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Chapter 1031: Dao Master Leaves Name on Book of Life and Death, Divine Pole Opportunity to Discern the True and False Li Half-Saint (5)

"One heart divided into two, the truth difficult to distinguish, with both true and false opponents present, you need to identify their true bodies and defeat them to continue ascending the mountain..."

"After correctly identifying the genuine bodies of three opponents in succession, you may reach the summit of Huaguo Mountain..."

"Pull out the genuine Treasure Stick."

The Divine Monkey dressed in a kasaya sat upon a green stone beneath the cascading waterfall, its voice kind and measured, instilling a sense of tranquility among all within the blossoming forest.

"If you choose a false body, then you lack the discerning eye and shall not obtain the Treasure Stick."

A faintly smiling voice emanated from the Two-Minded Great Sage.

The waterfall plunged down, crashing upon the deep azure pool, erupting with a thunderous roar, deafening to the ears.

Silence prevailed atop Daping.

The crowd listened intently to the rules set by the Two-Minded Great Sage.

Their gazes flickered, meeting each other's eyes, birthing a peculiar sensation within their hearts.

There were also feelings of uncertainty and doubt.

Choose three as opponents on the mountain path...

The opponents simultaneously embody both true and false identities; discern the truth, defeat the true bodies... and ascend to the peak to pull out the Treasure Stick?!

Is this the opportunity to choose the Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod?

The test of the discerning eye?!

The discerning eye identifies the Treasure Stick!

Everyone looked at the Treasure Stick lodged amid the cascading waterfall; the Treasure Stick...

At this moment, it had transformed into two sticks!

So that means...

The real Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod is hidden among these two sticks.

Like a scene of...

A grand gamble!

It requires truly discerning eyes, making four consecutive correct choices, distinguishing truth from falsity, with no room for luck...

The difficulty, truly not small!

Though called an opportunity, in reality... it is a measure of skill!

"Allow this poor monk to go first..."

Wu Gang from Little Lingyin Temple chuckled.

Taking a step forward, his gaze scorching and sweeping over.

His eyes landed on Li Che, whose aura did not surpass that of a Great Grandmaster, offering a faint smile.

"Master Li, for the Treasure Stick... this poor monk apologizes."

"The three opponents I choose..."

"Li Half-Saint, Divine Monkey, and Elder Ding."

Li Che's Fairy in the Painting Avatar's gaze froze, while beneath the Divine Monkey Mask, the corner of Li Che's mouth twitched, throwing a glance at Wu Gang.

Indeed, it seemed Wu Gang's choices were indeed optimal...

After all, Li Che's Fairy in the Painting Avatar appeared to be the weakest, making the distinction of true and false bodies seemingly simpler.

The power exhibited by the Divine Monkey had similarly not reached Martial Saint Divine Embryo, naturally making it a suitable choice.

Finally, from among a group of varying strength Martial Saints, he chose Elder Ding Zi of the Qian Yuan Divine Sect, who had recently ascended to Divine Embryo.

It could be said, that Wu Gang from Little Lingyin Temple, though seeming well-built and simple-minded... was in truth quite shrewd.

But...

A slight curve appeared beneath Li Che's lips, hidden under the Divine Monkey Mask.

This was a trap and a snare laid by the Two-Minded Great Sage.

Where in the world would there be a free lunch?

Li Che appeared to be the weakest among everyone...

But...

That was merely Li Che's Fairy in the Painting Avatar!

Itself...

Was false!

Thus, since being false... when choosing Li Che as an opponent.

It implies... these people had misjudged.

Unless, someone among them could identify Li Che's Fairy in the Painting Avatar as inherently false.

Otherwise, once choosing him as an opponent, they had no qualification to ascend the peak of Huaguo Mountain and distinguish the true Treasure Stick.

Wu Gang the Martial Monk...

Had already sealed his fate before climbing the mountain.

For he chose the most difficult two to challenge...

Even if he did recognize that both Li Che demonstrated false bodies, yet he selected the Divine Monkey...

As of now, the Divine Monkey was Li Che's true form, and for Wu Gang to continue the ascent, he had to defeat the true body of the Divine Monkey.

But now, Li Che... whose hands are still stained with the blood of the Second Level Martial Saint, which has yet to cool.

Hence.

Wu Gang's seemingly perfect choice...

In reality, was the worst choice.

Li Che pondered deeply.

Testing perfection against flaws, truth against lies, illusion against reality...

Was this intentionally crafted by the Two-Minded Great Sage?

Under the Star Constellation Killer Mask, Dragon Son Ao Lie's gaze flickered, also making his choice.

"Li Che, Divine Monkey, Ding Zi."

Ao Lie mirrored Wu Gang's selection.

Though the choice was the same, the process was not identical, leaving room for misjudgment.

Wu Gang glanced briefly but said nothing more.

The rules set by the Two-Minded Great Sage did not restrict making identical choices.

And to ascend the peak of Huaguo Mountain and obtain the Treasure Stick, it was not shameful.

This fell under reasonably utilizing one's advantages.

With twinkling eyes, Young Taoist Master Yue Weizheng chuckled, also making a choice: "Li Half-Saint, Divine Monkey, and Elder Ding..."

The Divine Fetus Practitioner Xuan Yin of Xuanfu Divine Sect made the same choice as initially withdrawn. .

Gu Chuan of Heavenly Pill Divine Sect and Ning He of Seven Treasures Divine Sect, these two Martial Saints, also opted for Li Che, Divine Monkey, though they altered the third choice to fellow Martial Saint Tang Xiejia.

After all, Martial Saints dealing with Divine Embryos experience some difficulty, yet contending with fellow Martial Saint Tang Xiejia, they felt assured.

The Tang Family, known for Mechanical Techniques, did not necessarily excel in the Martial Path.

Under the Divine Monkey Mask, Li Che looked at those practically treating "Li Che, Divine Monkey" as essential choices, suppressing a laugh beneath the Divine Monkey Mask.

Feeling the urge to laugh, yet not daring to laugh aloud.

In the distance.

Gongshu Jingjun, Tang Xiejia, and Ding Zi shared a glance, a struggle and hesitation etched upon their faces.

"Should we choose Li Che?"

"Forget it... let's not choose Li Che."

"After all, he's an Elder of our Divine Carving Ridge..." Gongshu Jingjun shook his head, ultimately unable to make an emotionless decision.

"I must see what skill this Martial Monk from Little Lingyin Temple possesses!"

Finally, Gongshu Jingjun selected his three opponents: Divine Monkey, Yue Weizheng, Wu Gang.

Tang Xiejia and Ding Zi followed suit.

Finally.

Every gaze fell upon the Underworld Divine Monkey wearing a mask.

Li Che pressed down upon his mask, casually spreading his hands.

"Wu Gang, Yue Weizheng, Star Constellation..."

Boom——!!!

Following the Divine Monkey's choice.

Huaguo Mountain shook vigorously.

Those astonished by the Divine Monkey's decision were drawn in.

Beheld was a mountain path paved with ancient stone stairs, presented before the crowd.

The road winded endlessly, turning through a thousand steps, leading deeply into Huaguo Mountain's apex, towards the Treasure Stick!

The waterfall water even splashed upon the steps, soaking the stone path.

"When true appears false, when false appears true."

"My friends..."

"The path has opened, ascend now to claim the stick."

Buddha Light shone upon them, the Divine Monkey clad in a kasaya warmly smiled.

Complete silence enveloped Daping.

Only the sounds of chirping birds and the waterfall's rush lingered.

Moments later.

"Amitabha Buddha."

"This poor monk humbly accepts."

Clad in gray robes, the mountain-like figure of Martial Monk Wu Gang, joined his palms, his tattered yet spotless cloth shoes advanced two steps to reach the newly carved mountain path at Huaguo Mountain.

