot forming at its tip.

Rupture...

Violent energy swirled and the crushing force could not be dispersed inside the confined space. It turned into an attack that covered the entire space, which ultimately rebounded on Yang Kai.

Yang Kai already had a hard time enduring the suffocation of the surrounding force, so with the additional disintegrating rebound force, he could not hold it any longer and spurted a mouthful of blood. As if he was a deflated balloon, his huge body rapidly shrunk as his aura dwindled.

He secretly thought to himself while gritting his teeth, [This really doesn't work. I don't know what the Hell this sack is. There's no way for me to get out. I'm too weak. Only if I was an Open Heaven Realm Master would I have a chance to force my way out.]

Nevertheless, it was extremely difficult to be promoted to the Open Heaven Realm. First of all, one had to condense the Yin, Yang, and Five Elements in order to split Heaven and Earth apart inside one's own body. Yang Kai was lucky to have started off with an excellent beginning when he refined the Immortal Tree to condense his Wood Element.

But having a good start did not mean he could achieve a higher Order Open Heaven Realm. If he wished to achieve his goal, he had to obtain high-Order materials.

However, high-Order materials were not that easy to find or obtain. Yang Kai had no idea when he could break through to the Open Heaven Realm, let alone when he could find the World Tree to repair the damaged Star Boundary.

After having all kinds of absurd thoughts for a while, his disordered aura gradually calmed down. Since he could not get out of trouble himself, he could only observe the situation and react to whatever came his way. Yang Kai secretly prayed that Jiang Sheng and Ma Liu were safe as he sat cross-legged and adjusted his breathing.

A few days later, when the slit of light broke open above him for the third time, Yang Kai was not surprised anymore. An irresistible force caught him, and when he regained his senses, he was no longer in the narrow space, but appeared in the previous cave.

In front of him stood the middle-aged man who, at this moment, had a face as black as the bottom of a pot. Yang Kai had no idea what incident had upset this man for him to be so visibly upset.

A strange smell filled the air, which Yang Kai could not identify precisely, but he did notice a trace of blood odour mixed in with it. Yang Kai looked around with a frown, and his gaze suddenly stopped at a corner of the cave.

Two dead bodies laid over there, one fat and one thin, both were wearing Seven Coloured Robes. Although Yang Kai could not see their faces clearly due to the angle, he could recognize that these two people were Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng, who were dragged out before him. He did not know what happened to them earlier, as although the bodies were intact, they had long lost their vitality.

Yang Kai's heart sank. Although he had long speculated that his two Senior Brothers would not end well, he could not help grieving when he saw it with his own eyes.

"Little brat, what's your name?" The man suddenly asked.

Yang Kai did not want to speak, but he had no choice but to introduce himself. He actually had done it before, but this man probably did not take it to heart.

The man sneered, "You are much bolder than that fat man. I hope you're luckier too."

Yang Kai sighed, "Senior, with your strength, it's a simple matter to kill us. Why bother torturing my two Senior Brothers?" During this short while, he noticed that Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng should have suffered inhuman torture before they died. The blood flowing out of their seven facial orifices were probably the source of the bloody stench in the cave.

The man snorted coldly, "This King doesn't care about torturing them, but this King has a plan that required their cooperation. Too bad, they failed to live up to this King's expectations."

Yang Kai raised his eyes, "May I know what plan Senior has that needs me to cooperate with my life?"

The man looked at him strangely, "Do you want to try?"

"Can I refuse?" Yang Kai looked back at him seriously.

The man shook his head, "No, you can't."

"Then that's enough. Since I can't refuse, I can only cooperate, but before that, please explain to me how I should cooperate with Senior. I guess Senior doesn't want me to follow the footsteps of my two Senior Brothers, right? If so, you won't find any Seven Wonders Land disciples anytime soon."

The man nodded lightly, "You're right. Little brat, you're quite interesting. This King didn't expect there to be people like you in Seven Wonders Land."

Yang Kai took a deep breath, "Actually, I don't really belong to Seven Wonders Land. I barely arrived in Seven Wonders Land half a year ago."

The man sneered, "Do you think this King will believe you?"

Yang Kai shrugged, "This is the fact, whether Senior believes it or not won't change the truth. In any case, please tell me about your plans. If I can, I will try my best to cooperate; after all, I don't want to die."

"It's not up to you to decide whether you can live with just words. It depends on whether you have the ability to survive what comes next." As he remarked this, the middle-aged man took out his hand and turned it over. A delicate wooden box suddenly appeared on his hand that had an obvious aura of a living thing inside of it.

Without hesitation, the man opened the box directly and handed it to Yang Kai, "Swallow it!"

Yang Kai looked at him suspiciously, accepted the box and looked down. Chills ran up his spine as he saw a black centipede with the length of a thumb lying inside quietly. Although he had no clue what it was, anyone could see that it was not a good thing, and he could not imagine what would happen to him if he swallowed it.

At this moment, Yang Kai already knew how Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng died. It was clear that they were tortured to death from swallowing the centipede.

Yang Kai gulped his saliva with difficulty, and looked up at the man, "Senior, what do you mean?"

The man explained, "Swallow it. If you survive, your life will be controlled by this King. This King will need you to do something at that time. But if you die, no more words are needed."

"Senior, is this just to control me?" Yang Kai raised his eyebrows.

"Good."

"Why all the hassle? Senior just needs to implant his Soul Imprint in my Knowledge Sea and it naturally will have the same effect."

The man sneered, "It would work if you hadn't condensed your Dao Seal, but since you have one Dao Seal, as long as your Dao Seal is not destroyed, you can naturally find a way to escape this King's control."

Yang Kai was stunned. This was the first time he heard this. Back in the Star Boundary, it was much easier to control a person. As long as he was strong enough and implanted a Soul Imprint in their Knowledge Sea, he could naturally control them. How could this proven method not work in the Outer Universe?

When Yang Kai thought about it carefully though, he suddenly realized that during the process of condensing his Dao Seal, all his Qi and Spiritual Energy had been amalgamated into his Dao Seal. In other words, for people like him, their Dao Seal was their foundation. If one wanted to completely control such a person, it must be done through their Dao Seal as it was not safe to do so through their Soul alone.

However, looking at the fate of Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng, Yang Kai was truly frightened. Who knew if he would go to Hell to reunite with his two Senior Brothers after swallowing the centipede? However, even the two Open Heaven Realm Masters could not resist it, so how could he?

Yang Kai wanted to say something to stall for time, but the middle-aged man gave him no chance at all. He grabbed his jaw, forced his mouth open, picked up the centipede with his other hand, and stuffed it directly into Yang Kai's mouth. With a slight lift of his hand, the centipede was forced down Yang Kai's throat with a gulp, and Yang Kai did not even have a chance to resist. Only then did he realize how huge the gap was between them.

A scorching feeling slid down Yang Kai's throat into his stomach. Stumbling a few steps backwards, Yang Kai reached out his hand to pound his chest and purge the centipede from his throat, but he failed to do so. He could feel that the centipede, which was motionless in the box, became active after entering his body. It turned into a bundle of pure energy that crashed chaotically everywhere inside him. An unspeakable pain immediately overwhelmed Yang Kai, causing him to scream uncontrollably as his eyes widened like copper bells.

The man backed away and watched coldly from the side, not a single drop of emotion on his face. He did not mean to help at all, as if he was leaving Yang Kai's fate to his own hand.

Inside the cave, Yang Kai screamed in pain endlessly. He had never experienced such unbearable torture in his life as his body kept interchanging between hot and cold. He would feel like he was on fire one moment, only to have his body temperature suddenly plummet in the next, releasing cold air while he shivered violently.

During the tormenting fluctuation between hot and cold, Yang Kai's vitality weakened at a visible rate.

The man showed a hint of gloom in his eyes. Although he had long expected this outcome, he still felt disappointed to see Yang Kai's poor performance. However, it was understandable; after all, the previous two First-Order Open Heaven Realm cultivators did not make it and were tortured to death. How could a little brat who had just condensed his Dao Seal do any better?

However, if he could not find a suitable pawn, he could not proceed to the next part of his plan. He had no idea when he could find another Seven Wonders Land disciple again.

After half a stick worth of incense, Yang Kai started suffocating. Blood flowed out of his seven orifices, exactly like the dead Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng, and his vitality was so weak that his Soul could be extinguished at any time.

The man sighed and turned around to walk out of the cave. He looked into the distance, the flames of vengeance burning in his eyes.

After a long while, the man walked back into the cave again and went straight to Yang Kai. He looked down and watched Yang Kai curled up and enclosed in a thick layer of ice, even his brow and hair had turned snow-white.

After examining him, the man could not help revealing a look of surprise, because he found that the young man who was frozen in front of him was not dead yet. Although his vitality was barely there, he was still holding on, which truly shocked him. In theory, after such a long time, it was impossible for this young man to still be alive even if he had ten lives, but it turned out that he really had not died yet.

Feeling strange about it, the man checked carefully, and soon, his eyes were attracted by the blood flowing out of Yang Kai's seven orifices. The blood was golden and the man clearly felt a surging vitality in it.

He scraped up a drop of the golden blood with his finger, and put it under his nose to sniff it slightly before his expression suddenly changed, "Dragon Blood!"

When he turned to Yang Kai again, the way the man looked at him had suddenly changed. He did not expect that there was a Dragon among the Seven Wonders Land disciples, or that he would be so lucky to catch him.

However, in this way, it could explain why the boy could survive despite his low cultivation and insufficient strength. It was not surprising that the vitality of those with a Dragon Vein has always been strong. They could persist through major injuries for much longer.

The man struggled. Several times, the man wanted to kill Yang Kai to avoid trouble in the future, but he could not do it when he recalled his purpose. It was not easy to capture Seven Wonders Land disciples. For some special reason, he did not dare to get too close to Seven Wonders Land, and had been hiding in this Universe World for so many years. After all those years of waiting, he finally got to capture Ma Liu

and the others, but the two Open Heaven disciples were not competent enough and died under the poison of the Soaring Black Centipede's influence. However, this little brat in front of him may become a useful pawn.

Of course, it would be unfortunate if he could not withstand the torment until the end.

After debating back and forth in his mind for some time, the man made up his mind and continued to observe the situation.

Time passed slowly as Yang Kai laid on the ground in a coma, his near-death condition not recovering while his weak vitality never died out, allowing him to survive under the severe torture.

The man had been quietly paying attention, but when Yang Kai survived for three days, he could not help feeling shocked again. And when he sensed that Yang Kai was still alive five days later, he was pleasantly surprised.

As he recalled, the previous two First-Order Open Heaven Realm cultivators only lasted two and a half days at most.

Seven days later, Yang Kai's weak vitality suddenly began to recover, and all kinds of abnormal reactions after swallowing the Soaring Black Centipede began to subside.

Slowly, his vitality became more and more vigorous, as if a spark had ignited an entire prairie. At one moment, Yang Kai suddenly opened his eyes with lingering fear on his face, gasping for breath.

With his current strength, even though he was in a coma for seven days, Yang Kai still had a trace of mental clarity. He might not know the situation during his coma, but he was aware of everything when he woke up.

He secretly felt lucky to have barely survived this time.

He had no idea what the strange centipede was that he had swallowed. Its violent toxicity rapidly consumed his own vitality. If his vitality was not strong enough, he would definitely have succumbed to death. One of the reasons that he was able to survive was because of the Dragon Vein in his body, which made his vitality much stronger than that of ordinary cultivators. The reason was the work of the Wood Element.

Yang Kai condensed his Wood Element from the essence of the Immortal Tree, and although he lost the ability to resurrect as a result, it greatly enriched his vitality. That was why he was able to sustain the last bit of vitality and stayed alive.

At this moment, Yang Kai clearly felt a centipede-like seal on his Dao Seal. The seal was extremely strange, looking like a living creature wrapped around his Dao Seal. It did not really hinder him in any way, but Yang Kai believed that as long as the man did something, he could destroy his Dao Seal, sending him to the next world.

