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Chapter 551: The Divine Foundation fragments, the Temple God enters the Divine Minister, facing hordes of Bull Demons, dares to slaughter as many as come

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One by one, the pulsating ancient characters, as if leaping out from legends, intertwined within the mind, like the godly patterns inscribed on an ancient bronze bell coming to life.

Surrounding the Primordial Spirit, they gradually imprinted themselves into Li Che's mind.

The Three Pure Level Divine Method!

Li Che's eyes shone brilliantly as if the evening drums and morning bells thunderously rang, deafening his ears!

The Heavens and Earth Spirit Bright True Ape Divine Spirit Method!

Although it was just a Divine Spirit Method, it had reached the rare Three Pure Ranks!

It was somewhat inferior to the Divine Embryo Method attained by Xi Xi through the Temple God Resonance from the Eight-Armed Prison Lotus Wrathful Third Prince's Mysterious Temple, which was also of the Three Pure Ranks.

The Divine Spirit Method came with its matching cultivation methods up to the Divine Origin Realm.

But for Li Che, it was already exceptional; although it couldn't compare to his daughter's set of methods that paired up to the Divine Fetus from the Three Purities Method, it was still quite remarkable.

And yet, Li Che was very satisfied.

Law of Heaven and Earth...

Was it that kind of grand Divine Skill he had imagined?

However, it likely was just a type of Divine Cultivation Method, incomparable to those true grand Divine Skills.

Closing his eyes, Li Che finally completed the reception and inheritance of all the scriptures.

In an instant, Li Che felt his mind go blank, and the next moment, as if cosmic streams pulled apart the void, an incredibly mysterious vision unfolded before his eyes.

In the vision...

A towering, terrifying giant ape, reaching tens of thousands of feet tall, its body seeming to course with magma-like blood, stood upon the land. Mountains at its feet were but small mounds, and stars above its head were within easy reach!

Boom—!!!

The vision explosively dissipated.

Li Che opened his eyes, his mind returning, and a hint of awe couldn't help but shine in his eyes.

But soon, he calmed down, his blood pulsing, his heart racing.

In the courtyard, without any wind, his black hair flew wildly.

"The higher the rank of the Divine Method, the higher the quality of divinity cultivated, creating stronger oppression at the same level. Initially, the difference isn't apparent, but the higher the realm achieved, the greater the impact,"

"For instance, the quality of the Shen Yuan Golden Elixir that is condensed, the subtle differences present in the temptation of the Primordial Spirit during its Divine Baptism..."

"And transformations such as the Golden Body Transformation, Embryonic Breathing Transformation, and even the congregation of the Divine Fetus will have disparities due to the quality of divinity,"

"Just like the differences in the ranks of ultimate studies within the Martial Path, from a master's ultimate study to a great grandmaster and from a Martial Saint's ultimate study to a great grandmaster, there will be disparities in the quality of true intent, the strength of qi and blood, and other aspects,"

Li Che pondered the newly acquired Divine Method, gaining some insights.

However, the higher the rank of the Divine Method, and the higher the quality of divinity cultivated, the more time, effort, and resources would be required.

The amount of Divine Crystal resources originally needed to progress from Nurturing Nature to Divine Foundation might need to be multiplied by ten.

"But for a cultivator with ordinary Divine Talent, the rank of the Divine Method isn't necessarily better when it's higher..."

"The higher the rank, the more difficult the cultivation; cultivators who might have stepped into the Divine Origin Realm could potentially be stuck at the Divine Phase for a lifetime."

"With mediocre talent, cultivating higher-ranked methods is akin to cutting off one's future path."

Li Che closed his eyes, the golden light gradually receding.

What was his Divine Talent like?

Although Li Che felt it wasn't as good as his Martial Path talent, compared to ordinary Divine Cultivators, it was much stronger.

Moreover, Li Che's Primordial Spirit had already been born prematurely.

He could use it to nourish and support his Divine Cultivation; hence, he had the capability and qualifications to cultivate this Three Pure Law.

With the birth of the Primordial Spirit, he could even strengthen it through the tempering methods in the "Heavens and Earth Spirit Bright True Ape Law."

That meant he could start tempering the Primordial Spirit earlier than other Yuan Phase Cultivators.

Later, when condensing the Shen Yuan Golden Elixir and striking for the First Shedding of the Primordial Spirit Transformation, it would come naturally.

Suddenly.

Li Che's spine stiffened, and he raised his hand, touching his forehead.

Inside the Inner Scene of the Mud Pill, an invisible wave of energy surged, roaring and forming ripples of formless energy.

The rich and majestic divinity radiated continuously from his body.

Within the Heaven and Earth chessboard...

The Temple God Divinity of the Fire-Eye Mystical Awe Spirit Monkey, summoned by the first-layer Divine Skill "Summoning Gods," had now been reduced to an extremely weak shell.

With a vibration,

All of the shells collapsed, crumbling like gravel, falling and dispersing...

Like a wisp of blue smoke, vanishing into thin air.