Resembling a lotus emerging unstained from the mud, stepping upon the stone path.

And in the instant he set foot upon the path.

Li Che, Divine Monkey, and Elder Ding Zi vanished from Daping.

In a flash.

People barely had time to react, raising their sights.

It was then seen that the stone path split into three sections, each section had two figures sitting cross-legged; across the winding mountain path, sat six figures.

Wu Gang with his nine incense-scarred head raised.

Palms joined, ascended the steps.

Not hurried nor slow.

Ascended straight through the three hundred steps.

Beheld at three hundred steps, where blue stones mantled with moss, under twisting ancient pines on either side, flanked by two blue stones.

Upon the blue stones, each sat a reliably solemn...

Divine Sculpture Half-Saint Li Che.

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The mountain peach and stream apricot bloom with little intention, taking advantage of the season to spring with the wind.

Amidst Huaguo Mountain.

Spring is full of vitality, flowers in clusters.

The chatter and noise echo endlessly among the mountains.

On the green trees, among the branches, monkeys of all colors shuttle back and forth: golden, brown, tawny, white, gray... various agile and leaping monkeys.

Their eyes glimmer with lively sparkles, watching the expanse at the foot of the mountain and the figures on the ascending stone path.

They scratch their ears and cheeks, seemingly curious about what these people are doing.

But everyone knows that these monkeys are not real; everything is false.

This world, or rather this Huaguo Mountain, is essentially a fictional scene constructed by Temple God Divinity.

None of the present strong individuals are weak; they are all Martial Saints or in the Divine Embryo Realm, transcendent cultivators who have successfully Transcended to a different plane.

They can naturally perceive the uniqueness of Huaguo Mountain.

However, no one attempts to break this illusion, each lifting their heads, eyes filled with excitement and anticipation, looking towards the monk Wu Gang from the Little Lingyin Temple on the mountain path.

Wu Gang's dust-free cloth shoes step onto the three-hundredth step, palms together, as a breeze carrying birdsong and the fragrance of flowers sweeps in, causing Wu Gang's gray abbot robe to flutter.

Green pines are tough and strong, densely covered pine needles hang down, growing on both sides of the stone path, as if mirroring each other.

"Amitabha Buddha."

Wu Gang looks at Li Che sitting cross-legged on two blue stones.

Almost identical, indistinguishable.

However, Wu Gang doesn't mind, with hands together, looking at the two Li Ches sitting on the blue stones, three opponents, divided into three trials, this Li Che should be the weakest and also the easiest trial to pass.

After all, although Li Che is a Divine Sculpture Half-Saint, he broke through forcibly relying on the powerful gift of the Divine Sculpture.

In fact, according to Wu Gang's understanding, Li Che's Martial Path cultivation is merely at the Master of Divine Gang level, and his Divinity is barely at the level of Divine Primordial.

Compared to him, the Vajra Martial Saint from the Little Lingyin Temple... the gap is incredibly vast.

It's completely like the difference between heaven and earth.

So, Wu Gang is confident, with such a huge gap, how could Li Che possibly disguise himself in front of him?

Moreover, Wu Gang is confident in his Heavenly Person Sensing, able to easily distinguish the true from the false Li Che; the weaker the cultivation, the more flaws there are.

"Li Half-Saint, this humble monk apologizes."

Wu Gang bows.

The next moment, as he straightens his body, his spine seems to transform into a Golden Heavenly Dragon, winding and roaring, entwining around him, the splendid and dazzling dragon scales reflecting myriad lights.

"Great Mighty Heavenly Dragon!"

"Buddhist Sect's Heavenly Pupil!"

Wu Gang's burly and robust body, unexpectedly seems to emit the sound of bones grinding, muscles resonating like a great bell, his body emitting a faint golden hue.

A tremendously powerful Martial Dao Will, like an angry Buddha roaring, Vajra wrath!

Rip!

The gray monk robe explodes instantly, revealing Wu Gang's body, akin to reinforced iron cast, with muscles bulging, the lines exuding a strong visual impact.

Like a golden dragon shadow, traversing his body!

After Wu Gang tears open his attire, at the center of his chest, it seems as if it's been split open.

Blood and flesh part to the sides, revealing a blood-red eye, slowly opening!

Boom boom boom——!!!

The terrifying pressure of will erupts like a mountain flood, shaking the entire mountain path of Huaguo Mountain.

It has begun!

At the expanse at the mountain's base,

Gongshu Jingjun, Tang Xiejia, and other remaining strong individuals concentrate their gaze.

They want to see exactly what it means to distinguish between true and false.

"Hmph! The top-level Divine Seed of the Little Lingyin Temple, capable of cultivating into Divinity Transformation True Martial's Divine Seed Martial Arts [Great Mighty Heavenly Dragon]!"

On the expanse,

Dragon Son Ao Lie of the Dragon God Clan, wearing a Star Constellation Mask, snorted angrily.

The cultivation of Great Mighty Heavenly Dragon requires killing a dragon, extracting dragon bone, dragon sinew, dragon marrow, refining a Heavenly Dragon Pill, then consuming it, suppressing the dragon soul within oneself, subdued by a Buddhist Sect's secret technique, finally transforming into a Great Mighty Heavenly Dragon!

For the Dragon God Clan, it is an extremely sinister secret technique!

Hateful to the extreme!

"That is the Buddhist Sect's Kanxu Pupil!"

"A top-level pupil skill of the Buddhist Sect, this martial monk specifically cultivated this Buddhist Sect's Kanxu Pupil, it seems his visit this time to the Qian Yuan Divine Sect is aimed at the Two Hearted Great Saint Mysterious Temple."

Martial Saint Ning He from the Seven Treasures Divine Sect, knowledgeable and experienced, couldn't help but express amazement.

"The pupil technique of the Buddhist Sect is indeed not weak; I'm afraid the true and false bodies of Li Che Half-Saint will soon be discerned."

Gu Chuan from the Heavenly Pill Divine Sect also nodded.

However, he is not in a hurry; if it were really that easy, everyone would have already been striving to be the first.

In fact, the main difficulty should still be discerning the true from false of the Treasure Stick.

The Treasure Stick also needs to be assessed for authenticity, which should be more difficult than identifying the opponent's true and false bodies.

In their understanding, the test set by the Temple God seems more like helping them adapt to the process of assessing true and false bodies, at least not becoming helpless when facing the authenticity assessment of the Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod...

With this in mind, the Two-Minded Great Saint Temple God is actually quite kind-hearted...

Experts like Xuan Yin from the Xuanfu Divine Sect, Gu Chuan from the Heavenly Pill Divine Sect, and Ning He from the Seven Treasures Divine Sect all have slight expectations in their hearts.

Especially Ning He, whose target is to aim straight for this Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod.

Suddenly,

Yue Weizheng, the Young Taoist Master who was watching intently from the side, exclaimed.

"What's happening?"

"What's going on with Master Wu Gang?"

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His exclamation instantly interrupted the thoughts of the three powerful figures from other Divine Sects.

Each of them looked up, becoming stupefied.

Because...

On that stone step, Wu Gang, who unleashed the Great Mighty Heavenly Dragon and activated the Kanxu Pupil of the Buddhist Sect, was trembling all over, his golden steel-like body shaking at a frequency even beyond their imagination.

As if he was encountering some great terror.

"What happened?"

Because the three hundred steps of Huaguo Mountain were too far from them, in this world constructed by the Temple God Divinity, they couldn't use Heavenly Person Sensing or Heaven and Earth Soul to explore.

Suddenly, they were in confusion.

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Wu Gang's body trembled like a sifting sieve, his eyes were bloodshot, bald, and on the scalp with only nine ring scars, beads of sweat densely covered it.

And the Buddha Eye in his chest, which tore open the flesh and grotesquely opened, was similarly bloodshot, the eyeballs rotating at an incredibly fast speed, as if... somewhat short-circuiting.