He laughed wryly in his heart. Now that his life was really controlled by the man, he had no way to resist him but could only obey his orders.

"Good! Very good!" The man revealed a look of pleasant surprise when he saw Yang Kai open his eyes. He reached out his hand to help Yang Kai up, and patted him on the shoulder gently as he grinned, "Little brat, you really didn't disappoint this King."

It sounded like he had high expectations from Yang Kai before.

Although Yang Kai was sober, he was too weak to answer because he had been tortured for so long. Furthermore, knowing that his life was not his own to control anymore in the future, Yang Kai was not in the mood to talk, so he simply nodded.

The middle-aged man did not mind it, and simply laughed, "Little brat, serve this King with all your heart, and after this King has obtained his revenge, he will certainly set you free. By that time, if you're willing to, you can follow this King and have the whole world at your command. Isn't it better than being a Seven Wonders Land disciple?"

Yang Kai rolled his eyes in his heart. Although he did not know what resentment this guy had with Seven Wonders Land, if he wanted to use him for revenge, Yang Kai definitely would be put in danger, and be involved in the calamity. What good would come of that? Nevertheless, he dared not to reveal his thoughts and simply cupped his fists, "This Junior doesn't have such lofty dreams. I just hope Senior will keep his word, fulfil his promise, and set me free in the future."

The man snorted coldly, "Of course this King will keep his word. What? Are you reluctant to let go of your status as a disciple of Seven Wonders Land?"

Yang Kai coughed a few times and answered weakly, "Of course not, Senior. This Junior only entered Seven Wonders Land recently, so I don't really care about my disciple status."

The man looked at Yang Kai suspiciously, but the latter did not seem to be lying; therefore, he simply nodded, "I see. It seems that Seven Wonders Land didn't treat you as one of their own either."

Yang Kai frowned, "Senior, what do you mean?"

The man sneered, "If they treated you as one of their own, why would they harm you!?"

"Harm me?" Yang Kai was puzzled, "If you have something to say, say it clearly. This Junior doesn't understand what you're talking about."

The man replied, "Who was the guy you killed before?"

Yang Kai did not know why this middle-aged man brought up Fang Tai again, but he just answered honestly, "A Worker in Seven Wonders Land, named Fang Tai. He escaped from Seven Wonders Land and this Junior brat was ordered to hunt him down."

"What about these two?" The man pointed his finger at the bodies of Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng.

"These two Senior Brothers were ordered to protect me."

The man chuckled strangely, "Protect you? I don't think so. I'm afraid they're here to monitor you."

Chapter 3883 – Scapegoat

"Is that a problem?" Yang Kai frowned. Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng were Open Heaven Realm Masters after all. The mission was just to chase down Fang Tai, and it was excessive of Du Ru Feng to have them serve as Yang Kai's protectors. Yang Kai was aware that they were keeping a lookout over him.

The man chuckled, "Didn't you feel something wrong when you killed that Fang Tai?"

"Wrong?" Yang Kai was getting more and more confused, and became impatient, "What does Senior want to say? Please be direct."

"Let me show you something first." As he spoke, the man formed a seal before his thumb slowly pressed down between Yang Kai's eyebrows. Yang Kai instinctively wanted to evade it, but when he remembered that his life was in the hands of another, he stopped resisting as it was futile regardless.

The moment the man's thumb was pressed on Yang Kai's forehead, an invisible force overwhelmed him. Yang Kai's body wobbled for a moment as if his Soul had left his body, and his vision was suddenly extended backward.

It was a notably strange feeling. He was still standing in the same place, but his perspective was now all wrong, and when he looked up, Yang Kai's face changed, because he could see a layer of faint Black Qi fluttering on the surface of his body like a mist.

Yang Kai was stunned, he had never noticed it before. It was obviously the work of the man's Secret Technique that allowed him to see some hidden things.

The man grinned meaningfully and slowly retracted his big hand, allowing Yang Kai to immediately return to his normal state. Yang Kai hurriedly asked, "What was that?"

He looked at his raised hands, but he could not see anything anymore. He scanned himself with Divine Sense, and found nothing abnormal. It was as if the black fog did not exist at all, but what he saw earlier was definitely not an illusion.

"That Fang Tai probably had some kind of tracker on him." The man snorted softly, "A Master implanted a seal on him, one that activated if anyone killed him, leaving behind a distinctive mark. This mark is very well hidden, and unless one's strength exceeds that of the one who made it, it would be impossible to identify. The reason why this King knew of it is because he saw you killing that Fang Tai."

"A seal..." Yang Kai was stunned.

The man sneered, "In this way, if that Master ever met you in the future, he would know that you killed his Junior, and he would not spare you easily."

After a pause, he continued, "With Seven Wonders Land's capabilities, why would they need to put in so much effort to kill a traitor? Why do you think they sent you to do the dirty job? Think about it."

Yang Kai's expression changed as many thoughts flashed through his mind and he quickly grasped the crux of the matter, "Seven Wonders Land has long known that Fang Tai had such a seal implanted on him?"

The grin on the man's face did not fade away, "This King can't say for certain, but that is the most likely answer. Seven Wonders Land probably did not want to provoke that Master, so they made you a scapegoat by sending you to kill that boy. Now, they'll surely find a way to eliminate you, and they will be able to avoid all calamities."

Yang Kai was taken aback, murmuring, "No wonder..."

Yang Kai had found the whole situation suspicious from the start. Seven Wonders Land was overlaid with powerful Grand Arrays, so how could a trivial Worker like Fang Tai escape? He thought it was Du Ru Feng's way to create a chance for him to contribute a merit by deliberately letting Fang Tai go, but now it seemed like he was released on purpose not for Yang Kai to make a contribution, but to not let Fang Tai die in Seven Wonders Land, so as not to be traced in the future.

No wonder he was promoted to be a Seven Wonders Land disciple so easily. It turned out that he was not appreciated by Du Ru Feng at all and was always intended to be a scapegoat.

Yang Kai did not doubt the words of the man in front of him as this man already had total control of his life or death. There was no need to lie to Yang Kai for something like this, and what Yang Kai saw with his own eyes was absolutely not wrong.

When he finally understood the big picture, Yang Kai gritted his teeth silently, [Good, Du Ru Feng. I helped you to harvest the Scarlet Clouds Golden Flame, but in the end, you chose to frame me like this? All the previous favours and promotions were just a show!]

Although he had no sense of belonging in Seven Wonders Land and held no real gratitude towards Du Ru Feng, Yang Kai was still a little annoyed at being used by others.

He suddenly recalled that when they were still in Venerable Protector Duan Hai's Small Universe, Fang Tai had once taken out a Faith Token and said that it was given to him by a Senior from Black River World. The seal on Fang Tai should have been implanted by that same Black River World Senior.

Although it was a vast universe, and there may not be a chance to ever meet the Senior expert of Black River World, one should always take precautions. There could be an unfortunate day when Yang Kai would bump into that Master. If that really happened, he wouldn't even know why and how he was killed. Yang Kai could not help asking, "Senior, how can I dispel this mark?"

The man smiled, "Unless one's strength exceeds that of the one who put down the seal, there is no way to disperse it."

"Can Senior do it?"

"Regardless of whether this King is capable of doing it or not, even if I am, why would this King help you?"

There was nothing wrong with what he said. The two of them had no relationship whatsoever. As unpleasant as it sounded, he was the man's slave now, so why would he bother to help Yang Kai to dispel that mark?

The man spoke again, "But don't worry, as long as you can help this King with his great revenge, then this King will satisfy you with whatever you want."

Yang Kai gritted his teeth, "Since they started this, I will respond in kind. Feel free to give me any orders, Senior."

"Very good!" The man laughed loudly. Although Yang Kai would definitely not dare to resist since he was subdued by the Soaring Black Centipede, it was still pleasing to know that Yang Kai was willing to help; otherwise, why would he tell Yang Kai these things?

"By the way, I still don't know Senior's honoured name!" Yang Kai cupped his fists.

"This King is surnamed Xu!" The man replied lightly.

"Then what is the grudge between Old Xu and Seven Wonders Land?" Yang Kai asked curiously.

Old Xu snorted coldly, "Don't ask what you don't need to know, just do your job properly."

"Then what does Old Xu want me to do? This Junior's cultivation is low, and I'm afraid that I am not capable of helping Old Xu. If I were to mess up Old Xu's important affairs, this Junior would deserve to die a thousand times."

Old Xu grinned again, "You can help me by just wearing this Seven Coloured Robe. Since you just received this King's Secret Technique, cultivate and rest for two days first; this King will come back and fill you in with the details after that."

Yang Kai could not protest, and although he was very curious, he could not ask anymore, so he cupped his fists and made another request, "Old Xu, Junior would like to make a request."

"Speak!"

Yang Kai pointed to the side, "I want to bury their bodies."

Old Xu looked at him coldly, "You are very affectionate and righteous."

Yang Kai shook his head, explaining, "These two were only ordered to supervise me. I don't think they knew anything about the situation, and they have also taken good care of me along the way. Now that they are dead, they should at least be buried properly."

"Do as you please." Old Xu did not seem to be fazed by Yang Kai's gesture and left the cave after responding with a flick of his sleeves, soon disappearing, completely unworried about Yang Kai trying to escape.

Yang Kai sighed, feeling downcast. It seemed like nothing had gone well since he came to the Outer Universe. First, he was brought into Seven Wonders Land to be a Worker and was soon involved in the dramas of others; now Old Xu had taken control of his life, turning Yang Kai into his pawn. Although he did not know how Old Xu wanted to take revenge, Yang Kai could tell he was at least a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Master, and what good could he get if he got himself involved in such a Master's scheme?

If Yang Kai did not come up with a solution, he might really end up dying soon.

The only fortunate thing now was Yang Kai still held some value to Old Xu, so he would not need to worry about his safety for the time being, though Seven Wonders Land would be difficult to deal with.

Since Old Xu wanted to use him, Yang Kai had to return to Seven Wonders Land by himself. How was he going to explain the death of Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng? It did not seem sensible that the two First-Order Open Heaven Masters died, but he was still alive.

Yang Kai's head began to ache, so he stopped thinking about it and instead walked over to the bodies of Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng before sighing, "You two have each other, and probably won't feel lonely on the road to the Yellow Springs. Hopefully you will bless this Junior Brother to turn misfortune into fortune."

Yang Kai did not have a bad impression on these two Senior Brothers. As he told Old Xu before, Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng must have been clueless about the arrangements of Seven Wonders Land. They were just ordered to supervise him during the mission and to make sure Fang Tai died at Yang Kai's hand.

The two of them had treated him well during the entire journey. Now that they were dead at the hands of Old Xu, Yang Kai had no ability to avenge them, so the only thing he could do was to give them a proper burial.

He took the bodies out of the cave, searched for a nice location that was close to the mountains and water, dug two large pits, and buried them.

Of course, Yang Kai had taken both of their Space Rings.

Not only theirs but also Fang Tai's.

The cave was too stuffy, so Yang Kai flew directly to a nearby mountain, sat cross-legged on a boulder, and examined the Space Rings.

After some inspection, he found that Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng were dirt poor. Apart from some artifacts, there were only a few hundred Open Heaven Pills in each of their Space Rings.

Hundreds of Open Heaven Pills were a huge number for a Worker, but not for an Open Heaven Realm Master. The fact that these two were First-Order Open Heaven Masters, but only had such minimal savings, proved that they were not doing well in Seven Wonders Land.

It made sense though. After they reached the Open Heaven Realm, they surely would find ways to improve their Order, and to do so, they would need to consume large quantities of Open Heaven Pills over a long period of time. They probably consumed most of the Open Heaven Pills they owned, and it was good enough that they even had a few hundred left.

The grade of their artifacts were also mediocre. Uninterested, Yang Kai took the Open Heaven Pills, and threw away everything else, including the Space Rings, so as not to be found out later.

Chapter 3884 – Six Fated Paths Bag

There was nothing much in Fang Tai's Space Ring. Other than some special local products brought out from his Universe World, there were only about ten Open Heaven Pills, which was completely insignificant to Yang Kai.