Rumble rumble—

Li Che only felt a constant vibration within the Inner Scene of the Mud Pill, the awe-inspiring Divine Foundation beginning to shake, and on the Divine Foundation, it seemed as though the image of the Temple God emerged in bas-relief!

Li Che's gaze opened and closed, bursting with splendid brilliance!

"It's done!"

In the courtyard, a low chant echoed!

The Temple God Divinity obtained by invoking gods had merged completely into the awe-inspiring Divine Foundation; the Inner Likeness was formed, and as long as he completed the sculpting related to the Divine Foundation, the Divine Phase would be condensed!

And now, Li Che had obtained a Divine Spirit Method of the Three Clears Level.

However, this Divine Spirit Method did not specify which type of Seven Emotions Divinity it belonged to, so... Li Che was not in a hurry to switch.

He could wait until after sculpting the Divine Phase from the awe-inspiring Divine Foundation, stepping into the Divine Phase Realm.

Once he had fully comprehended this Three Pure Method, then he could start converting to it.

Li Che even felt that this Three Pure Method might prepare the Divine Likeness for the Pure Heart Divine Foundation.

Currently, Li Che's Pure Heart was condensing a Divine Foundation, but how would the Pure Heart Divine Foundation breakthrough to the Divine Phase?

This was somewhat troubling for Li Che, and he had no leads for the moment.

The appearance of this Three Purities Method could provide an additional reference direction.

As for the breakthrough of the awe-inspiring Divinity, Li Che did not hesitate or continue to suppress and delay.

Sculpting a Divine Likeness...

That was the least of his fears.

Even if it meant using the Divine Foundation as the basis for sculpting the Divine Likeness, Li Che would not have the slightest fear, for after all, he was a Master Woodcarver, with extremely exquisite craftsmanship.

Chapter 552: The Temple God of the Fragmented Divine Foundation Becomes a Divine Minister, Daring to Slay as Many Bull Demons as Approach (2)

Some Divine Base Cultivators, in order to stably break through to the Divine Minister, would even invite a Woodcarving Master to help sculpt during their breakthrough.

However, that situation is very dangerous, yet it's also an extremely helpless measure.

With a touch to the brow, the Inner Scenery of the Energy Center tears open!

In a flash

The Awe-Inspiring Divine Foundation surged to the heavens!

The enormous millstone-like Divine Foundation, shimmering with majestic divine brilliance.

Hovered above Li Che's head!

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Li Qingshan's breakthrough to the Divine Minister was incredibly grandiose.

And Li Che's breakthrough would only be grander, after all, it carried the extremely mighty Temple God Divinity...

Yet, Li Che had the Heaven and Earth chessboard, capable of completely containing and suppressing the momentum.

He didn't need to become the target of all like Li Qingshan during his breakthrough.

To break through to the Divine Minister, the physical body's strength must also keep up, because if the body isn't strong enough to bear the divinity of the Divine Minister, it might lead to the collapse of the physical body.

Therefore, nearly all Divine Cultivators would also practice Martial Cultivation.

To maintain the strength of the physical body.

Li Che naturally didn't need to worry about his physical body; a Grandmaster's body bearing a Divine Minister was more than enough.

Not even a drop of sweat would appear.

The fingers twitched, and the True Intent of the Martial Saint surged forth, Ten Thousand Dragons Subduing Gods!

Transforming into a blade of light that soared to the skies in a flash.

It violently struck atop the Awe-Inspiring Divine Foundation!

As if the sound of genuine steel clashing rang out.

The millstone-like Divine Foundation, exceedingly tough, seemed like the hardest material in the world, with divine light flowing on its surface and the Temple God Divinity cascading down.

Li Che's eyes dazzled, as he used the True Intent of the Ten Thousand Dragons Suppressing the Gods to slice upon it.

The Immortal Artisan's Dao Fruit throbbed vigorously!

As if invisible currents of electricity darted through his body.

The blade of light cut down, cleanly slicing through the millstone-like Divine Foundation as if cutting through tofu!

Pieces of the Divine Foundation immediately fell off, exploding in midair, transforming into pure Divine Power.

Li Che, his eyes shining like lightning, stood up; his body "buzzed" and swelled, and he became incredibly domineering, with an overbearingly strong aura. His blood flowed as thick as mercury, and the "whoosh" sound was like a mighty river raging!

He stood like a God Demon upon the earth, with the blazing sun daring not to come close!

Li Che raised his hand, his fingertips becoming like the sharpest spears penetrating heaven and earth!

The transformed blade of light cut through, and the air thundered explosively!

Pieces of the Divine Foundation were sliced away!

Compared to the strain Li Qingshan faced when breaking through to the Divine Minister, Li Che had the ease of a Master.

Carving on his own Divine Foundation was like sculpting a piece of common Spiritual Wood.

With no pressure, effortlessly!

With every movement, the Divine Foundation was carved into a rough outline, and the Divine Minister likeness of the Fire-Eye Mystical Awe Spirit Monkey Temple God was already sketched out!

Then came the polishing. Li Che's powerful Divine Gang soared to the skies, shattering the void.