"Why?!"

"Why... can't see through?! Can't penetrate?!"

"Why, oh Buddha... can't penetrate!"

Wu Gang's body vibrated.

This Kanxu Pupil of the Buddhist Sect was not cultivated by himself but was specifically gouged out by Grandmaster Huang Mei for this journey from a successful Buddhist Sect Kanxu Pupil of a Mountain Climbing Martial Saint!

Transplanted this Kanxu Pupil into his body.

Just so he could discern illusions and find the true opportunity in this trial of the Two-Minded Great Sage's Temple God test, acquire the Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod, and invite the Two-Minded Great Sage back to the Buddha Land!

Even if it wasn't his own Buddhist Sect Kanxu Pupil...

But this was, after all, a Buddhist Sect Kanxu Pupil cultivated by a powerful Martial Saint who spanned the Qi Sea and ascended the Mountain Path!

On him, it was just a Divine Seed, but in reality... it was the Divinity Transformation True Martial of that Martial Saint!

Therefore, this Buddha Eye possessed True Martial Power!

However...

Can't penetrate!

The Buddha Eye's gaze fell upon the two Li Che under the ancient pine and green stone.

The feedback of information was...

Can't penetrate!

As if both were real, yet seemingly... both were false!

This situation made Wu Gang even suspect that this Buddha Eye was unfit due to the transplantation, delaying this important matter!

Wu Gang stared intently at the Li Che sitting under the ancient pine and green stone, with the embroidered golden lotus of the Mo Shan fluttering in the breeze.

Li Che gently smiled, appearing honest and genuine.

Wu Gang didn't suspect Li Che of tampering, after all, how could such an sincere and genuine Divine Sculpture Half-Saint play mind games with him?

Even though Wu Gang suspected the Buddha Eye was broken... he didn't suspect Li Che was problematic.

Wu Gang, whose body was like a Treasure Pagoda, was almost unstable, swaying as if about to roll down the Mountain Path. .

But he suddenly took a step forward, firmly stabilizing his shaking body.

He fiercely pressed his five fingers against his chest, gripping the Kanxu Pupil that rolled its pupils and kept flipping back with wide eyes tightly.

Eyelids pulled shut!

If he can't see through, then close the Buddha's eyes!

Wu Gang let out a low roar, veins on his forehead throbbed as if explosively booming, his pupils shrunk to the size of sesame green beans, his body bulged mightily, steaming all over as if plunged into a manic state!

This is Wu Gang of Little Lingyin Temple, usually peaceful and wooden.

But once he enters combat state, he becomes manic and even crazed!

Self-proclaimed... the Buddha!

"Damn it! Can't see through reality, let Buddha close his eyes! Buddha will decide himself!"

Wu Gang's steel-like muscles, with the golden Great Mighty Heavenly Dragon coiled around him, he stared at the two Li Che calmly sitting on the green stone.

Seemed like they were full of flaws, neither seemed like the True Body, both seemed like false identities!

But Wu Gang knew very well, how could the Temple God at the Strange Temple allow two false identities to sit before him?

It meant one must be true!

Just, Buddha is too foolish, can't see through!

But it doesn't matter, relying on Buddha's intuition!

Buddha closed his eyes, thumping, then suddenly opened his eyes, five fingers fiercely clenched into a fist, on the Mountain Path air currents accelerated, Wu Gang menacingly extended his index finger.

"Pointing soldiers and generals, big soldiers and big generals, small soldiers and small generals, Buddha points to whichever is whichever!"

Ultimately, the index finger hovered over the wordless Li Che on the left green stone.

"It's you!"

"Buddha... chose you!"

Wu Gang's temples throbbed and trembled, he grinned widely.

Buzz—!!!

"Li Half-Saint!"

Wu Gang squeezed his five fingers and then stepped heavily forward, like a mountain flood bursting, he was immensely excited, his heart pounding wildly in his chest.

The Martial Monk's Buddha Heart intuition told him that he chose correctly!

This Li Che must be the True Body!

Even without the Buddhist Sect Kanxu Pupil, solely relying on the Martial Monk's Buddha Heart intuition, can still break the situation!

Rustle—

A spring breeze swept through, the umbrella-like pine needles on the ancient pine clashed and rubbed against each other in the wind, producing a light rustle.

On the green stone.

Facing the gleeful, frenzied, and hideous Wu Gang.

Li Che gently smiled, an honest expression showed a hint of apologetic expression.

Spread his hands.

"Master Wu Gang, sorry."

Gentle voice, yet it was like a steel needle fiercely piercing Wu Gang's heart!

"Ah—?!"

A voice filled with confusion exploded out of Wu Gang's mouth like a loud bell.

Bang—!

Then, as Wu Gang felt even Buddha deceived him, Li Che... exploded into a cloud of black mist, swept clean by the spring breeze.

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"Ah?!"

"Fake, really fake?!"

How could it be fake?

His Buddha heart clearly told him he chose correctly, he boldly made the right choice!

But why?

Wu Gang was a bit bewildered, it was a kind of... unwavering trust all along, only to be deceived in bewilderment and collapse!

He suddenly turned his head to look at the distant other figure of Li Che.

"Buddha doesn't believe!"

Boom—!

The five fingers clenched, the Heavenly Dragon roared, golden flames suddenly exploded, transforming into ring after ring of fire, swirling around the enormously thick arm, transforming into a terrifying punch that was thrust out horizontally.

Then, in the bewildered gaze of Wu Gang, the other Li Che seated on the bluestone...

Also exploded, turning into white mysterious fog...

Wu Gang: "???"

Not fair to bully a monk like this?!

All fake?!

What exactly is real?!

"When real is false, false becomes real, when false is real, real becomes false..."

"Difficult to distinguish real from false, the failure in recognition, the treasure stick is not destined for you."

Buddha light shone down.

Wu Gang looked up and saw the Temple God in kasaya grinning at him, revealing a mouthful of sharp fangs in a smile.

Boom—!!!

Wu Gang felt the scene around him start to fragment and shatter.

When the scene before his eyes became clear again.

He found that the Temple Guardian Curse Corpse King Demon Ape was pinching him between its thumb and forefinger, then suddenly threw him—

Puff—!

Wu Gang spewed a mouthful of fresh blood, his whole body shooting out like a cannonball, the formidable body of a Martial Saint found it difficult to withstand this terrifying throwing force.

Transformed into a beam of golden light and was smashed out of the Strange Que.

However, Wu Gang still found some relief...

Relief that after his judgment failed, he was merely expelled...

And not directly pinched to death by the Temple Guardian Curse Corpse King!

"Amitabha Buddha..."

"My Buddha, be merciful."

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Crackling—!

Thunder rumbled, lightning flashed like a wandering serpent!

Lead-colored clouds piled high in the sky, with sudden bursts of electric light, like a blue electric dragon, probing its head from the dark clouds at times, grimly sprawling across the Heavenly Dome!

The radiance cast was glorious and dazzling!

The snow stopped at the Divine Carving Ridge, but a thick fog rose up, extremely dense, as if from the water of the Qiankun River, which spanned both inside and outside Dao City, being evaporated and the mist rising.

Or like the mysterious fog of Strange Que boiling and surging, carrying the boiling divinity, rushing out from another world as if engulfing the present world.

Resembling an interaction between two worlds!

The Six-Eared Prison Lotus Divine Monkey Two-Minded Great Saint Strange Temple.

Outside, many strong individuals parked their carriages about a hundred feet away from the Strange Temple, each sitting in their carriages.

Looking forward eagerly, gazing at the Strange Que covered by the mysterious fog, wanting to see clearly the situation of the many strong individuals entering the Strange Que.

Who exactly obtained the Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod.

However, it was impossible to see clearly, the mysterious fog became very thick, obstructing vision and the Primordial Spirit.