The only thing he cared about was a Jade Token. It was the size of a palm, crystal clear, and had no other colour. Something like a small fish swam around inside like a living creature.

This was what Fang Tai showed to Duan Hai before. It was a Faith Token given to him by his Senior from Black River World. Yang Kai had no idea what the function of this Faith Token was. He initially wanted to throw it away, but after thinking about it for a while, he decided to keep it with him, but he did not dare to put it into his Space Ring, so he just threw it into the Sealed World Bead.

With the Sealed World Bead being its own independent world, Yang Kai believed that the Great Expert of Black River World would not be able to trace the Faith Token.

He turned to look around. The mountains and plains were all quiet so he swept his Divine Sense around him and found no trace of Old Xu, wondering where he went. However, he did not think about escaping. Since Old Xu dared to leave him here, he obviously was not afraid of him running away.

Yang Kai sat cross-legged and began examining himself. He soon saw the centipede seal wrapping around his Dao Seal. The seal was like a living creature. Yang Kai tried to surge his power, and felt no obstruction. He tried to exert a little more force on the centipede seal, but beyond his expectation, the centipede seal immediately fastened itself onto his Dao Seal, and Yang Kai felt that he was going to be crushed to pieces in an instant. He was drenched in sweat from the terror, and immediately stopped his action.

However, in this way, he confirmed that he could not remove the centipede seal with his current strength. Given that Old Xu should be at least a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, he definitely would not use a simple thing to subdue him that could be dispelled easily. Yang Kai could only curse him secretly as he began healing himself.

Yang Kai consumed a lot of strength when the centipede entered his body, and although he was no longer in life-threatening danger, he was still extremely feeble.

Three days later, Yang Kai, who was meditating, suddenly noticed something different. When he opened his eyes, he saw Old Xu standing in front of him, looking at him quietly.

Yang Kai hurriedly got up, "Old Xu!"

Old Xu nodded and remarked faintly, "Seems you're well-behaved. With your current strength, if you had forcefully tried to break the shackles of Soaring Black Centipede, I'm afraid you would've died already."

Cold sweat beaded on Yang Kai's forehead; he was a bit embarrassed to admit that he had tried, but only stopped because he was too powerless to overcome it. As such, he changed the topic, "Old Xu, what can this Junior do for you?"

After being subdued that day, Yang Kai did not have the chance to ask Old Xu about what kind of plans he had for him before the latter disappeared. All Yang Kai knew was that Old Xu had a feud with Seven Wonders Land and must be looking for revenge.

"This King wants you to take him into Seven Wonders Land."

Yang Kai smiled wryly, "Old Xu, even this Junior doesn't know how to go back now. How can I take you into Seven Wonders Land?" It was not really that Seven Wonders Land could not be found, for Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng had a type of beacon that pointed towards Seven Wonders Land.

Furthermore, even if Yang Kai did not know the direction, Old Xu must know the location of Seven Wonders Land. But what worried Yang Kai was how he should explain the death of Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng when he returned alone?

As if he knew what Yang Kai was thinking, Old Xu assured faintly, "Don't worry. After you go back, just say that you met a Wandering Space Beast, and those two were accidentally eaten."

Yang Kai was speechless, wondering how it was possible for him to pull off with such a simple excuse. He would definitely suffer if Seven Wonders Land found out he was lying, and it was obvious that Old Xu did not care about his safety.

"But Old Xu, how can this Junior bring you into Seven Wonders Land?" Yang Kai questioned unwillingly, "Seven Wonders Land is surrounded by a powerful Grand Array. It shouldn't be a problem for this Junior to go back alone, but if I appear with another person, I'm afraid I won't be able to pass inspection and we will be exposed."

Old Xu casually threw something at Yang Kai. Yang Kai caught it, looked down, and found that it was the cloth sack that captured him, Ma Liu, and Jiang Sheng previously.

"This Six Fated Paths Bag is quite the mysterious artifact, one this King only obtained by luck. If you bring this back with this King hiding inside of it, we can pass through the Grand Arrays of Seven Wonders Land safely."

Yang Kai gulped. He had experienced the power of Six Fated Paths Bag before. It was certainly not an ordinary artifact, because even the two First-Order Open Heaven Realm Masters, Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng, had no way to get out of it. But now, Old Xu actually passed the Six Fated Paths Bag to him, and wanted to be put into the bag?

Yang Kai's heart could not help beating rapidly.

Old Xu sneered, "Since this King dares to deliver you this artifact, I am certainly not afraid of you using it against me. If you don't believe me, you can try."

Yang Kai hurriedly explained, "I dare not. Old Xu misunderstands me. I just felt that the power of this artifact is incredible and was a little excited when I first came into contact with it. This Junior would not dare have an ill intent towards Old Xu."

"You better." Old Xu said indifferently, "I'll pass you a Soul Secret Technique later. You just need to circulate it slightly and you will be able to control this bag in cooperation with this King."

"Yes!" Yang Kai replied respectfully, "With the help of this artifact, there must be no problem entering Seven Wonders Land. But Old Xu, what about after getting into Seven Wonders Land? What should this Junior do?"

"What can you do with your current strength?" Old Xu sneered at him disdainfully, "As long as you take this King into Seven Wonders Land, your task is complete. You don't need to do anything else. This King will deal with it!"

Yang Kai was relieved, but at the same time, secretly terrified. Listening to Old Xu's words, it seemed that as long as he could get into Seven Wonders Land, he had the confidence to obtain his revenge. There were a lot of Open Heaven Realm Masters in Seven Wonders Land. Apart from the Seven Wonders Land Heavenly Monarch who was a Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, the seven Venerable Protectors were all Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Masters. Besides them, there must be other Third-Order or Second-Order Open Heaven Realm Masters. How could Old Xu still have such great confidence in facing countless powerful enemies alone? Yang Kai could not help wondering what Order of Open Heaven Realm Old Xu was. Could he be a Sixth-Order? Or possibly even higher...?

Only people with such strength would not put the entire Seven Wonders Land in their eyes. It seemed that Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng were wrong about their previous speculation regarding Old Xu's strength. He was definitely an Open Heaven Realm Master that was higher than Fourth-Order.

After worrying for so long, it turned out that Old Xu just wanted Yang Kai to smuggle him into Seven Wonders Land. Yang Kai was speechless, but after thinking about it carefully, this matter really required a trustworthy person to work with; otherwise, a snitch could easily ruin Old Xu's great plan in Seven Wonders Land. Therefore, the Soaring Black Centipede was obviously a part of the plan to prevent this.

At this point, Yang Kai did not have the ability to resist, for his life was totally in Old Xu's hands. He had no choice but to agree with him with a nod.

After that, Old Xu really passed a Soul Secret Technique to him, and personally assisted him in refining the Six Fated Paths Bag. It took only half a day for Yang Kai to master opening and closing this artifact.

However, that was all he could do. He could not use the Six Fated Paths Bag against an enemy at all.

"All right, let's go." Old Xu was obviously well prepared, and he only needed a carrier. After that, without waiting for Yang Kai's reaction, he grabbed him and soared into the sky. In mid-air, he drew the wooden sword he was carrying and had it transform into a massive sword light before charging swiftly in a certain direction.

There were no references around Yang Kai, so he could not tell how fast their speed was; however, Yang Kai felt that Old Xu was much faster than Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng.

After travelling for three days, the sword light suddenly stopped and Old Xu instructed, "Little brat, you have to travel the rest of the way yourself. With your strength, you probably need another three days to return to Seven Wonders Land. When you enter Seven Wonders Land, you can find a remote place to release this King." After ordering, he continued faintly, "Don't try to play any tricks, otherwise you will suffer the consequences."

"Don't worry, Old Xu. I'll take you into Seven Wonders Land safely and secretly."

Yang Kai formed a seal with his hands and opened the Six Fated Paths Bag, which Old Xu dove into himself. After that, Yang Kai closed the mouth of the bag, stuffed it into his pocket, and continued to move forward.

Just as Old Xu remarked, Yang Kai saw Seven Wonders Land in the distance after three days. Without delay, he flew straight ahead. During the journey, Yang Kai had already made himself look miserable. His clothes were messy, and he also ruthlessly palmed himself several times until he spurted blood and weakened his aura.

After another half day, he finally reached the border of Seven Wonders Land. It was Yang Kai's first time returning to Seven Wonders Land from the outside, so he had no idea how to get in. He shouted loudly, but there was no response from the inside, probably because they could not hear him. He stood in place and scratched his head for a long time before he came up with an idea. He took out his disciple token from his Space Ring, sent his energy into it, and then thrusted it directly into the fog in front of him.

It turned out that this was the right method as, soon after the token disappeared, the fog in front of him split to both sides, revealing a path forward. Yang Kai flashed in and soon, he came to the huge gate. In front of the gate, two disciples donned in Seven Coloured Robes stood guard on either side, each holding swords, looking majestic.

Seeing Yang Kai, they revealed a suspicious look, "Junior Brother, which Spirit Land disciple are you? Why haven't I seen you before?"

Yang Kai cupped his fists, "Reporting to Senior Brother, I am from Fire Spirit Land and was just promoted from a Worker to a Common Disciple, so it's natural for two Senior Brothers to not have seen me before."

The two men exchanged looks, and one of them stated, "Wait a moment."

As he spoke, he took out a round bead, which seemed to be a communication artifact.

A moment later, the man looked up at Yang Kai, and nodded gently, "Are you Junior Brother Yang Kai?"

"Yes!"

Only then did the man step aside, and return Yang Kai his disciple token, "Go in, Senior Brother Du asked you to see him immediately."

"Many thanks, Senior Brother!" Yang Kai took the token and passed through the gate. His vision blurred for a moment before he appeared in Seven Wonders Land. He lightly sensed around himself, and found that the Six Fated Paths Bag was still in his pocket. Seeing how nothing happened, he finally felt relieved.

However, it was not the proper moment to release Old Xu, so Yang Kai could only delay the matter. He identified the direction and moved towards Fire Spirit Land, preparing himself to see Du Ru Feng first.

Yang Kai clenched his teeth with hatred while thinking about this. Although he knew that Duan Hai must be the one who made the call to use him as a scapegoat, he was still disgusted by all the fake kindnesses and favour that Du Ru Feng had shown to him.

Chapter 3885 – Afteraction Report?

Yang Kai flew straight to the hall which he had gone to when he first arrived in Fire Spirit Land as he guessed that Du Ru Feng should be living there.

In fact, Du Ru Feng really lived there. From a distance, Yang Kai saw a familiar figure donned in white standing in front of the hall, waiting quietly. Who else could it be if it was not Du Ru Feng?

After landing, Yang Kai cupped his fists, "Senior Brother, fortunately I did not fail my mission. I have the traitor's head here with me!" While talking, he took out Fang Tai's head.

Du Ru Feng took a glance, and confirmed that it was Fang Tai's head. He tilted his head slightly, and a woman dressed as a maid behind him immediately went forward to collect the head. Du Ru Feng then stretched out his hand to hold Yang Kai's shoulder and complimented, "Well done, Junior Brother."

Curious, however, Du Ru Feng looked behind him and asked, "Why are you alone? Where are Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng? Didn't they go out with you? Why are they not here?"

Yang Kai immediately put on a depressed face and replied, "Senior Brother, you have no idea. Everything was going so well, but suddenly, on the way back, we met a strange beast, and two Senior Brothers...

Two Senior Brothers tragically died. Junior Brothers was unable to avenge them, and almost could not make it back. It took a lot of effort for me just to find the way home."

"A strange beast? What kind of beast was it?" Du Ru Feng frowned.

Yang Kai thought carefully and proceeded, "I've never seen it before, but I heard two Senior Brothers say it was a Wandering Space Beast!"

"What did it look like?" Du Ru Feng questioned again.

Yang Kai quickly described it. Fortunately, he thought of this earlier and inquired about it to Old Xu. Otherwise, he would not be able to answer this question, because he just came to the Outer Universe and did not have a chance to see a Wandering Space Beast yet.

