

## **A Father 169**

### Chapter 169: Dao Fruit Transforms Again, Pure Heart - Soul Capturing (3)

Unfortunately, he encountered Li Che, who had activated the Ascending Stance...

He directly crushed the Temple God Chess Piece as if the Temple God himself had arrived, becoming invincible against others of the same rank.

No matter the Cursed Iron Corpse, in front of Unmatched Horizontal Refinement, it had to be smashed to pieces!

"Capturing two Divine Generals was already somewhat strenuous for me, but now... I could barely manage to capture three Divine Generals of the Divine Base Realm!"

Li Che sensed the burden on his Divine Sense.

The main reason was that his Divine Base Cultivation wasn't strong enough, being only at the Primary God-Base Realm, his Divine Sense had limited strength.

"It's enough... during a battle, suddenly releasing three helpers, it's simply... enough to scare someone to death."

Li Che began to laugh.

The malice and cunning of the Bull Demon had to be elevated by another level.

"Additionally..."

There was a slight flicker in Li Che's eyes.

He raised his five fingers, and an extremely dark Divine Chess Piece floated in his hand.

"Temple God Chess Piece..."

"Can I... possibly capture a Temple God to serve as a general?"

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"Knock knock knock."

"Li, your customer is here."

Outside, Shangguan Qinghong gently knocked on the door and called out.

Li Che suppressed the impulse to use Soul Capturing to capture the Temple God, and with a thought, the two Divine Generals that had been captured appeared in his Inner Scenery space.

Under the touch of the Pure Heart Divine Foundation, they hung like puppets, moving along with the movement of the tentacles.

The scene... was indeed somewhat mysterious.

Li Che withdrew his focus, his eyes sparkling, and he took out the Zhong Kui Statue, placing it on the desk.

Then he opened the door.

Shangguan Qinghong stood playfully outside the door, and beside her was a young novice monk dressed in bluish-green monk's robes.

With six scars from the monk's vows on his head and a gentle countenance.

"This is Master Faxing of the Heart Monkey Temple, the client who wishes to commission the [Furious Ghost-suppressing] Statue of the Deity," Shangguan Qinghong introduced to Li Che.

The monk greeted Li Che with a prayerful hand gesture, maintaining his usual mild demeanor.

Li Che glanced at the monk, feeling an overwhelming divinity burning like flames, seemingly unstoppable, as if it could even twist the air around.

"I am Master Faxing, it's a pleasure to meet Master Li," said the monk in the bluish-green robes, smiling.

Li Che returned the gesture and invited the two into his workshop.

Upon entering, Master Faxing's gaze slightly changed; he fixed his eyes on the blood-colored wood carving as if seeing a majestic and surging Divine aura entwining around it.

All sinister, ghostly auras were unable to approach, making the entire workshop's atmosphere radiant and bright.

"This wood carving..."

Clearly, Master Faxing had an eye for quality and was immensely shaken inside.

Such a resplendent aura in the wood carving made exorcising spirits seem effortless.

He quickly walked up to the Zhong Kui Statue, looking at its leopard eyes and dragon-whisker mustache, as if seeing a divine spirit, eyes wide with anger, gazing down upon the human world, driving away the demons and spirits, suppressing all the evil in the world!

"Good... good..."

Master Faxing was astonished.

This statue, which he had not seen before, possessed an extremely intense power to suppress ghosts!

Its power to banish evil was very strong.

Although it did not match the Buddha statues of the Heart Monkey Temple, its resplendent power to suppress ghosts was by no means inferior.

Even though he was a monk of a Buddhist temple, when it came to divine statues, there were never too many stipulations; they didn't necessarily have to be Buddha.

Many temples worshipped mysterious temple gods that were not among the Buddhist deities, but this did not prevent the Buddhist temples from gaining strength through the worship of these statues.

It's not the source of the power obtained from worship, but what one does with that power, that is most important.

This was also why Master Faxing did not limit the type of carvings; otherwise, he would have specified the need for a Buddha statue in his request.

"Excellent, Master Li, such fine craftsmanship!"

Master Faxing exclaimed with approval.

"Master Faxing, are you satisfied? Is this Zhong Kui statue good enough?" Li Che asked with a smile.

Master Faxing nodded, "Not to mention the superb carving skills, just the statue's magnificent and vast divinity alone instills fear in hundreds of ghosts and makes thousands of ghosts prostrate!"

"Furious Ghost-suppressing eyes truly embody a perfect fit."

"This is a 'Chief God', Li... Have you ever seen the Chief God? It seems that over in Qingzhou, there is a similar Chief God Mysterious Temple, where the Temple God is depicted with leopard eyes, a tangle of whiskers, and a fierce demeanor in the human world." Shangguan Qinghong said, surprised, his eyes revealing a hint of fascination.