"The fog is rising!"

"Such dense mysterious fog, what's going on? What's happening inside the Strange Temple?"

"The snow stopped, and it seems anomalies appeared in heaven and earth, this thunder so raging, as if wanting to strike down, suppress this existence intolerable by heaven and earth!"

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Many strong individuals present felt a slight shock in their hearts, unusual colors flashed in their eyes. .

The Divine Sculpture Half-Saint Huang Tuo, sitting inside a Buddha's carriage, narrowed his eyes, his cultivation was at the level of Divine Fetus Second God Transformation, unable to step into the Strange Temple.

Therefore, he could only send Wu Gang, and in fact, Huang Tuo had great confidence in Wu Gang.

After all, Wu Gang practiced the Body Refining Method of the Vajra Arhat from Little Lingyin Temple, his physical body was extremely strong, and being originally from the Buddhist Sect like the Two-Minded Great Saint, naturally had a greater hope.

But, such was the thought, what actually happened inside the Strange Que, he could only guess.

Just seeing these anomalies, it seemed like the Temple God of the Strange Temple had awakened.

The Divine Weapon... seems to be selecting its chosen one as well.

The Jianghu Guests who gathered to watch the commotion from afar couldn't help but tremble.

After all, they were a bit worried that this Two-Minded Great Saint Mysterious Temple might have another outburst.

Inside the carriage.

Lv Taibai with silver hair flowing, was drinking the milk tea concocted for Xi Xi.

He glanced at the sky, then at the thickening mysterious fog, and was unconcerned: "The Temple God has awakened."

"It should have reached the trial stage."

"Testing who could gain the recognition of the Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod..."

Lv Taibai said.

Inside the carriage, Xi Xi holding the warm milk tea in both hands, had a circle of milk froth around her mouth from drinking.

Xi Xi blinked: "So, is the result about to come out?"

"I wonder if Daddy will get the Divine Weapon..."

Xi Xi really hoped that her Daddy could obtain the Divine Weapon, although many times, she wanted to suppress her Daddy who always spanked her.

But sometimes, Xi Xi was also very filial.

For example now, Xi Xi hoped that Daddy could suppress everyone.

After all, it's Daddy of Emperor Xi Xi!

Lv Taibai shook his head, even though he created conditions and opportunities for Li Che, whether he could really get this opportunity, was still unknown.

Opportunities are such things, if it's not yours, it ultimately isn't yours.

Even if you forcibly obtain it, it will eventually dissipate like water.

As for what exactly happened inside, Lv Taibai also didn't know, all he could do was uphold the rules he set.

Whoever dared to break into the Strange Que would be slain.

Suddenly.

Lv Taibai's silver eyebrows twitched, he lifted the curtain, looking at the rolling mysterious fog.

Xi Xi sensed the movement in the Strange Que, thinking it was related to her Daddy, quickly got up, leaned near the carriage window, and stood on tiptoes to look out.

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The mysterious fog was torn apart.

A robust figure spun as it shot out at high speed.

Imposing like a precious mountain, his entire body was gold-plated, each taut muscle and bone roaring like a furious dragon, enveloping everything in the terrifying pressure of a Martial Saint.

Wu Gang crashed to the ground, his body scorching like a branding iron, instantly melting a large pit in the accumulated snow on the ground.

"Buddha says... it's fake, damn it, it's all fake."

Wu Gang wobbled as he climbed out of the deep pit, his face full of bewilderment.

On the Buddha's carriage.

Yellow Tuo's expression changed slightly as he looked calm yet slightly startled.

"Wu Gang?!"

"Wu Gang—!"

His tongue sparked like spring thunder as the Brahman sound exploded beside Wu Gang's ears, finally waking him up.

His entire body trembled uncontrollably.

Wu Gang wept, looking at Yellow Tuo, placing his palms together in prayer, kneeling on the ground with his tattered monk's robe.

"Master, Wu Gang... can't tell, truly can't tell..."

"Who is true, who is false, are all false, or perhaps all true..."

"My Buddha... has gone blind."

Yellow Tuo was momentarily speechless, feeling that Wu Gang seemed to be on the verge of going astray in this moment.

His heart involuntarily quivered, as he was well aware that Wu Gang had transplanted a Buddha's Kanxu Eye...

With the Kanxu Eye, he still couldn't tell?!

Yellow Tuo's body floated out instantly, step by step as if lotuses bloomed underfoot, walking to Wu Gang's front, raising his hand, Buddha light cascaded onto Wu Gang's body.

Causing Wu Gang, whose mental state was intensely fluctuating, to slowly calm down.

"Tell me... what exactly happened inside the Strange Que?"

Yellow Tuo, with a kind expression, gently stroked Wu Gang's bald head, softly inquired.

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Wu Gang...

Failed!

The Martial Saint of Little Lingyin Temple, a Buddha Vajra Martial Saint who had mastered the Great Mighty Heavenly Dragon and Buddha's Kanxu Eye, both of which could undergo Divinity Transformation into True Martial with the Divine Seeds, unexpectedly... failed!

In the Buddhist Sect, Martial Saints are also referred to as Vajra.

The realm and Martial Saints are categorized the same, the cultivation specifics are actually the same, merely renamed in Buddha Land.

Martial Saint Four Transformations, Human Pill Opening, Qi Sea Opening, Mountain Path Opening, and Open Heaven Gate...

In Buddha Land, they are referred to as Buddha Pill, Bitter Sea, Spirit Mountain, and Buddhist Sect instead.

In truth, it's merely the same Martial Path cultivation.

However, there is no denying that Wu Gang mastering two top-notch Divine Seed martial arts, his strength is undoubtedly immense.

Especially the Buddha's Kanxu Eye, it is extremely fearsome!

Yet...

He still failed!

"How could the judgment be wrong at the very first trial?"

Everyone was somewhat stunned, even Gongshu Jingjun, Tang Xiejia, and others were incredibly bewildered.

In the next moment, each one's expression slightly changed.

This Divine Weapon's fate trial, more challenging than they imagined...

"I don't believe it, I'll go!"

With a cold smile, Dragon Son Ao Lie, wearing a Star Constellation Mask, stepped forward.

His black robe fluttered as Ao Lie likewise ascended the three hundred steps of the mountain path.

Then, just like Wu Gang, he saw the two honest and earnest Li Ches sitting cross-legged under the ancient pine.

Ao Lie's purple eyes flickered, Dragon God Purple Pupil!

The Dragon God bloodline inside him activated, as if communicating with the power of the Dragon God, forming a unique Heavenly Person sensing, aiming to discern the true body of Li Che...

Inexplicably, Ao Lie's mirror-like purple eyes seemed to have a dragon head lean slightly to the left.

Ao Lie acted without hesitation.

Yet before he could strike.

The honest and earnest Li Che simply spread his hands, disintegrating into black mist...

"Fake?"

Ao Lie's heart froze for an instant, his eyes revealed panic and bewilderment.

Boom—!

Buddha light transformed into an enormous sky-covering hand, slamming down.

At the three hundredth step of Huaguo Mountain's mountain path.

Ao Lie also disappeared, expelled out.

On the Daping.

A silence prevailed, only the rustling of leaves in the spring breeze and the ceaseless cries of the monkeys on both sides could be heard.

"How can this be?!"

The god embryo mysterious sound of Xuanfu Divine Sect, her delicate brows slightly furrowed.

Then her white skirt fluttered, ascending the mountain path, she took out a Discerning Illusion Divine Talisman, which was a fifth-order middle-stage Divine Talisman.

Her first trial opponent for discerning truth and falsehood was also Li Che.

Before the Divine Talisman could be fully consumed, a massive Buddha light condensed hand slammed down.

Bang bang bang—!

The Buddha hand relentlessly descended.

The entire Huaguo Mountain trembled incessantly.