After listening to Yang Kai's description, the doubt in Du Ru Feng's eyes gradually disappeared. Since Yang Kai was able to describe the beast so vividly, Du Ru Feng believed that he must have seen it with his own eyes, and patted him on his shoulder, "Wandering Space Beasts are strong, and can appear anywhere. It is really dangerous to bump into them in the Outer Universe. Junior Brother must be extremely lucky to escape from it."

"But Senior Brother Ma and Senior Brother Jiang..." Yang Kai's eyes turned red.

Du Ru Feng sighed, "That is their fate. Junior Brother, don't be sad. You must be tired, go back and have a rest first."

"Yes!" Yang Kai nodded. After getting into Old Xu's mess, he was no longer interested in asking about a promotion to Orchard Manager. Now that he had brought Old Xu into Seven Wonders Land, who knew how long he could be a Manager here? Perhaps, Old Xu was going to take revenge in just a few days. Although Yang Kai was clueless about Old Xu's strength and whether he could succeed, there was no way he could stay in Seven Wonders Land for long regardless of the result. It was better for him to find a way to get out of this place as soon as possible.

Du Ru Feng mentioned it himself despite Yang Kai's silence, "It will be a new month in a few days. I'll go to the orchard at that time and announce your promotion to Fire Spirit Land."

"Many thanks, Senior Brother!" Yang Kai hurriedly put on a joyful look, "This Junior Brother will take his leave now."

Du Ru Feng nodded.

Yang Kai turned around and left, but after just a few steps, Du Ru Feng laughed from behind, "Junior Brother, where are you going?"

[Does he want to kill me now?] Yang Kai looked back and carefully concealed the vigilance in his eyes, "Didn't Senior Brother ask me to go back and rest for a few days?"

"Now that you are wearing a Seven Coloured Robe, you are considered a Seven Wonders Land disciple. You should go to the Personnel Hall to settle your affairs and register first.

Yang Kai patted his head, "I forgot."

Du Ru Feng slanted his head to the side, "Xiao He, go with Junior Brother."

"Yes!" The previous maid answered.

Under the guidance of the woman named Xiao He, Yang Kai reached the Personnel Hall. He went in to register, and received several sets of new clothes with a cheerful face.

Xiao He then stated, "Sir Yang is truly lucky. Even after serving Sir Du for so many years, it is Xiao He's first time seeing a Worker be promoted to a Common Disciple in only half a year."

Yang Kai cupped his fists towards the direction of the previous hall before replying, "It is all thanks to Senior Brother Du." He continued after a pause, "By the way, Sister Xiao He, where should I live now?"

Xiao He chuckled, "You can live wherever Manager Zhou used to live."

"So it's still the Worker's Room!" Yang Kai snapped his fingers; however, Zhou Zheng's residence must be different from that of an ordinary Worker's hut. The place should be bigger and have a better environment, but since he had not been there yet, Yang Kai was not sure for the time being.

"Then Sir, please go back and have a rest. I must return to report on my task." Xiao He bowed elegantly. Although she served Du Ru Feng, she was not a Seven Wonders Land disciple. Yang Kai guessed that she had been a Worker before, and Du Ru Feng kept her with him because of her beauty.

"Thank you, Sister Xiao." As Yang Kai spoke, he slipped a few Open Heaven Pills to her.

Xiao He took the pills without refusing. She glanced at him with a smile, turned around, and soared into the sky, leaving Yang Kai to make his way to the Worker's Room alone.

He arrived at the Worker's Room shortly but the whole village was empty. All the Workers had gone to the orchard, so there was no one there.

Yang Kai did not return to his original residence, for there was not much for him to pack up there anyway, and instead went straight to the largest building.

This was where Zhou Zheng used to live, but it was his now. After checking both inside and outside of the building to make sure that there was no one around, Yang Kai secretly opened all the barriers, hid in a secret room, and released Old Xu.

"Not bad, little brat." Old Xu was not surprised by the environment when he appeared. It seemed that even if he was held in the Six Fated Paths Bag, he was aware of Yang Kai's recent activities. While speaking, he claimed the Six Fated Paths Bag back.

Yang Kai cupped his fists, "Old Xu, I have completed your orders. There's nothing I can do for you now, so I wish Old Xu good fortune and swift success."

Old Xu chuckled, "Don't worry. I'll keep my promise that you will not be involved in the rest of the matter. Just stay alive."

Yang Kai turned solemn, "This Junior is truly worried; after all, Old Xu is all alone. Although this Junior hasn't been here for very long, I do know that there are a lot of Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters in Seven Wonders Land. How sure is Old Xu that he will succeed in taking revenge this time?"

"Hmph!" Old Xu glanced sideways at him, "Since this King dares to come, he is naturally well prepared."

"Then I'm relieved."

Old Xu quickly departed. Yang Kai sent him off and before he could close the door, he saw Ruler of the Dawn Great General strutting proudly from the other end of the village, the golden light emitted by him as dazzling as ever.

Yang Kai was unsure if it was because the Great General could sense his aura, but it walked straight to him and eyed him appraisingly.

Yang Kai felt a little anxious, wondering if Great General had seen anything just now.

Great General obviously had the ability to understand Human speech, but because he was proud and aloof, he did not bother to communicate with others. After all, the Great General was still the Venerable's pet so Yang Kai would be in great trouble if Great General reported to the Venerable.

But on second thought, since Great General already appeared in front of Yang Kai, he probably would not report him even if it saw something. Sometimes, Yang Kai had no idea whether this stupid chicken was truly stupid or not.

He let the Great General into the house and then ignored him as he paced back and forth inside with his hands folded behind his back, trying to come up with a way out of this mess for the future. Since Old Xu came to take revenge, Seven Wonders Land would definitely undergo a great upheaval. As such, it was the best time now for him to leave this place of trouble so as to avoid being involved.

However, Yang Kai did not have an excuse to leave. Without Du Ru Feng's instructions or other legitimate reasons, he could not go out at all, and he really could not come up with anything.

By counting the days, Yang Kai estimated that there was still some time before the end of this month. This outdoor trip truly had delayed him a lot.

Yang Kai felt suffocated being alone in the house, so he decided to get some fresh air outside and flew towards the orchard. Without saying a word, Great General followed him and perched on his head as usual.

After entering the orchard, he went to meet Old Fang.

Old Fang's face paled when he saw him and hurriedly pulled Yang Kai into his hut, "Damn brat, are you courting death? Where did you get the clothes? How dare you simply wear them? Quickly take them off!"

As he spoke, he tried to rip off Yang Kai's robes.

Yang Kai raised his hand to stop him, "Why should I take them off? I'm a disciple of Seven Wonders Land now. What's the problem with wearing this?"

Old Fang's eyes were as wide as an ox's now, "Have you lost your mind?" It was not that he did not believe Yang Kai, but rather that it was too hard to accept. Even if Yang Kai had made great contributions, how was it possible for him to be promoted to Seven Wonders Land disciple when he was only here for a short time?

"I'm too lazy to explain to you!" Yang Kai sat down, looking disgruntled.

Old Fang looked at him for a long time, and started again, "Are you really a Seven Wonders Land disciple now?"

"Nonsense, if I weren't promoted, why would I dare to wear this coming from the outside? I would have been killed on the spot by those Seven Wonders Land disciples before reaching here."

It made sense to Old Fang when he thought about it. The robe was not something that could be taken lightly, and Yang Kai would not be stupid enough to risk his life by wearing it. Furthermore, Yang Kai would not be able to get this robe if Seven Wonders Land did not distribute it to him.

[Did he really become a Seven Wonders Land disciple?]

Old Fang's eyes were suddenly shining with admiration, "You're great, Little Brother..." After that, he slapped his mouth and cupped his fists, "Sir Yang is a young rising star. You're truly impressive. You have the admiration of this Old Master."

Yang Kai looked up at him and could not help rolling his eyes, "On top of that, I will take over the position of Orchard Manager."

"Manager!?" Old Fang's eyes almost popped out of its sockets, "Are you being serious?"

Yang Kai knocked on the table, Old Fang received his signal and quickly poured him some tea. Yang Kai took a sip of the tea and proceeded softly, "After a few days, Senior Brother Du will announce the news. I'm here just to give you a heads-up so that you're prepared for it."

Old Fang was overwhelmingly exhilarated, "Little Brother, you've had great success. You should take care of your Big Brother in the future."

Yang Kai let out a long sigh, not knowing what to say, because Old Xu was a matter of secrecy. Therefore, he just nodded, "Don't worry, I'll try my best to take care of you."

Old Fang burst into tears of gratitude.

Yang Kai left Old Fang and went to meet Dié You. Like Old Fang, Dié You was flabbergasted and could not believe him. She kept trying to take off his clothes too, until Yang Kai had no choice but to flee, hoping that she would believe it after the announcement in a few days.

Chapter 3886 – The Plot Is Revealed

A few days later, the orchard closed down and all the Workers returned to the Worker's Room. Dié You and Old Fang went straight to Yang Kai's house, but they could not find him. After they contacted each other, they learned that Yang Kai was in the Manager's Room where Zhou Zheng lived before.

They did not doubt him anymore. Since Yang Kai dared to live in the Manager's Room, he definitely had the authority. Furthermore, someone had been spreading the news among the Workers that Yang Kai was taking up the position of Orchard Manager.

Both Old Fang and Dié You swore that they did not leak anything. As such, Yang Kai guessed that Du Ru Feng must be the person behind it, in order to get everyone ready for the announcement in a few days, so that it would not be too abrupt for them.

Yang Kai would go to the shopping district to collect worms from various Spirit Lands every month, feeling completely motivated. However, because of the matter of Old Xu now, he was not in a mood anymore. For the whole day, he was dreadfully anxious, fearing that he would be implicated when the battle started in Seven Wonders Land.

He started a promising business with the aid of Great General, but now it seemed that it was not meant to last long.

He was demotivated, so he asked Dié You and Old Fang to go to the shopping district by themselves. After all, Yang Kai did not have many Open Heaven Pills left after buying the Third-Order Stainless Golden Dew for Dié You, and he needed them to pay for it anyway.

Dié You and Old Fang could not understand why Yang Kai seemed depressed after being promoted to a Seven Wonders Land disciple and taking over the position of Orchard Manager, but it was inappropriate for them to ask in detail. Therefore, they left and went to the shopping district to negotiate with the agents of the six other Spirit Lands.

Not long after the two left, a Worker came to visit Yang Kai.

Yang Kai did not know his name, and had never even met him before.

Seeing that Yang Kai was living in the Manager's Room and wearing a Seven Coloured Robe, it was obvious that the news spread around was not just a groundless rumour.

Since the person-in-charge had changed, the Workers at the bottom of the pyramid naturally wanted to build a good relationship with Yang Kai.

Yang Kai saw Workers for the rest of the day. There were nearly a thousand Workers in the Worker's Room, so even if only ten percent of them visited, it would be around hundred people. In order to build a good relationship, gifting was the most common practice.

The Workers were all poor, and they could not afford valuable gifts. As such, Open Heaven Pills were the most suitable gift from them. Each of them gave Yang Kai about five to ten pills, so he obtained quite a large amount in the end.

After three days, Yang Kai had met countless Workers, and received more than 5,000 Open Heaven pills.

It was hard for Yang Kai to reject the gifts from the Workers, otherwise it would seem impolite. During the daytime, Yang Kai met the Workers and received gifts from them, while at night he fed worms to Great General together with Dié You and Old Fang. His empty pockets were suddenly filled up again.

Three days later, before going to the orchard, Du Ru Feng visited in person and announced that Yang Kai had taken over the position of Orchard Manager. Not many people were surprised, but everyone was satisfied with it.

During the ceremony, Yang Kai naturally made an impassioned speech in front of Du Ru Feng and vowed to ensure that he would manage the orchard well. Du Ru Feng added a few words of encouragement and then dismissed the crowd.