Li Che was slightly shocked, Chief God?

Does this world really have a Chief God?

But thinking of the Three-Eyed Fierce True Lord, the Eight-Armed Prison Lotus Furious Third Prince, the existence of a Chief God seemed normal.

"As observed in ancient texts, I was inspired. Hearing that the Chief God excels in suppressing ghosts, I carved it in this form. It's unfortunate that I haven't seen it with my own eyes, so I could only rely on imagination."

Li Che chuckled.

Master Faxing, however, couldn't put it down and immediately took out two pieces of Ten Cities Divine Crystal and handed them to Li Che.

"Thank you for Master Li's craftsmanship, this statue of the deity, I will take it. The quality of this statue has reached the pinnacle of Ten Cities. Due to Master Li's Cultivation, it cannot advance to the level of Nine Luminaries... which is a bit of a pity."

"If it were of Nine Luminaries level, the price wouldn't be the same," Shangguan Qinghong added hastily.

"The monk understands," after pondering for a moment, Master Faxing took out a string of beaded bracelets from his Qiankun Jade and passed it to Li Che.

"Master Li, exchanging two Divine Crystals for this divine aura-filled Chief God wood carving, I truly feel ashamed. Take this Buddha bracelet as a gift, and consider it making a new friend."

"Master Li, if you have time another day, feel free to visit Heart Monkey Temple," Master Faxing, with palms pressed together in salute, said.

Li Che didn't refuse and took the Buddha bracelet, glancing at it. There were nine Buddha beads, strung together with a fine cord, each bead simply carved with a monkey's face.

Thousand Analyzing Hands activated, analyzing.

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[Non-Divine Weapon: Heart-Monkey Beaded Bracelet]

[Origin: Ordinary Bodhi wood beads, containing a trace of Heart-Monkey fire element combined with Fury Divinity, capable of driving away inner demons]

[In Charge: None]

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Hm?

Li Che was taken aback for a moment.

The Heart-Monkey Beaded Bracelet wasn't considered a Divine Weapon, which Li Che didn't care much about, but he focused on its description.

Heart-Monkey and Fury Divinity combined?

Fire element... Fury...

Li Che's eyes narrowed, fire element... part of the Five Elements, combined with the Seven Emotions' Fury?

A combination of the Five Elements and the Seven Emotions Divinity?

This was the first time Li Che encountered such a combination, and it sent a small tremor through his heart.

However, it wasn't the time to study it now. He pressed down on the thought and put away the beaded bracelet.

Master Faxing didn't put the Zhong Kui statue into his Qiankun Jade but instead carried it directly, majestically holding the statue and leaving the Qintian Observatory.

Ancient Qinghong and Li Che saw him off.

Watching the monk's figure disappear into the Spring Breeze Neighbourhood while holding the Chief God wood carving, both of their expressions were somewhat odd.

"Heart Monkey Temple has a deep heritage. They have their own Wood Carving Hall, yet Master Faxing often comes to our Qintian Observatory to assign tasks, allowing our masters to earn the Divine Crystals that he works hard for... He's somewhat an oddity of Heart Monkey Temple," Shangguan Qinghong said, taking out a handful of sunflower seeds and starting to crack them.

"Heart Monkey Temple has a deep heritage?" Li Che was curious.

"As one of the Five Great Sects of the Golden Light Prefecture City, although not comparable to the Authentic Divine Sect Branch, Heart Monkey Temple has a not-so-simple origin," Shangguan Qinghong explained.

"It's said that their lineage is not inferior. Heart Monkey Temple is a remnant of the ancient Divine Sect, with a history of three thousand years. The authentic Divine Sect once dominated the world with great power, ruling over the six paths and twelve states, overshadowing the ruling dynasties of the time, intimidating the world, but now their lineage has fallen into obscurity."

"Five hundred years ago, a Strange Que erupted from the Mysterious Temple they suppressed. The extremely terrifying 'Three Clears Level' Temple God Chess Piece resurrected, unstoppable by anyone. With other forces also meddling, this ancient Divine Sect's lineage was thoroughly dismantled and fragmented."

"Later, monks from remnants of the Divine Sect's lineage took refuge in Golden Light Prefecture and established Heart Monkey Temple with part of their legacy," Shangguan Qinghong recounted.

Li Che felt a slight tremor in his heart on hearing this.

An ancient Divine Sect's lineage was certainly extraordinary, as reaching the level of the authentic Divine Sect was truly remarkable.

"What was the name of the authentic Divine Sect of Heart Monkey Temple?" Li Che asked.

Shangguan Qinghong cracked a sunflower seed, chewed thoughtfully for a moment, and said, "The name of the collapsed Sect was extremely arrogant... I think it was called..."

"Equaling Heaven Temple."