One strong person after another was eliminated, expelled in disbelief and confusion from the Strange Que.

Gongshu Jingjun, Tang Xiejia, and Elder Ding Zi, all three were completely numb, this situation...

Truly.

Beyond expectations.

"Could it be... Elder Li Che... is poisonous?"

"Why are all who choose Elder Li Che expelled?"

Elder Ding Zi couldn't help but speak, somewhat dubious and uncertain.

Li Che pressed down on the Divine Monkey Mask on his face, indeed... it was pretty much as he imagined.

The Painting Immortal Avatar Li Che himself was a false body, plus the fake body created by the Two-Minded Great Sage.

Whether it was Wu Gang's Kanxu Buddha Eyes, the Dragon God Purple Pupil of Dragon Son Ao Lie, or the Discerning Illusion Divine Talisman of Xuanfu Divine Sect's god embryo...

All discerned the true body among the two Li Ches...

However, their means couldn't see through the power of Dao Fruit [Painting Immortal].

According to Li Che's speculation, the power of Dao Fruit... might actually touch upon Dao Yun!

So, at their level, it's simply undetectable!

As for how to break this impasse...

"Perhaps, only those who are absolutely certain of their own choice, whose heart won't waver due to external circumstances... can truly pass the first trial."

Li Che smiled behind the Divine Monkey Mask.

Gongshu Jingjun, Tang Xiejia, and the three Elders Ding Zi were momentarily stunned.

They looked towards the Underworld Divine Monkey. .

Seeing the Underworld Divine Monkey brush off the Mo Shan on his body, he took a step, landing on the stone path.

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"Now, it's much more peaceful."

A faint voice drifted from the mouth of the Divine Monkey.

The mountain path opened up.

The Divine Monkey swaggered, climbing three hundred steps, and arrived before the first opponent.

Ancient pine and green stone, two Martial Monks sat cross-legged.

Li Che's opponents were chosen as Wu Gang, Yue Weizheng, and the Star Constellation Assassin Ao Lie...

Looking at the two Martial Monks synchronously intoning "Amitabha Buddha."

Li Che raised his hand and pointed at the [Equal to Heaven's Face].

In an instant, the blood and flesh at the brow opened, the Star Plucking Pupil...

Golden light swept across.

Immediately locked onto Wu Gang's true body.

Boom—!

The moment Wu Gang erupted, Li Che detonated the Divine Seed, and the powerful Heavenly Person Sensing descended, causing the mountain wind to howl and the air currents to surge!

Below, at Daping.

Gongshu Jingjun, Tang Xiejia, and others were greatly horrified!

"The Divine Monkey... has he broken through to a Martial Saint?!"

They had seen the Underworld Divine Monkey before, and at that time, the Underworld Divine Monkey... was definitely not a Martial Saint!

Yet now, he has already broken through to become a Martial Saint.

When did he break through?

How could the Martial Saint Calamity be completed without any commotion?

Could it be that the Underworld has the means to suppress Heavenly Tribulations? To pass tribulations in utter silence?!

And on the stone path.

Because Wu Gang had already been expelled from the Strange Que, after determining Wu Gang's true body, there was no need for Li Che to take action; Wu Gang's true body collapsed into extinction.

Whoosh—

The mountain wind blew by.

Another three hundred steps, and finally someone stepped forward.

In the silent gaze of Gongshu Jingjun and others.

They witnessed the Divine Monkey climbing step by step to the top, reaching the second checkpoint of Yue Weizheng, and the third checkpoint of the Star Constellation Assassin Dragon Son Ao Lie, without encountering any barrier.

Under the Star Plucking Pupil, truth and falsehood... were easily discerned by Li Che.

Gongshu Jingjun and others merely blinked.

And saw the Divine Monkey appear at the peak of Huaguo Mountain, by the cliff of the cascading waterfall.

The Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod was embedded right in the center of that waterfall.

Divided into three, three into six, six into nine!

A total of nine splendid gold-plated Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rods were inserted into the waterfall.

The Two Heart Great Saint Temple God hovered in the air, its gaze opening and closing, with Buddha Light shining from its back.

As if curious...

Which choice will the Divine Monkey make.

Nine Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rods.

It's too difficult to choose!

Real or fake, which one is true, which one is false?!

At Daping, Gongshu Jingjun, Tang Xiejia, and others had already given up on choosing the Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod; they looked regretfully at the Painting Immortal Avatar Li Che.

"Elder Li, it's really a pity..."

"You were able to carve the Two Heart Great Saint Temple God Statue... you actually have a great prospect with this Treasure Stick."

Gongshu Jingjun was somewhat unwilling to accept it.

However, Li Che glanced at Gongshu Jingjun, Tang Xiejia, and others.

He gave a smile like a breath of spring breeze.

"It's all the same."

How can it be the same...

Though the Underworld Divine Monkey has quite a good relationship with the Divine Sect, in the end, he is not a person of the Qian Yuan Divine Sect.

"Gongshu Mountain Master! Look fast!"

Suddenly, Tang Xiejia's urgent breathing echoed.

Gongshu Jingjun was taken aback, turned his head, and followed Tang Xiejia's pointing finger to look at the top of Huaguo Mountain's waterfall.

And saw...

The Divine Monkey in a Mo Shan robe, sitting cross-legged, facing the nine Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rods, clenched his five fingers...

A piece of ordinary wood appeared in his hand.

Then a Divine Weapon Carving Knife appeared, a blade flower bloomed at the Divine Monkey's fingertips.

The knife fell upon the wood.

Beginning to diligently carve a Divine Sculpture.

Immersing his heart, in the rising and falling of the knife, in the incredibly familiar carving technique...

A temple god statue carved with even the Two Heart Great Saint pattern on the monkey hairs appeared in the hands of the Divine Monkey.

Buzzing—

The Divine Monkey single-handedly lifted the Two-Mind Great Saint Divine Sculpture, slowly stood up, facing the nine Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rods from a distance.

His other hand, with five fingers spread open.

The carefree Divine Monkey, the flamboyant Divine Monkey... didn't care that at this moment, carving out a Half-Saint Divine Sculpture would expose his identity.

The Divine Monkey... didn't need to bother with so much.

He didn't even care about the revelation of his identity.

Facing truth and falsehood head-on, perhaps, this is what the Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod expects.

If that's the case...

"Come on."

The waterfall of Huaguo Mountain suddenly roared up, the water erupted, reflecting sunlight, glistening!

Buzzing—!

The nine Treasure Sticks trembled violently, producing a sound akin to drum and bell beats.

The next moment.

A brilliant buzzing sound!

The nine Treasure Sticks merged into one!

Shooting skyward from the waterfall of Huaguo Mountain, countless streams of water burst open instantly, the waterfall surged upwards into the sky, then transformed into torrential rain, quickly pouring down towards the human world.

In the pouring rain, countless stick shadows emerged in the air, continuously rotating.

As if in the sky, countless stick shadows bloomed like flowers!

Finally, all stick shadows became one.

Transformed into a golden light, landing in the opened palm of Li Che's five fingers.

A gold-plated splendid golden needle...

Just floated in the palm like this.

Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod!

Divine Weapon with a spirit!

Chooses its master!

On Daping, Gongshu Jingjun, Tang Xiejia, and Ding Zi, the three of them, couldn't help but tremble.

Their eyes widened, filled with disbelief.

Even the Divine Weapon choosing its master... didn't shock them so much!

"This... this..."

Gongshu Jingjun's body slightly trembled.

Whoosh—

The water of Huaguo Mountain transformed into a torrential rain, washing over him, and he seemed to have lost even the consciousness to mobilize his strength to disperse this rain.

He turned his head to look at the still smiling Painting Immortal Avatar Li Che.

Then looked towards the side of Huaguo Mountain waterfall.

The Divine Monkey who just carved out the Half-Saint Divine Sculpture...