After arriving at the orchard, Yang Kai went straight to the solitary mountain in the center of the orchard. He came here with Du Ru Feng before to eavesdrop, so this place was not unfamiliar to him.

With the Orchard Manager Token in his hand, the Grand Array of the entire orchard was under his control. Since he was still new to being an Orchard Manager, he was not familiar with many things; therefore, he only managed to straighten things out and started to understand the tasks of a Manager after several busy days.

The management of the orchard could be relaxing, but it could also be tough. When there was nothing to do, Yang Kai could just patrol around, but during busy hours, he had to assist the Workers of each orchard in taking care of the fruit trees. There was a lot of busy work.

A few days later, Yang Kai used his authority as Orchard Manager to transfer Old Fang and Dié You to his side in the name of assisting him in managing the orchard, and their sites were subsequently given to the other people to take care of.

Dié You and Old Fang were notably uncomfortable about this decision; after all, even Zhou Zheng had never used his power so blatantly for his personal gain when he was in charge before. Therefore, they persuaded Yang Kai to keep a low profile to avoid stirring up discontent with Du Ru Feng.

Yang Kai was too lazy to care about this though. Since Du Ru Feng had ill intentions for him, he would not mind such minor things. On the contrary, Seven Wonders Land was still so quiet after Old Xu

disappeared for many days, which made Yang Kai anxious. He preferred Old Xu to cause trouble as soon as he arrived; however, the calm before the storm truly stressed him.

No one knew when Old Xu would start making trouble, or what situation Seven Wonders Land would be in at that time.

Old Fang and Dié You had been treating Yang Kai well since he arrived here half a year ago, so although he could not tell them about the crisis of Seven Wonders Land, he could keep them close by. In case anything happened, it would be convenient for them to take care of each other.

Since Old Fang and Dié You could not persuade Yang Kai, they had no choice but to help him manage the orchard quietly. Because of this, Yang Kai had nothing to do anymore.

Yang Kai thought that Old Xu would act soon, but after three months, nothing happened in Seven Wonders Land, and Old Xu did not come to look for Yang Kai again. If it were not for the faint but persistent uneasiness in his heart, Yang Kai really would have thought that Old Xu had left Seven Wonders Land.

However, Seven Wonders Land was completely covered by a Grand Array, and Old Xu only managed to get in with Yang Kai's help; therefore, it was impossible for him to leave so quietly.

On this day, Yang Kai was playing chess with Old Fang when suddenly, he felt something and took an object out of his pocket. He examined it quietly, then explained, "Du Ru Feng is summoning me. I'll be right back."

Old Fang nodded, "En, come back quickly."

Yang Kai dropped his chess pieces, went out of the door, and soared into the sky.

After a while, he came to Du Ru Feng's residence and entered the hall. He saw Du Ru Feng standing there looking at him with a smile.

Over the past three months, Du Ru Feng summoned him to come over from time to time to ask about the orchard, and Yang Kai reported everything to him truthfully. He had done a good job in managing the orchard these months, so he did not have to be afraid of anything.

Every time when he came, Du Ru Feng was alone.

But this time was different. There were three people in the hall today, one was Du Ru Feng and the other was a young man he had never seen. As soon as Yang Kai came in, this man swept his eyes over him like a greedy poisonous snake, which made Yang Kai feel extremely uncomfortable. His gaze was full of examination, and with a trace of interest.

The two were standing, while the last one was sitting at the head of the hall. It was Duan Hai, the Venerable Protector of Fire Spirit Land!

Yang Kai turned solemn, and hurriedly cupped his fists, "Greetings, Venerable and Senior Brother Du!"

Since Duan Hai brought him to Fire Spirit Land last time, Yang Kai had not seen him again. Yang Kai had no idea why Duan Hai appeared here today. Yang Kai instinctively felt something was wrong, wondering if Old Xu was caught, and got himself involved. If so, Old Xu was truly useless.

"Is this him?" The young man whom Yang Kai did not know suddenly asked an inexplicable question.

Du Ru Feng answered, "It's him!"

"There's nothing special about him. How could he be so lucky?" The man chuckled.

Du Ru Feng continued, "This Junior Brother has no idea. You should ask him yourself."

Yang Kai was confused, and asked suspiciously, "Senior Brother Du, this is..."

Du Ru Feng introduced, "This is Senior Brother Yu Lian. He was in retreat previously, and just came out, so you haven't seen him yet."

"So it is Senior Brother Yu!" Yang Kai saluted with his fists cupped, "Greetings, Senior Brother Yu!"

Yu Lian grinned, "Junior Brother Yang, right? Are you interested in guessing what I did in my previous retreat?"

[Why would I be interested? Is this guy crazy?] Yang Kai secretly felt disgruntled about him, but he still answered, "This Junior Brother has no clue. Please enlighten me, Senior Brother!"

Yu Lian smiled lightly, "If a cultivator wants to be promoted to the Open Heaven Realm, he needs to condense the power of Yin, Yang, and Five Elements. This Senior Brother first condensed his Yin and Yang Elements, then moved on to the Five Elements. Among the Five Elements, the first one I condensed was the Fire Element. Fire supports Earth, Earth generates Metal, and Metal begets Water... The last time I went into retreat was to condense my Water Element."

Yang Kai calculated quietly and was secretly surprised. This guy was a Half-Step Open Heaven Realm Master, and only needed one Element to complete his breakthrough, "Senior Brother seems to be in a good condition, so I assume the last retreat was successful. Now Senior Brother is only one step away from the Open Heaven Realm. Congratulations, Senior Brother!"

"Good, just one last step!" A hint of fanaticism flashed in Yu Lian's eyes, "But how many people have been stopped because of this one last step? Junior Brother, this Senior Brother doesn't mind letting you know that the materials that I condensed were all Fourth-Order!"

"Then if Senior Brother breaks through to the Open Heaven Realm, he would be a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master? There would be another Master in our Seven Wonders Land! It is truly a blessing for us!"

"En, but it is hard to find Fourth-Order Open Heaven materials. Even with Seven Wonders Land's resources, if I want to find the right one, I have no idea how long I have to wait. I'm afraid it will take hundreds of years or even longer." Yu Lian let out a long sigh.

"With Venerable's ability, Senior Brother definitely could find a suitable one."

Yu Lian turned to glance at Duan Hai, and carried on with a smile, "We shouldn't bother Venerable with such a small matter. I just need Junior Brother to help me."

Chills ran up Yang Kai's back as he felt something wrong, "Junior Brother is incompetent. May I know what I can do to help?"

Yu Lian leaned forward slightly, and gazed at him solemnly, "Junior Brother just needs to contribute his Wood Element!"

Hearing this, Yang Kai was taken aback. His previous doubts were finally answered! No wonder after helping to collect the Scarlet Clouds Golden Flame, Du Ru Feng had been treating him well. It turned out that they were eyeing his Wood Element.

Although Yang Kai had speculated about it for a long time, he was not sure until now when his suspicions were confirmed. Everything had started on the day when he was forced to release his Dao Seal in front of Du Ru Feng.

Promoting him to be an Orchard Manager and asking him to hunt down Fang Tai were nothing but treating him like a pawn that could be abandoned. If his Wood Element was really taken away, Yang Kai guessed that his end would be miserable.

"Is that so!" As Yang Kai's words fell, he had already punched forward. He surged his Space Principle and teleported out directly from his original place without even hesitating.

Chapter 3887 – Fortune And Misfortune

Yang Kai disappeared with a flicker. Duan Hai, who had been sitting calmly at the head of the hall, finally raised his brow and his eyes lit up, "Space Principles!"

While speaking, he stretched out his hand and grabbed at the Void.

Following his action, Yang Kai, who fled out of the hall hurriedly, immediately felt a great sense of crisis. When he looked back, he saw a gigantic hand overshadowing the sky behind, grabbing towards him with enormous power.

Yang Kai was taken aback and surged his Space Principles madly, teleporting over and over again. However, no matter how many times he tried, he could not escape the coverage of the giant hand. Moreover, he felt a powerful shackle lock firmly on himself.

The huge hand that covered the whole sky and blocked the sunlight caught hold of Yang Kai soon after. With a snort, Yang Kai's vision rapidly changed, and when he recovered, he was already in a secret room.

Duan Hai, Du Ru Feng, and Yu Lian were all here. The two of them stood left and right behind Duan Hai, one looking indifferent, while the other seemed mirthful.

Yang Kai panicked. He looked around but he could not find a way to escape. He knew he was in deep trouble. He could not get rid of Duan Hai's grip even by using his Instantaneous Movement. It could be seen that the gap between the Four-Order Open Heaven Realm and his cultivation was truly big.

"Junior Brother Yang, what are you running for? This Senior Brother didn't say that he will eat you, just that he wanted to use your Wood Element." Yu Lian grinned.

[If I don't run, should I just wait to die?] Although he was not optimistic that he could escape from them, he still had to try it, "If Senior Brother wants my Wood Element, he could just ask for it and this Junior Brother will make his contribution. Why do you have to deceive me like this?"

Yu Lian chuckled, "Since Junior Brother is a sensible person, then don't resist."

Yang Kai questioned, "I'm curious, however. Can someone's Yin, Yang, and Five Elements be forcibly seized?" He had asked Old Fang this question before, but Old Fang could not answer him. However, since he encountered this incident today, it meant that the power of Yin, Yang, and Five Elements could indeed be stolen; otherwise, why would they spend so much effort on this?

"There is only one situation where a person's Yin, Yang, and Five Elements can be forcibly seized." Perhaps because Yu Lian was close to his dream of being promoted to an Open Heaven Realm Master, he was in a particularly good mood and did not hesitate to answer Yang Kai's question.

"What kind of situation?" Yang Kai raised his eyebrows.

"When someone has only condensed a single Element, just like Junior Brother. If Junior Brother condensed two, we would be helpless." Yu Lian explained with a smile, "However, Junior Brother's Wood Element will also have its Order degraded by one or two after being forcibly seized. In any case, it doesn't really matter. I heard that the Wood Element you condensed is at least Fifth-Order, and this Senior Brother only needs a Fourth-Order. So if I'm lucky, even if the Order is downgraded, it can still be used."

"I see!" Yang Kai was enlightened.

Yu Lian continued, "Junior Brother, is there anything else you want to ask?"

Yang Kai asked with a darkened face, "What will happen to me if my Wood Element is seized?"

Yu Lian disclosed, "Are you wondering if you'll die? Probably. You might live if you are lucky, but I'm afraid you won't be able to cultivate again in the future."

Yang Kai's heart sank into the abyss after listening to this. Both of these options would be tragic for a cultivator. In fact, it was better to die if one could not cultivate.

No longer giving Yang Kai a chance to speak, Yu Lian turned around and cupped his fist at Duan Hai, "Venerable, please!"

Duan Hai nodded gently, raised his big hand, and swung fiercely.

Chains clattered noisily in the air and shuttled aggressively towards Yang Kai from all directions. Looking around, Yang Kai wanted to dodge the chains engraved with countless complex runes, but he was being immobilized and could not move an inch.

Followed by the clanging of metal, the seemingly immaterial chains penetrated through Yang Kai, causing him to scream in pain and immediately drench in sweat.

A powerful Array lit up below his feet and began to spin slowly.

The Array was already arranged here before they arrived, so it was clear they had been preparing for this day for quite some time, just waiting for the right moment to seize his Wood Element.

The chains were pulled taut, and Yang Kai's trembling body was lifted into the air. Duan Hai and Yu Lian stepped into their respective positions in the Array, leaving Du Ru Feng alone guarding to the side

Yang Kai panicked. His situation was completely hopeless. He could not get out of trouble with his own strength, and the only thing he could count on was Old Xu.

However, Old Xu had not made a sound after he entered Seven Wonders Land for three months. Yang Kai had no idea where he was and what he was doing, so it was unrealistic to expect him to save him. Moreover, Yang Kai probably no longer had value to him despite Old Xu having complete control of his life. Even if Old Xu knew his situation, he may not care about him at all.