The Underworld Divine Monkey...

Is actually Elder Li?!

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Shock!

Like a volcano that has been suppressed for a long time, at the peak of its heat, it erupted with scalding lava!

Tearing apart calmness and serenity!

This Divine Monkey...

This Divine Monkey!

Gongshu Jingjun and Tang Xiejia were both shaken to their cores, their hearts unable to settle, because they were too familiar with Li Che's Divine Carving Technique.

The Divine Sculpture technique displayed by this Divine Monkey, crafting a Half-Saint Divine Sculpture from mere mundane wood, and the carving style, the carving method...

Too evident!

For a Divine Sculpture Half-Saint, the style of carving is something particularly easy to distinguish.

Style is the essence of a master, every proficient Divine Sculpture Master has their own unique style. For instance, some prefer to hold the knife in their left hand, and the sculpting lines on the spiritual wood will differ from those of an ordinary Woodcarving Master.

Some Woodcarving Masters excel in techniques like gouging, leaving corresponding traces, and these traces reflect the style of a Master.

The same applies to a Divine Sculpture Half-Saint.

In fact, the style is even more pronounced. To a master or a half-saint, having a distinctive style is not a bad thing, rather, it's a significant advantage and a major way to enhance the value of a Divine Sculpture, serving as proof of their artistry.

So...

They really recognized it!

The Divine Monkey is Elder Li!

Li Che indeed!

Gongshu Jingjun's expression kept changing, how could this be possible?

Tang Xiejia's reaction was even more pronounced, his massive and robust body inevitably breaking out in goosebumps, the dignified Martial Saint, surprisingly unable to control his physical body at this moment.

Because, Tang Xiejia is not particularly sensitive to Divine Sculpture techniques, his focus was more on the cultivation of the Divine Monkey...

Martial Saint!

Heavenly Person Sensing, Yuan Gang intertwining...

These are the characteristics and symbols of a Martial Saint, meaning, this Divine Monkey... has truly reached the realm of Martial Saint cultivation!

But...

The Divine Monkey is Elder Li!

Doesn't that mean Elder Li has become a Martial Saint?!

This is the truly terrifying part!

At this moment, Gongshu Jingjun also realized, his pupils slightly narrowing.

Inner Sect's Third Elder, Elder Ding Zi, was equally shocked, instinctively turning his head to look at not far away, at the Painting Immortal Avatar Li Che with a gentle smile.

"Elder Li... is not here?"

Ding Zi said.

Upon hearing this, Gongshu Jingjun and Tang Xiejia both felt a jolt in their minds, turning their heads to look at the Painting Immortal Avatar Li Che not far away.

Their minds seemed to be enveloped by a dense mysterious fog, making the scene become hazy.

They couldn't tell, they couldn't tell...

Is this the illusion realm arranged by the Two-Mind Great Saint Temple God, confusing their consciousness?

So, is the Divine Monkey... really Li Che?

"Elder Li... isn't he Horse Face?"

Ding Zi pursed his lips again, speaking.

Regarding Li Che's identity, actually, within Qian Yuan Divine Sect, the Elders had discussions and speculations.

The Underworld's relation with Li Che's family is too good, any discerning person can see through the trick, and make assumptions about it.

Couple that with Li Che's exquisite Divine Sculpture Half-Saint technique, his grasp of the Tang Family's intricate Mechanical Techniques, and combined with his not-so-high cultivation level...

Li Che's identity within the Underworld nearly reveals itself.

He is the Horse Face of the Underworld!

However, compared to the cunning and murderous Bull Demon, Horse Face's presence is indeed not high.

Every time the Underworld acts, Horse Face often hides far away, using powerful mechanisms for remote strikes.

So among the Earthly Hell's Evil, Horse Face doesn't really garner much attention, and rarely incites the anger or killing intent of many people.

In fact, he's not even as hated as that Cat Face...

But today, the three were somewhat baffled. If Li Che is the Horse Face, then today... is Elder Li also the Divine Monkey?

So, which evil of the Underworld is Elder Li?!

Is it true that the Divine Monkey... is Elder Li?!

Many things can be faked, but the carving techniques and style of a Divine Sculpture Half-Saint cannot be faked, unless a Divine Sculpture Saint Hand deliberately imitates it, otherwise, even other Divine Sculpture Half-Saints cannot perfectly simulate the style of another's Divine Carving Technique.

Gongshu Jingjun looked at the honest and upright Li Che in the distance, and upon closer inspection, Gongshu Jingjun indeed seemed to notice something different about this "Li Che".

Though very subtle, there were indeed some differences.

This Li Che...

Is fake?!

If it's fake...

Suddenly, Gongshu Jingjun's eyes brightened slightly, as if he vaguely understood something.

He understood why Wu Gang, Yue Weizheng, Xuan Yin, and others on the mountain climbing path couldn't even pass the first stage before being defeated.

The main reason turned out to be because...

This Li Che is fake!

Since it's fake, even if it's the fake body drawn with Divinity by the Two-Mind Great Saint, it's still fake.

In other words, all are fakes, where is the true body?

Thus, on the mountain climbing path, choosing Li Che as an opponent, essentially...

There's no way to break through!

Because all are fake bodies, without finding the true body, there's naturally no way through.

In other words, choosing Li Che as the opponent is essentially choosing a dead-end!

Gongshu Jingjun saw the light!

Suddenly it felt like... it all made sense.

Tang Xiejia, towering and broad-shouldered, standing next to Gongshu Jingjun, his eyes gleaming, his heart couldn't help but stir.

"If this is true... Divine Monkey is indeed Elder Li..."

"Then this Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod now can be considered in our Qian Yuan Divine Sect's possession."

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Tang Xiejia let out a breath, smiling gently.

Gongshu Jingjun and Ding Zi, upon hearing this, had a slight glimmer in their eyes.

Tang Xiejia looked at the figure holding a golden divine needle in his palm, and a flicker of anticipation showed in his eyes.

"Tang Sanjia, oh Tang Sanjia... you've placed your bet on a monster, haven't you?"

"Could it be that the Tang Family's mechanisms still have a chance to amaze the whole world?"

Tang Xiejia's eyes were somewhat distracted.

His talent for mechanisms was rather mediocre, unlike Tang Sanjia. To support the Tang Family again, he needed to rely on powerful martial arts, so he chose to cultivate the Martial Path, breaking through to become a Martial Saint.

However, as a member of the Tang Family, how could he not have thoughts about mechanisms in his heart?

How could he not harbor the idea of revitalizing the Tang Family's mechanisms?

Yet, nowadays, the Tang Family is fragmented, and all the supreme mechanism beasts have been seized by the Grand Prospect Dynasty...

The Tang Family's mechanisms have thoroughly declined.

Tang Sanjia had great talent for mechanisms, but so what?

He lingered on the path of mechanisms for so long, yet his cultivation did not even break through to Divine Primordial.

But now, Tang Xiejia saw the possibility of the Tang Family's mechanism revival in the Divine Monkey, although Li Che is not of Tang Family descent, what does it matter?

Tang Xiejia took a deep breath, his large hands behind his robust body turning into steely fists.

The decision he had been wavering over for a long time...

The blueprint of the supreme mechanism beast in his hand was useless to keep with him...

He had neither the capacity nor the power to recreate the glory of the Tang Family.

Even if he could create it, with his cultivation and strength, he couldn't protect it...

But.

Li Che, or rather...

The Underworld Divine Monkey, could!

...

...

Buzzing—

The slender gold-plated divine needle in his hand kept trembling, emitting extremely faint vibrations.

The vibration was not too intense, yet it subtly caused the air to ripple like flowing water.

"Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod."

Li Che, wearing the Divine Monkey mask, his black robe fluttered fiercely against the storm. .

The waterfall's splashing water kept pouring down, turning into beads that fell on his body, extremely icy.

As he grasped this real Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod, the whole world seemed to quiet down entirely, with no clamor, no noise.

He felt out of sync with Huaguo Mountain.

Li Che looked down.

He saw the Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod slightly glow, then whistling, swirling upwards, and finally, like passing through the water surface, it stirred waves of ripples before merging into Li Che's right palm.

Beneath the Divine Monkey mask, Li Che raised an eyebrow.

This feeling...

It was different from the three-pointed two-bladed knife hidden in his left arm.

This upper Five Elders-ranked Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod, once fused into Li Che's right arm, seemed to blend entirely with the bones of his right arm.

With a thought, it seemed as if this divine rod could run freely through Li Che's skeleton.

Finally, Li Che's ears twitched slightly.

Buzz——

A clear hum resonated, and then, this Gold Heart-following Iron Divine Rod darted out from inside his ear, and then, in the air, it grew rapidly...

Transforming into a gold-plated treasure stick eight feet long, dazzling with splendid light, as if cast from an equal amount of gold.

On the treasure stick, in ancient script, were inscribed six large characters [Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod].

It glimmered brilliantly!

Li Che's five fingers clenched firmly around this Iron Divine Rod, instantly causing the Qi and blood within his body to boil fiercely, as if rapidly heated, boiling continuously!

In his chest, the [Dragon Elephant Vajra] Dao Fruit, pulsated vigorously, undulatingly expanding outwards, quickly pouring into the divine rod, which immediately calmed entirely from its previous rebellious nature.

A full mental bond was established with Li Che.

If Li Che wished, he could even let the Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod continue to grow and grow...

Transforming into a towering pillar!

Is this the Five Elders' Divine Weapon?

Li Che's heart trembled slightly, in terms of grade... this Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod seemed not inferior to any Four Royal Divine Weapons!

After all, he had not never wielded a Four Royal Divine Weapon.

For example, the one currently in the Heaven and Earth chessboard, the Prison Lotus Yin God Sword.

That's a Four Imperials level, if combined with the Prison Lotus Yang God Sword, it could even reach the Four Imperial Middle Rank.

But in reality, Li Che felt very little difference between the Treasure Stick and the Prison Lotus Yin God Sword in terms of grade.

Moreover, the Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod had the ability to freely expand or contract, which Li Che thought made it even better than the Prison Lotus Yin God Sword.

A slight movement in Li Che's heart.

Between his brows, as if breaking through blood and flesh, the Star Plucking Pupil reflected flowing lights falling.

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[Divine Weapon (Upper Five Elders): Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod]

[Craftsmanship: One of the Treasure Souls of the Qi Tian Hunyuan Ruyi Golden Cudgel, absorbing stray metallic essence of heavens and earth to form the rod]

[Introduction: Mythical Weapon, solely for Treasure Soul, with incomplete body, can adapt flexibly within heaven and earth, enter the Vast Sea to vanquish true dragons]

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Li Che received a prompt from the Star Plucking Pupil's appraisal.

After a glance, his eyes narrowed, and he found the reason why this divine weapon was only at the grade of Upper Five Elders.

This divine weapon...

Is one of the Treasure Souls of the [Qi Tian Hunyuan Ruyi Golden Cudgel], a Three Pure Ones Divine Weapon, formed by siphoning the stray metallic essence of heavens and earth, including gold, metal, etc., to forge the rod's golden body.

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It's almost as if it's a divine weapon formed by heaven and earth itself!

Although Li Che doesn't know much about the weapon casting technique, he clearly understands how exaggerated it is to forge a Five Elders' Divine Weapon merely by relying on the treasure soul's own guidance!

Li Che grasped the treasure stick with one hand, lightly sweeping it, and instantly, a dense array of overlapping stick shadows began to weave across the void, as if smashing and exploding it apart!

The resplendent blossoms of stick flowers bloomed brilliantly!

"Roar roar roar!"

"Oh oh oh!"

"Great King, Great King, Great King, Equaling Heaven!"

"Equaling Heaven——!!!"

Boom——

All around Huaguo Mountain, monkeys of various colored fur started chattering and calling out; they were all exceedingly excited, leaping and darting amongst the trees!

Li Che gripped the stick with one hand, feeling a peculiar sensation from the stick in his hand.

As if it were reluctant...

Suddenly.

Li Che felt the Golden Treasure Stick thumping down fiercely.

A violent explosion burst forth, sounding as if something was shattering into pieces, clanging!

The space seemed to explode under an unbearable weight, shattering like a mirror into fragments.

Countless shards of the exploding mirror transformed into flowing light, spinning rapidly around.

Li Che's eyes narrowed as he scanned his surroundings.

Only to find himself already inside the familiar Strange Temple.

Gone was Huaguo Mountain, along with the chattering monkeys shouting "Equal to Heaven."

Gongshu Jing Jun, Tang Xiejia, and Ding Zi, all three who were at the foot of the mountain, also disappeared.

Li Che turned around to look outside the Strange Temple; the ever-dark Strange Que seemed to have vanished without a trace, and the billowing mysterious fog had also dispersed.

What met his eyes was an endless sea of white.

The sky was quietly draped in descending snow, lightly settling on the tiles, the eaves, the ground.

The entire world plunged into incomparable silence.

Li Che's eyes opened and closed, his black hair flew mightily, and his five fingers gripped the Divine Pole, his perception spreading across the entire Strange Temple, which now lay isolated atop the vast snowy plains.

A gentle and serene brilliance flowed from Li Che's pupils like two strands of calm and fragrant incense.

At this moment, Li Che's spirit seemed to become excited and exhilarated.

He withdrew his gaze, looking at the Strange Temple, now impossibly bright and open, his eyes falling upon the altar of the Strange Temple.

There sat quietly, emanating Buddha Light, peaceful beyond compare... the Temple God.

The living Temple God!

Li Che did not employ any summoning gods, Bright God, or other divine skills.

He wasn't seeing the Temple God through some other means; he truly saw the lifelike Temple God with his own eyes.

It wasn't the temple god statue.

The Divine Monkey draped in a Kasaya, with benevolent brows and kind eyes, bathed in Buddha Light, looked gently at Li Che.

"Amitabha Buddha..."

"The spiritual treasure has chosen its master, the treasure has a soul; please, Benefactor, use this divine weapon correctly."

The voice of the Divine Monkey was somewhat hoarse, as it spoke with Li Che.

However, this wasn't the first conscious Temple God that Li Che encountered; previously, during the Third Prince Temple God Resonance test, Li Che had also met the will of the Third Prince's Temple God.

And had a brief conversation with him.

Even though it was because of his daughter, for Li Che, being able to borrow his daughter's influence was a fantastic honor.

Let's see if you can also ride on your daughter's coattails!

Li Che nodded, clasping his fists.

Before he could speak, however, the Six-Eared Prison Lotus Divine Monkey's gaze flashed, flicked a finger.

Suddenly, a burst of Buddha Light shot forth, immersing into Li Che's left arm.

Instantly, a sound like clanging metal exploded!

Sword light raged and intertwined, slicing through the air as if it intended to shatter everything.

Within the arm, the Supreme Grade Four Imperial Divine Weapon [Righteous Thunder Evil Extermination Three-pointed Two-bladed Sword] emitted an extremely radiant humming sound at this moment.

Transformed into a beam of flowing light, it emerged from his arm, revealing the true body of the divine weapon.

"It seems... not just one divine weapon has chosen you."

The Divine Monkey, draped in a Kasaya and enveloped in Buddha Light, chuckled, taking a deep look at the Three-pointed Two-bladed Sword.

"The divine weapon of Wonderous Way Manifest Saint Three-Eyed True Lord... has also chosen you."

"Such a divine weapon, having many is not necessarily a good thing; between divine weapons... there can be conflict, and in the future, when you aim to breakthrough beyond the absolute peak, you will still need a lifebound divine weapon."