Sitting cross-legged in position, Yu Lian emptied his mind and calmed his breathing as the aura around his body fluctuated mysteriously.

On the other side, Duan Hai too, looked solemn, his hands constantly forming seals.

Yang Kai felt a strong power being transmitted from the clattering chains to him, shaking his Dao Seal, trying to extract his Wood Element.

Indescribable pain overwhelmed his body as Yang Kai clenched his teeth in endurance, the veins on his forehead bulging.

Suddenly, there was an unexpected change. A gigantic black centipede illusory phantom abruptly appeared behind Yang Kai, firmly wrapping him in its hundred feet. No matter what Duan Hai did, he was unable to extract the Wood Element out of Yang Kai.

"Soaring Black Centipede?" A hint of surprise flashed across Duan Hai's eyes, pausing his hand seals and swiftly moving to Yang Kai's side. He clasped Yang Kai's neck and poured in a violent power to examine his Dao Seal before his face changed and he roared, "Boy, who implanted this Soaring Black Centipede in you!?"

Suffering from an intense pain, Yang Kai kept gasping for air, his countenance as pale as a sheet, but a sneer on his face, "Your Father!"

He did not expect that the Soaring Black Centipede, which was supposed to restrain him, actually saved his life in this crisis. It was truly a mixed blessing. When he thought about it carefully though, it was not surprising at all. The Soaring Black Centipede was originally implanted to restrain his Dao Seal. On the other hand, Duan Hai set up an Array to try to seize the Wood Element which was condensed into his Dao Seal. These two processes obviously clashed with each other. At this moment, Yang Kai could not help thanking Old Xu. Although he did not know how long it could stall for, he felt hopeful for a moment.

Duan Hai looked back at Du Ru Feng, "Did you see anything else in his Dao Seal last time?"

Du Ru Feng was also a little confused. He was clueless about the Soaring Black Centipede, so he shook his head, "No!"

"Then it was implanted later..." Brilliant light flashed across Duan Hai's eyes as he turned to stare at Yang Kai solemnly, "Boy, who did you meet when you went out?"

He truly had a sharp mind and saw through the truth at once.

But how could Yang Kai answer him? He just maintained a sneer. Duan Hai immediately applied force through his hand, causing Yang Kai to roar in pain, almost robbing him of his consciousness.

Duan Hai pressed on gloomily, "Do you think this King can't do anything to you? It's just a mere insect. This King will torture you slowly after this King destroys it."

Saying so, he lifted his hand and palmed at the Dao Seal. Intense power slammed into Yang Kai's body, shocking the Soaring Black Centipede that was wrapping around the Dao Seal.

With Duan Hai's action, Yang Kai could obviously feel the uneasy mood of the centipede seal that was wrapping his Dao Seal. The initially binding strength was gradually relaxed, and it showed faint signs of being expelled.

A vague will suddenly extended from the Soaring Black Centipede, and like a drowning man clutching at a straw, Yang Kai immediately exclaimed with great joy, "Old Xu, save me!"

"Waste, you almost spoiled this King's grand plan!" Although Old Xu was cursing Yang Kai in his mind, it was as sweet as Heavenly music to Yang Kai's ears.

Duan Hai's face changed wildly as he barked, "Who dares run wild here!?"

He obviously heard the voice just now. Since his will was connected to the Soaring Black Centipede, it was obviously from the owner of the seal who had been alarmed by Duan Hai's previous actions.

[Is there a strong enemy hiding in Seven Wonders Land?] Duan Hai broke out into a cold sweat. Fortunately, he discovered this by coincidence today; otherwise, he had no idea what would happen when the enemy was fully prepared.

"Long time no see, Duan Hai. What? Do you not remember my voice?" Old Xu's voice sounded cold.

Duan Hai's expression changed several times as he blurted out, "Xu Huang! You're not dead!?"

Old Xu laughed, "This King is blessed, how can he just die? You and those other traitors set me up and plotted to seize my Seven Wonders Land, but today this King will take back his capital together with interest!"

Duan Hai replied in a deep tone, "I didn't know anything during that time!"

"Do you think this King will believe you? Today you will all die!"

When the word 'die' fell, a world-shaking movement came from the outside. Even if the secret room was covered by an isolation array, it shook violently, as if it were about to collapse. Then, a torrent of power suddenly emerged in the form of an unstoppable finger, flying towards Duan Hai.

Duan Hai's face turned pale and he hurriedly retreated with a flicker. At the same time, he flipped his hands, completed a set of hand seals, and pushed his palm forward.

\*Hong long long... \*

A deafening blast sounded, and the world was turned upside down. The secret room exploded into pieces, and the Array collapsed.

Yang Kai, who was bound in mid-air, instantly felt like he was riding a small boat in the middle of a raging ocean, surrounded by boundless waves, at risk of being drowned at any time.

The aftershocks of the impact of the two Open Heaven Realm Masters spread out and caused massive destruction. Yang Kai's body rolled and tumbled, his bones cracking noisily as blood spurted out of his mouth and nose while even his Soul became unstable.

Chapter 3888 – Grand Defense Array

Yang Kai was shocked. Although he had been with Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng, the two First-Order Open Heaven Realm Masters before, he did not witness them battle, so he had no idea how strong they were. However, the gap between the First-Order Open Heaven Realm and the Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm was too huge. Just the fallout from the opening clash between Duan Hai and Old Xu had almost cost him his life!

This was the true Open Heaven Realm! If Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters already had such power, Yang Kai could not imagine how powerful High-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters were.

Blood kept gushing out of Yang Kai's mouth and nose, but his eyes were as bright as stars!

The main hall collapsed, dust and smoke scattered everywhere, and darkness shrouded the world. Yang Kai was suffering tremendous pain as the collapsed buildings fell on him, but fortunately, the array that bound him had vanished.

This place had been destroyed, so the array that was arranged here naturally lost its function. Without these shackles, Yang Kai regained his freedom.

With a shake of his arms, Yang Kai shoved away the blocks that fell on him and was able to see light again.

Before he had time to look around, he heard a light cough not far away. Yang Kai turned to it and a hint of murderous intent flashed across his eyes. He stretched out his hand and summoned the Azure Dragon Spear. The spear trembled as Yang Kai poured all his power into it. With a mighty Dragon Roar, he stabbed toward the side with the spear.

\*Hong...\*

Large pieces of gravel were sent flying by an explosion, revealing Yu Lian who had been buried underneath.

Blood spurted wildly as Yu Lian widened his eyes, looking dreadfully terrified.

"Die!" Yang Kai roared as Space Principles flared, concentrating at the tip of the Azure Dragon Spear which was plunged into Yu Lian's body.

## Rupture!

A huge cavity immediately appeared in Yu Lian's chest, and most of his internal organs vanished. In a desperate measure, he grabbed the Azure Dragon Spear with one hand, and reached out to Yang Kai with the other.

Yang Kai took a deep breath and blew out through his mouth. His breath shredded off layers of flesh from Yu Lian's arms like sharp blades, exposing the pristine bones underneath.

Screams echoed from Yu Lian's mouth as Yang Kai swung his spear up, tossing the former into the air before a barrage of spear shadows emerged.

Just three breaths of time later, Yang Kai withdrew his spear, and Yu Lian fell to the ground like a rag sack. Blood gushed out like spring water from the countless holes on his body, and his vitality rapidly faded. It seemed that he would not be able to survive this.

Before Yang Kai could celebrate his narrowly escaped death, however, a murderous intent rose behind him and he quickly turned around, swinging his spear horizontally to defend himself.

A tremendous force impacted him, sending Yang Kai flying, spurting blood mid-air.

Yang Kai hurriedly landed, looked up, and saw that not far from where he once stood, Du Ru Feng was looking over with a blank face, disbelief apparent in his eyes, "Senior Brother Yu?"

Yu Lian was moving his mouth, but he was just gasping for air like a fish out of water. Soon after, his head tilted and he breathed his last breath.

Du Ru Feng was horrified and could not accept that his Senior Brother, who was in high spirits and ready to obtain his Wood Element to final break through to the Open Heaven Realm, had died in the blink of an eye!

He knew that the root cause of all these changes was the aftermath of the battle between the unknown enemy and Venerable Duan Hai. At that moment, Du Ru Feng almost thought he was going to die. Although he narrowly escaped death in the end, the aftermath of the attack had severely wounded him still.

Obviously, Yu Lian was not any better off and in his carelessness, he was attacked again, losing his life. Du Ru Feng's heart suddenly clenched as he could not help wondering if he would have survived if Yang Kai had attacked him instead of Yu Lian just now.

He turned to Yang Kai, who was coughing up blood and obviously not in good condition either.

"You killed Senior Brother Yu!" Du Ru Feng's face was so cold that it could freeze over.

"You're next!" Yang Kai pointed his spear forward and wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth.

"Ridiculous!" Du Ru Feng's face twisted in rage, "How dare you speak such big words in front of Venerable..."

After saying that, Du Ru Feng suddenly frowned. He scanned around with his Divine Sense and his face changed slightly because he found that Duan Hai did not seem to be here anymore.

He knew that Seven Wonders Land was in deep trouble. The Venerable should be in a hurry to resist the enemy, and could not care about this minor situation at all. Du Ru Feng's heart sank as he had no idea who Xu Huang was or how much of a threat he posed.

\*Hong hong hong...\*

Earth-shaking noise descended from the sky as dazzling lights flashed and violent energy fluctuations rampaged. It was obvious that the two Masters were still fighting.

However, it was not up to him to worry about this kind of thing. Such matters had to be left to the Heavenly Monarch and the other Venerables to handle. No matter how powerful the enemy was, it was impossible for him to stand against the joint force of so many Open Heaven Realm Masters.

\*Shua shua shua...\*

The explosive booms continued as Seven Wonders Land disciples from every direction swiftly rushed over to investigate the situation. At first glance, they could not help being shocked at the ruins here, and their faces changed drastically when they saw Yu Lian's corpse lying on the ground. One of them stood up and questioned, "Senior Brother Du, what happened? Who killed Senior Brother Yu!?"

Du Ru Feng looked at Yang Kai coldly as he proclaimed, "Who else could it be? It's this bastard! Kill him for me!"

"Madman! How dare you commit murder in Fire Spirit Land in broad daylight! Die!" The group of Seven Wonders Land disciples were furious, summoned their artifacts one after another, and pounced at Yang Kai.

Yang Kai already began circulating his strength as soon as these people arrived. Although he wanted to kill Du Ru Feng now, he was outnumbered, so it was better to escape first. Moreover, almost all of these people here were Open Heaven Realm Masters. Although most of them were just First-Order with a few being Second-Order, it was still more than what Yang Kai could handle for now.

With his Instantaneous Movement, as long as there were no Masters such as Duan Hai, Yang Kai was still confident that he could escape.

With a rumble, the Void shattered as countless attacks were thrown at Yang Kai; however, his figure flashed aside, stared coldly at Du Ru Feng, and rushed towards the direction of the orchard.

Du Ru Feng was infuriated, "Wastes! After him!"

Without needing his order, the Seven Wonders Land disciples immediately pursued Yang Kai as soon as he ran away. For a moment, in the sky above Fire Spirit Land, a group of people was seen pursuing one individual, making for quite the lively show.

\*Weng... \*

The earth shook suddenly as a dull sound reverberated through everyone's head, causing them to shudder.

Following the noise, a glowing array abruptly emerged in the sky. The array was gigantic, covering almost the entire Fire Spirit Land.

When this scene appeared, a Heaven-destroying and Earth-shattering aura fell from above. Everyone in Fire Spirit Land felt like they were enveloped by an aura of death.

Du Ru Feng, who was not far behind Yang Kai, exclaimed, "The Grand Defense Array!"

Yang Kai also had goosebumps all over his body as he could sense the incoming of an imminent disaster. Although he did not understand what had happened, it seemed that the Grand Defense Array of Fire Spirit Land was activated according to Du Ru Feng.