The soft voice emanated from the Divine Monkey's mouth.

"Divine weapons have spirits; unless it is an entire set of divine weapons belonging to the Temple God, there will otherwise always be repulsion."

"It will affect your future boundary breakthroughs; greed unfulfilled swallows like a snake, Benefactor, remember."

The Divine Monkey, bathed in Buddha Light, seemed to be advising Li Che.

Because the Divine Monkey sensed that although the Three-pointed Two-bladed Sword was hidden within Li Che's body, it hadn't completely accepted him as its master, meaning... Li Che still had a chance. .

"Thank you, Senior, for your reminder."

Li Che clasped his fists sincerely.

Suddenly.

In his mind, the sound of a sword humming resounded.

A burst of black fire emerged, sword qi violently intertwined, followed by a pitch-black as ink treasure sword, wrapped in a resurgent, majestic divinity...

It hung suspended by Li Che's shoulder.

The sword body trembled incessantly, reflecting black lotus, as if a unique mark.

The Two-Minded Great Sage: "..."

This is that rebellious divine weapon...

The Prison Lotus Yin Divine Sword.

Fortunately, it is only the Yin Sword.

However, the Two-Minded Great Sage, seated in lotus position on the altar, shrouded in Buddha Light, its monkey face appeared somewhat peculiar.

Three-eyed True Lord, Wrathful Third Crown Prince, and now you've also acquired the Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod... one of the treasure souls of Qi Tian Hunyuan Ruyi Golden Hoop Stick...

What exactly are you intending to do, kid?!

Your rebellious nature is coming to the fore!

Li Che was also speechless, feeling somewhat embarrassed as he looked at the emerging Prison Lotus Yin Divine Sword.

It felt like being caught red-handed twice, with no place to hide in embarrassment.

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"Senior... listen to my explanation."

Li Che opened his mouth, however, the Two-Minded Great Sage chuckled: "Amitabha Buddha... Benefactor, you don't need to explain to this poor monk, nor do you need to explain to anyone."

"If you can truly become... hahaha!"

"That would be interesting!"

Sitting on the altar, the Two-Minded Great Sage seemed unable to contain himself and began waving his monkey hands, laughing incessantly.

After laughing for a long time.

Only then did the Two-Minded Great Sage resume his solemn and respectful demeanor.

"Divine Weapons have spirits; they choose their master by fate. It's your fortune that you can wield three Divine Weapons... However, whether your body can withstand it... this poor monk must remind you."

Upon hearing this, Li Che immediately understood.

The Two-Minded Great Sage, this Temple God, was subtly reminding him.

As long as the physical body can keep up and bear the power of a Divine Weapon, it's not impossible to master several Divine Weapons?

The Divine Weapon will itself release the power to temper the body. For instance, Li Che's body has already become much stronger under the tempering power of the Three-point double-edged knife Divine Weapon.

The Two-Minded Great Sage seemed to see the flicker of intention in Li Che's eyes.

Shaking his head.

"Indeed, Melted Soldier Tempering Body can temper the Weapon Master's physical body. A Master of Divine Weapons generally has a very powerful body because the divinity contained within a Divine Weapon can enhance the body to the extent that it can bear the Divine Weapon, and can even create the most suitable physique for the weapon..."

"If you control too many Divine Weapons, the forces of various Divine Weapons' tempering might repel each other, thereby damaging the body..."

Upon hearing these words, Li Che's heart slightly trembled.

"The Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod contains the Heavenly Will..."

"Acquiring this Divine Weapon, along with the remnant face of [Equal to Heaven's Face], suggests... you are the chosen one by Heaven."

The Two-Minded Great Sage looked at Li Che, his eyes beginning to radiate dazzling Golden Light.

Becoming incomparably brilliant.

Then.

The Two-Minded Great Sage raised his hand: "Do not regard the Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod merely as a Five Elders' Divine Weapon; it is one Treasure Soul of the Qi Tian Hunyuan Ruyi Golden Hoop Stick. If you can find another Treasure Soul... you can venture to the fallen Qi Tian City and gain the true Qi Tian inheritance."

Upon hearing this, Li Che's eyes slightly brightened.

Qi Tian inheritance?!

Although Li Che's Martial Cultivation has already reached the Martial Saint Realm, the Qi Tian inheritance remains deeply alluring to him.

After all, the Equal Heaven Temple, as the most grandiose Divine Sect once, occupied the enormous territory of the six paths and twelve prefectures.

It could be said to have held half the world.

Its legacy is definitely exceptional, surely possessing legacies beyond the Martial Saint level and of the Divine Tribulation tier!

Li Che does not resist inheritance; the higher one ascends in the Martial Path, the more challenging each step becomes. Pioneering one's path is arduous, while accepting others' legacies to carve out the way allows one to see further from the giants' shoulders... is it not ideal?

"Thank you, senior, for your guidance."

Li Che clasped his fists and bowed deeply.

The Two-Minded Great Sage gazed at Li Che with deep eyes.

"Truth and falsehood intertwine, falsehood and truth blend together..."

"The monkeys of Huaguo Mountain..."

"Your king..."

"Will not be returning."

When the words fell.

The Two-Minded Great Sage, emitting boundless Buddha Light, gradually transformed into a Divine Sculpture, no longer vivid, no longer shining.

Huaguo Mountain, cannot return.

Li Che sighed.

He looked at the Two-Minded Great Sage, vaguely seeming to guess and understand a bit.

"Farewell, Great Saint."

Li Che clasped his fists and bowed deeply.

What has happened at the Equal Heaven Temple?

What is the Temple God... exactly?

Perhaps only when Li Che ascends the walls of the Equal Heaven Temple, finding that Three Pure Ones Divine Weapon, grasping this weapon...

Can he truly understand.

Buzzing——

As Li Che finished bowing and straightened up.

Suddenly——

Li Che's pupils contracted sharply.

He saw that on the body of the Two-Minded Great Sage Divine Sculpture, there was an immense Temple God Divinity, starting to disperse and float into the air, continuously gathering, gathering...

Splendid Golden Light burst forth.

Each golden Temple God Divinity stirring seemed to transform into a monkey hair swaying in the wind.

Finally...

The monkey hair floated and piled together, forming a destroyed third of a mask.

Li Che stared in a daze.

The next moment, his eyes slightly fluctuated.

[Equaling Heaven's Face]

Second piece!

The second piece of Equal to Heaven's Face!

"Exhale——"

"Inhale——"

Li Che took a long breath, instantly revealing utmost joy.

This was truly a pleasant surprise!

A pure, unexpected delight!

After all, Li Che acquired the first piece of Equal to Heaven's Face near the Mysterious Temple of the Spiritual Ape near the Heart Monkey Temple in Golden Light Prefecture.

Related to Heart Monkey Temple, so Li Che subconsciously thought the other two Equal to Heaven's Face pieces would be located near the other two sects that split from Equal Heaven Temple, such as Ruyi Sect and Tian Gang Tower.

Never imagining...

Today, in this Strange Temple of the Five Elders Rank at the Two-Minded Great Sage.

He unexpectedly found the second piece of Equal to Heaven's Face!

Buzzing—

The Equal to Heaven's Face covering Li Che's face suddenly detached. In the next moment, countless golden threads intertwined.

Reaching out to connect to the second piece of Equal to Heaven's Face.

Slowly...

The two Equal to Heaven's Faces seemed to stick together.

Floating gently into Li Che's palm.

Golden light flashing, the golden monkey hair incredibly smooth.

Only, on this mask, the closed cracks were extremely distinct...

And Li Che could sense, the two Equal to Heaven's Faces were slowly merging, with the cracks on it gradually closing up.

Roar——!!!

Li Che only felt within the Inner Scene of the Energy Center at the Brow Niwan.