The next moment, a roar sounded, "Xu Huang, are you insane!? Are you going to destroy Seven Wonders Land!?"

Old Xu's laughter resounded, "So what if it's destroyed!? Since Seven Wonders Land rebelled against this King, this King doesn't want it anymore! All of you can die!"

At the end of his sentence, the gigantic array pattern enveloping Fire Spirit Land suddenly rotated wildly, and a series of exquisite lights shot down from above like a rainstorm, pummelling the ground below.

Without further thought, Yang Kai immediately hid inside the Sealed World Bead.

He watched the situation outside from within and saw that the world was filled with beams of light. Everything in Fire Spirit Land began to collapse as huge ravines appeared on the ground. All the disciples of Seven Wonders Land who pursued him were terrified, dodging left and right foolishly, but few successfully avoided the disaster.

Casualties were caused as the light beams appeared everywhere as body parts fell from the sky like dumplings.

Yang Kai gulped and secretly prayed that the Sealed World Bead would not be hit. Although he had no idea what the consequences would be if the Sealed World Bead was struck, they definitely would not be good.

Fortunately, although the attack was continuous and dense, the Sealed World Bead was small. As long as he was lucky, there should be no problem.

Only now did Yang Kai understand why Old Xu dared to come here alone to take revenge.

The Grand Defense Array of Seven Wonders Land was obviously not activated by the Venerable Protector. It was unreasonable that he would kill his disciples; only Old Xu would do such a thing.

From the conversation between Old Xu and the others, Yang Kai vaguely realized that Old Xu should have a close relationship with Seven Wonders Land. It could even be speculated that Seven Wonders Land originally belonged to Old Xu, but for some reason, it was stolen from him.

Even so, Old Xu retained the ability to control the Grand Defence Array of Seven Wonders Land. During his previous three months' disappearance, he must have been quietly trying to gain control of this trump card.

With Old Xu's abilities and the aid of the Grand Defence Array, he might just stand a chance to complete his revenge.

Now in this situation, Yang Kai naturally wished that Old Xu would cause as much trouble as possible. Only in this way could he have a chance to escape from this place. If Old Xu failed and was killed, he would definitely be buried with him, because he could never escape from Duan Hai's wrath.

The duration of the Grand Defense Array attack was not too long, only lasting twenty breaths of time.

But after twenty breaths, the whole Fire Spirit Land had fallen silent!

Yang Kai waited until the array in the sky disappeared before he emerged from the Small Sealed World and looked around. It was a mess. Scattered all over the ground were mutilated body parts donned in Seven Coloured Robes. It looked as if the apocalypse had arrived.

A huge net suddenly plummeted from the sky, enveloping Yang Kai. Shockingly, the huge net possessed the ability to seal off space. The grip on Yang Kai's body swiftly tightened as he shouted, "Sky Seizing Net!"

Chapter 3889 – On The Verge Of Death

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[Du Ru Feng survived!] A thought flashed through Yang Kai's mind. Since the Sky Seizing Net was Du Ru Feng's artifact, it meant that Du Ru Feng was still alive.

Yang Kai rapidly plummeted from the sky, but the Sky Seizing Net was chasing after him like a maggot on rotting bones and he could not get rid of it.

The surrounding space was sealed, which made him unable to use Instantaneous Movement to escape. Watching the huge net above him, Yang Kai was notably anxious. He surged his power into the Azure Dragon Spear and thrust upward.

However, without being affected by the force, the Sky Seizing Net fell directly on Yang Kai and wrapped him up tightly. As the power of imprisonment transmitted from the huge net, Yang Kai could feel that his strength was restrained in an instant.

In mid-air, Du Ru Feng's figure slowly emerged, a look of resentment and lingering fear on his face. If it was not because he was lucky during the activation of the Grand Defense Array, he probably would have followed in his fellow brothers' footsteps.

Nevertheless, his condition did not look good at this moment. His face was pale, he was holding his chest with his hand, and the corners of his mouth were bloody. It seemed like the aftermath of the battle between Duan Hai and Old Xu had really wounded him.

"You're not dead, how lucky are you!?" Du Ru Feng looked coldly at Yang Kai, who was bound by the Sky Seizing Net, and performed a hand seal, strengthening the binding power of the net.

Yang Kai grunted. Although the situation was unfavourable to him, he did not give in to Du Ru Feng and taunted back, "Aren't you still alive too?"

Du Ru Feng snorted, "Shut up. This King will kill you now!" Yu Lian coveted Yang Kai's Wood Element, but Du Ru Feng did not. Everyone's condensed power was different and he had already condensed his Wood Element, so he was uninterested in Yang Kai's life. Now that Seven Wonders Land had encountered a huge disaster, it was better to kill Yang Kai as soon as possible to avoid causing troubles later.

After that declaration, Du Ru Feng acted, lifting his hand as he summoned a long sword and bellowed, "Go!"

The long sword transformed into a sword light, shooting straight at Yang Kai.

In Yang Kai's field of vision, the sword light was rapidly magnifying in front of him, and the aura of death closed in on his head. At the critical moment of life and death, Yang Kai's heart became as tranquil as still water. A Dragon Roar resounded, his bones crackled noisily, and Dragon Scales quickly enveloped his rapidly expanding body.

During the Dragon Transformation, Yang Kai snapped his jaw at the oncoming sword light. Following a massive impact of power, Yang Kai felt that his teeth were threatening to crack, and his mouth was once again filled with blood.

Du Ru Feng was dumbstruck as his gaze followed the transformation of Yang Kai's body size, never having imagined he had such an ability. A moment later, he exclaimed with a cracked voice, "You're a Dragon?!"

The characteristics of Yang Kai's body after the Dragon Transformation were too obvious, so how could Du Ru Feng not understand it?

In the blink of an eye, Yang Kai had turned into a gigantic 2,000 meter tall Half-Dragon; however, he was still unable to get escape the binding of the Sky Seizing Net. Similar to the Six Fated Paths Bag, it was extremely flexible. It expanded together with the growth of Yang Kai's body size, and continued to bind him tightly.

However, Yang Kai sensed some obvious signs of instability in the Sky Seizing Net and was overjoyed. Despite its function being similar to the Six Fated Paths Bag, it was clearly not as strong.

Without hesitating, Yang Kai clenched the Azure Dragon Spear and swung it violently.

The light of the Sky Seizing Net flashed wildly for a moment, then rapidly faded.

"In your dreams!" Du Ru Feng yelled and performed a hand seal. The sword light that was bitten by Yang Kai suddenly flew back to Du Ru Feng and he slashed out at Yang Kai after catching it.

Yang Kai saw the incoming sword wave, but could not dodge. Even if he were not killed by it, he would definitely be severely wounded.

At the critical moment, a golden light swiftly flew from the distance and shielded Yang Kai. It was only a small ball of golden light, but when it appeared, it suddenly expanded and turned into a giant golden chicken several tens of meters tall.

"Great General!" Yang Kai was surprised. He never thought that this unreliable chicken would arrive to save him at this critical moment.

He did not bring Great General with him during this meeting with Du Ru Feng, but left him in the orchard. Beyond his expectation though, Great General somehow managed to come here.

The sword wave slashed down, and following a short wail, Great General was blown away. In mid-air, his body reverted back to its original size, and his golden feathers greatly dimmed.

Yang Kai was infuriated and his Dragon Aura erupted. He hurled the Azure Dragon Spear forward and shouted angrily, "Break!"

The spear flew out like a true Azure Dragon diving into the sea, and space was pierced through by its power.

Following a crash, the Sky Seizing Net that had been binding Yang Kai shattered, its power of confinement vanishing in an instant. However, the momentum of the Azure Dragon Spear was not weakened and shot straight towards Du Ru Feng.

Sensing the power of this spear, Du Ru Feng's face changed drastically and he hurriedly tried to dodge. Nevertheless, Yang Kai did not give him a chance to breathe. Du Ru Feng was a Half-Step Open Heaven Realm Master, who was stronger than Yang Kai, and he also had the Shadowless Veil artifact. If Yang Kai allowed him to summon out the Shadowless Veil, he would never be able to find him again.

He stretched out his Dragon Claw and grabbed at Du Ru Feng while at the same time, he surged his Space Principles.

The surrounding space suddenly solidified, Du Ru Feng's body was frozen, and in that brief moment, Yang Kai grasped Du Ru Feng tightly in his giant claw.

"Scram!" Du Ru Feng roared as power fluctuated all over his body. Even with his Dragon Transformation, Yang Kai felt that he was about to be repelled, so he inflated his chest, and breathed out furiously at Du Ru Feng.

Fire Dragon's Flaming Breath!

Dragon Breath spewed out from his mouth, shrouding Du Ru Feng who let out an ear-piercing scream and struggled even more violently. Yang Kai suddenly felt a sharp pain in his hand and loosened the grip of his Dragon Claw involuntarily for a slight moment. Du Ru Feng quickly took the opportunity to escape.

Yang Kai fixed his gaze on Du Ru Feng and saw that he was in a great mess. He had already been hurt in the aftermath of the battle between Duan Hai and Old Xu and in addition to his Sky Seizing Net being destroyed and being attacked by Yang Kai, he was now completely covered in blisters and burns. He looked dreadfully miserable.

Their eyes met, and Yang Kai could clearly see the fear and uneasiness on his opponent's face.

Unlike Yang Kai, who was used to fighting and killing with his life on the line, Du Ru Feng was born and cultivated in peace in Seven Wonders Land. Throughout his whole life, Du Ru Feng had not even left Seven Wonders Land many times, not to mention having the fight for his life. At the beginning, he was

able to gain some advantage by relying on his own superior strength and artifacts. However, he was unable to handle it once he faced a slight setback.

Yang Kai had encountered many people like him, greenhouse flowers unable to weather the wind and rain.

Grinning, Yang Kai swung his arm, causing a surge of Space Principles which sent a massive Moon Blade towards Du Ru Feng.

Du Ru Feng's face changed and he attempted to dodge the attack.

But Yang Kai now had complete control over the battlefield with his Space Principles. Following a slight flourish of the Azure Dragon Spear, he shouted in a low voice, "Shatter!"

When the words fell, space trembled and suddenly, innumerable Void Cracks filled the surrounding region, releasing an aura of chaos and nihility. Looking at the scene, Du Ru Feng's face turned pale again.

"Du Ru Feng, this day next year will be your death anniversary!" With a loud roar, Yang Kai had already charged with his spear in hand, soon shrouding Du Ru Feng in a giant spear shadow that seemed to block out the entire sky.

Du Ru Feng felt constrained by the surrounding Void Cracks. He wanted to escape, but how could Yang Kai give him such an opportunity? His spear thrust had sealed off all chances of escaping.

In a moment of desperation, Du Ru Feng threw caution to the wind and went all out with Yang Kai.

That was exactly what Yang Kai had wanted though. Although Du Ru Feng was a Half-Step Open Heaven Realm Master and stronger than him, his combat experience was certainly lacking and his restorative abilities were no match for Yang Kai's. In a close quarters life or death struggle, Yang Kai was not afraid of Du Ru Feng.

The Sky Seizing Net was broken, so now all Yang Kai had to worry about was the Shadowless Veil. If Du Ru Feng summoned the Shadowless Veil to conceal himself, Yang Kai would undoubtedly fall into a disadvantage; therefore, Yang Kai made continuous attacks without caring about his consumption or injuries in order to tie Du Ru Feng down and make it impossible for him to summon his artifact.

Their figures interlocked and blood spurted everywhere as time slowly dragged on.

After fighting for some unknown amount of time, Yang Kai withdrew his spear and panted heavily. At this moment, he had returned to his original size because he could not maintain his Dragon Transformation anymore. There were wounds of various sizes all over his body, some so deep his bones were exposed, looking dreadfully miserable. He staggered and barely managed to stand upright with the support of the Azure Dragon Spear.

Du Ru Feng's condition was no better, however, as his whole body was stained with red blood, his hair disheveled like a fierce ghost, his eyes quivering violently as deep down, he was in a panic.

Wheezing, Du Ru Feng remarked, "Yang Kai, since such a big incident has happened to Seven Wonders Land, no one knows what the future will be. Why do you and I have to fight to death here?"

Yang Kai grinned meaningfully, "The battle has already begun, what do you want to do now?"

Du Ru Feng proposed, "Why don't we both withdraw? You can't stay in Seven Wonders Land after what happened today anyway. You better run for your life as soon as possible before Venerable makes his move. Otherwise, when Venerable returns, I'm afraid you won't be able to escape even if you want to."

"Makes sense!" Yang Kai nodded gently and tilted his head, "So you want us both to take a step back?"

Du Ru Feng nodded repeatedly, "Good!"

Before he could finished speaking though, his face suddenly changed and he stabbed his sword forward.

\*Chi\*

The long sword seemed to have pierced something, and when he looked forward, he saw that Yang Kai had already appeared in front of him, and the long sword in his hand had penetrated directly through his chest.

"Bastard!" Du Ru Feng scolded furiously.

Yang Kai grinned, "You plotted to kill me, how could I possibly spare you!?"

Du Ru Feng immediately felt the heart-piercing pain in his chest and his face turned pale as he looked down to see that his chest was also pierced through by Yang Kai's spear.

"Rup...ture!" Yang Kai spat out the word slowly as Space Principles churned.

For a moment, Du Ru Feng felt that something in his body had collapsed. In his field of vision, a huge hole was suddenly gouged out around where his body was penetrated by the spear.

He looked up slowly and stared at Yang Kai incredulously, his eyes full of longing for life.

Yang Kai unceremoniously kicked him, sending him flying away. When the long sword was pulled away from his chest, another gush of blood spilled out of his wound. The world around him started spinning and he almost fainted. Struggling to keep his consciousness, he walked over to Du Ru Feng step by step and looked down on him from above.

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At that moment, Du Ru Feng's eyes went cloudy as the light faded from them and his aura was on the verge of being extinguished.

Yang Kai looked at him coldly before stabbing his spear through Du Ru Feng's skull, splitting it open and spilling its contents onto the ground.

With a lift of the spear tip, Yang Kai picked up Du Ru Feng's Space Ring, but he did not have time to examine it. He staggered over to one side, where Great General was sprawled on the ground, his golden feathers dreadfully dimmed.

Yang Kai bent down, picked him up, and examined him with his Divine Sense, feeling relieved a moment later. Although Great General's aura was weak, his life was not in danger.

To be honest, Yang Kai did not expect Great General would leave the orchard to find him and even save him at the critical moment, only further confusing him as he wondered why Great General favoured him so greatly.

However, it was not the right moment to ponder about this now. Ever since he started clashing with Du Ru Feng, the rumbling in the sky had not ceased. It was obvious that Old Xu was using the Seven Wonders Land Grand Array against many Open Heaven Realm Masters. It was good to know that they were still occupied; otherwise, Yang Kai probably would have had a bad time.

Although he had no idea whether Old Xu could successfully complete his revenge or not, now was definitely the best time to escape from Seven Wonders Land.

Nevertheless, before that, Yang Kai still had to locate Old Fang and Dié You first. He hoped that they were safe. Earlier when Old Xu activated a devastating attack from the Grand Defense Array, it caused tremendous casualties in Seven Wonders Land, so Yang Kai couldn't help wondering how the situation in the orchard was.

He held Great General in his arms, but just after flying for a short while, he saw two figures flying side by side from the distance. It was Old Fang and Dié You. Yang Kai was immediately relieved. They were fortunately not affected by the attack of the Grand Defense Array. Otherwise, they certainly would not be able to survive with their current strength.

At this moment, the entire Fire Spirit Land was in chaos. Countless figures flew everywhere like headless flies and no one knew what was going on.

As soon as they met each other, Old Fang asked with a cracked voice, "Little Brother, what happened to vou?"

Dié You also covered her mouth with her hand, her beautiful eyes quivered, "Such severe injuries..."

"It's complicated!" Yang Kai smiled wryly and shook his head, "Now is not the right time to explain. It's important for us to leave this place now."

"What the Hell had just happened?" Old Fang questioned. Everything happened too abruptly today. A massive Grand Array pattern appeared over the entire Fire Spirit Land all of a sudden, and unleashed a massive indiscriminate attack. More than half of the orchard was destroyed, and more than sixty percent of the Workers were killed in an instant. Old Fang and Dié You hurriedly escaped when they saw the situation and fortunately survived.

"I'll explain on the way!" Yang Kai did not have much time to talk as he tried his best to push his strength and fly upwards.

On the way, he briefly explained the situation to Old Fang and Dié You, and also made it clear that Old Xu was brought in by him before. Their eyes widened in shock as Yang Kai told them what happened, for they could not believe such a strange coincidence had occurred. However, in this way, it created a good opportunity to leave Seven Wonders Land. Now that the Seven Wonders Land Masters were busy dealing with Old Xu, probably no one would care about their lives.

Many others had the same ideas as them, all of them basically Workers. After all, they had been all but enslaved by Seven Wonders Land for hundreds, if not thousands of years, and everyone knew that there

was no way out of here. Although danger lurked in every corner in the world outside, they still at least had a little hope as long as they dared to step out. As Workers in Seven Wonders Land, there was no chance for them to stand out, unless they were willing to give up and settle for achieving the First-Order Open Heaven Realm.

Numerous Workers were flying out in all directions now.

However, when Yang Kai got close to the Grand Array, only then did he realize that his thinking was too na?ve. The coverage of the Seven Wonders Land Grand Array didn't have a single flaw, so no one could escape through it. It made sense as he thought about it though. Since Old Xu usurped control of the Grand Array, how could he let the people of Seven Wonders Land stand a chance to escape?

The battle in the sky went on without restraint, and would cause an impact to Fire Spirit Land from time to time, causing mass chaos.

Once in a while, glowing array patterns of various sizes would appear in the sky as the Grand Defense Array activated, resulting in another rain of attacks.

Yang Kai saw with his own eyes how some Workers failed to dodge these attacks and were killed on the spot.

Just when Yang Kai was secretly beginning to worry, he heard a shrill scream from high up above, followed by the propagation of a violent energy wave which swept over the whole world, causing the vast Fire Spirit Land to rumble loudly.

A moment later, a figure fell from the sky straight among where the many Workers gathered.

Old Fang's face turned pale as he shouted, "He's the Venerable Protector of Water Spirit Land!"

Dié You's voice trembled, "Is he dead?"

Old Fang shook his head, indicating that he had no idea.

The Venerable Protector of Water Spirit Land fell straight to the ground in front of everyone's eyes and remained motionless for a long time. The Workers kept looking at each other, but no one dared to go forward to examine him.

Right at that moment, a rainbow light from the sky slashed down directly on the Water Spirit Land Venerable Protector's motionless body, splitting it in two.

There was no need for Old Fang to answer now as everyone knew that the Venerable Protector was dead.

Ignoring his severe injuries, Yang Kai rushed to the corpse of the Water Spirit Land Venerable Protector with a flicker, lifted his hand, took down his Space Ring, and stuffed it into his pocket. Then, he disappeared with another flicker.

When Old Fang and Dié You regained their senses, a transmission from Yang Kai reached their ears.

Only then did the other Workers react and begin looking around for Yang Kai. Unfortunately for them, their efforts were in vain. Taking advantage of his Instantaneous Movement, Yang Kai had long disappeared, sending the crowd into a fury!

The wealth of a Venerable Protector was unimaginably valuable to a Worker. If they had the guts to act earlier, they might have grabbed the Space Ring, but now it had already fallen into the hands of another.

Old Fang and Dié You quietly left the crowd and flew in the same direction. Soon, they left Fire Spirit Land, and rushed straight to the shopping district.

Although no one could leave the coverage of the Seven Wonders Land Grand Array, travel within Seven Wonders Land was unobstructed.

The two soon arrived at a corner of the shopping district where Old Fang checked the surroundings before whispering, "Yang Kai, Yang Kai!"

Yang Kai's head peeped out from the back of a building and he waved, "Here, I'm here!"

Old Fang and Dié You hurriedly ran to his side, turned a corner, and saw Yang Kai leaning against the wall with blood all over his body. He was pale, gasping for breath, and holding Ruler of the Dawn Great General in his arms.

Finding it frightening and amusing at the same time, Old Fang remarked, "Little Brother, you really value fortune over your life!"

If those Workers reacted a little faster just now, Yang Kai would have no way to escape at all. As the saying goes though, birds die of food just as men die for wealth, everyone would have slaughtered him without a second thought for the Venerable Protector's Space Ring.

Yang Kai coughed lightly, "The poor have to take risks!"

Dié You reprimanded angrily, "You call yourself poor!?"

Yang Kai waved his hand, "Let's not talk about this first. No one has come to the shopping district for the time being, and the Grand Defense Array doesn't cover this region, so I think we should be safe to hide here for now. I need some time to heal my wounds."

Old Fang nodded solemnly, "You can heal at ease. Sister Dié You and I will stand guard for you."

"Then I shall trouble you two." Yang Kai accepted his favour. Given the situation now, it was pointless to think too much, and they could only take one step at a time. Everything now depended on the final result of the battle, which was either Old Xu successfully took revenge or Seven Wonders Land managed to defeat him. However, judging from the death of Water Spirit Land's Venerable Protector just now, Seven Wonders Land was probably at a disadvantage.

Although Old Xu was alone, he may still be able to succeed with the aid of the Grand Defense Array.

Yang Kai did not really care what the outcome was. As long as Duan Hai died, it did not matter to him who ultimately won this battle, because if Duan Hai survived, he would have no way to live.

Grabbing a handful of healing Spirit Pills from his Space Ring and stuffing them into his mouth, Yang Kai also fed several to Great General. Then, he sat cross-legged to adjust his breathing.

Although his wounds were severe, they were not fatal. Yang Kai knew his body very well, and as long as the injuries were not too serious, he could recover sooner or later by relying on the shocking regenerative powers of his Dragon Vein and Wood Element.

The whole shopping district was quiet; after all, it was not the three rest days of the month, so it was naturally empty. After standing guard for a while, Old Fang seemed to suddenly think of something, "Sister Dié You, I'll be right back. Please take care of Little Brother Yang."

Dié You knew what Old Fang was up to so she replied with a smile, "Go and be safe."

Old Fang grinned meaningfully, and disappeared with a flicker.

The noise outside never ceased and it was obvious that the fight was still ongoing. Watching Yang Kai's disordered breathing slowly begin to stabilize, Dié You was amazed. A normal person could not recover from such severe injuries without resting for at least ten days to half a month, but Yang Kai actually took less than half a day to begin showing improvement. Dié You was truly impressed by his vitality.

Old Fang soon returned, dejected. After Dié You asked, she learnt that there was nothing for him to loot in the shopping district.

Yang Kai was still healing, while the fight outside persisted. The two of them had nowhere to go, so they gradually lost interest in talking.

After a long time, Yang Kai abruptly opened his eyes and muttered, "Someone is coming."

Dié You and Old Fang were taken aback and quickly scanned their surroundings with their Divine Senses, and soon, they noticed someone. When they looked up, they saw a petite figure flying over. While flying, she kept checking around carefully, like a thief.

However, the person soon found Yang Kai and the others, and after hesitating for a moment, she flew straight towards them.

"Stop!" Old Fang roared.

Yang Kai raised his hand, "Relax, I know her."

He then looked up and laughed, "Why are you here?"

The visitor was Ah Sun, who was brought to Fire Spirit Land by Duan Hai along with Yang Kai. Lucky for her, she had no signs of injury at all. She had probably avoided the attacks of the Grand Defense Array by luck.

Ah Sun was pleasantly surprised and called out, "Senior Brother Yang, you're here too!"

Yang Kai remarked, "Fire Spirit Land is too dangerous, so we came here to hide."

Ah Sun nodding repeatedly, "I though so too. It's too chaotic out there. Many fellow brothers have been killed, and even a Venerable is dead."