Effortlessly, he quickly swept across the Divine Minister, and the falling pieces of Divine Foundation Fragment slowly exploded into a mist of Divine Power that circled around him.

Li Che's physical body was too strong; even if it merged with the Temple God as the Divine Minister.

Facing the powerful divine impact, it was like an immovable rock, not budging an inch!

The wind rustled past, seeming to sneak in with it; the Awe-Inspiring Divine Foundation was unknowingly sculpted into the likeness of the Fire-Eye Mystical Awe Spirit Monkey Temple God!

Lifelike, as if it came alive, every monkey hair detail was carved exquisitely!

It was as if the Temple God had been reborn within Li Che's Divine Foundation!

"Screech—!!!"

The Spirit Monkey opened its eyes and sprang to life, letting out a screech!

It stomped down as if trying to break free.

However, Li Che's Inner Scene of the Energy Center had already opened in anticipation.

With a flick of his finger, two strands of Divine Gang were shot out and then transformed into a Divine Dragon and Ten Thousand Dragons blanketing the sky!

The Temple God Spirit Monkey, accompanied by its screech, was pressed back into Li Che's Niwan Inner Scenery Space!

Boom, boom, boom—

The Inner Scenery Space trembled.

A Divine Minister radiating an intense Awe-Inspiring Divinity immediately floated above the Inner Scenery.

Around the Spirit Monkey Divine Minister, seven Divine Foundation wheels were suspended.

Among them, the Pure Heart Divine Foundation radiated a gentle brilliance.

Li Che felt that the Divinity contained within his Inner Scenery was increasing wildly, and his overall aura was climbing steadily.

A powerful Rank pressure, almost like a mountain tilting to the side, was extremely terrifying.

"Now, the Rank pressure I possess is equivalent to that of a Temple God... The Temple God... reputed to be invincible among peers."

"In other words, I am now, at least in terms of Rank pressure, invincible among my peers—I am unmatched within the Divine Minister tier!"

Li Che's eyes flickered, brilliant and dazzling, as if two flames that could terrify souls were dancing in his pupils.

That was the manifestation of Awe-Inspiring Divinity condensed to the extreme within his body.

Standing up, his muscles and bones vibrated, and with a thought, the next moment, the quietly floating Divine Minister Spirit Monkey within the Niwan Inner Scenery Space leaped out spiritedly.

The Awe-Inspiring flames moved incessantly, as if they were the fire of Divine Sense, burning all things!

Burning hot, the void distorted!

Li Che looked at the Divine Minister floating behind him and a hint of a smile curled up at the corner of his mouth.

In his Divine Cultivation, his first Divine Minister had finally taken shape!

For Li Che, this was a milestone, recalling the past. Back in Fei Lei City, even the thought of condensing a Divine Foundation was an extravagance.

Now, everything was different.

Li Che was in quite a good mood, with significant breakthroughs in both Martial Arts and Divinity.

The power to protect his family had grown even more.

After manipulating the Divine Minister for a while, Li Che sat cross-legged, basking in the breeze.

He took out two Qiankun Jades and began to tally the spoils of this battle.

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"Don't worry, leave it to me."

The breeze swept by, and over the ruins, tiny stones slowly rolled along.

Chapter 553: The Temple God of the Fragmented Divine Foundation Becomes a Divine Minister, Daring to Slay as Many Bull Demons as Approach (3)

Li Qingshan, wearing a cat-face mask, stood with his hands clasped behind his back, and said indifferently.

Jiao Shaoqiu had found him and made his stance clear, wanting to hire the Underworld for an escort mission.

At first, Li Qingshan was puzzled, but he quickly understood who the escort mission was for...

Who else could it be but Xi Xi?

For this task, the Bull Demon would certainly not refuse. Even without this task's request, the Bull Demon would have escorted Xi Xi safely to Dao City.

Now, with Jiao Shaoqiu hiring the Underworld, the Bull Demon could even get paid for it.

It was certainly a win-win situation.

Naturally, Li Qingshan readily agreed to the task.

Li Qingshan took out the Underworld Divine Communication Mirror and began to communicate.

After all, he was not the main force of the Underworld, and agreeing to this mission, he still had to ask about the situation.

So, the cat-face, with his back straight, began to communicate with the Bull Demon, Horse Face, and Divine Monkey using the Underworld Divine Communication Mirror, right in front of everyone.

"Okay,"

Sure enough, after Li Qingshan relayed Jiao Shaoqiu's proposed task to them,

The Bull Demon coldly replied with one word.

It meant the task was accepted.

Jiao Shaoqiu's eyes gleamed as he watched the cat-face holding the Underworld Divine Communication Mirror. He had not expected that even peripheral members like cat-face would be issued Divine Communication Mirrors by the Underworld.

Or could it be... that Li Qingshan's status within the Underworld was higher than they had imagined?

In Jiao Shaoqiu's eyes, Li Qingshan's disguise was like a joke. For an expert who had fallen from Golden Body Transformation to Primordial Spirit Metamorphosis, the Primordial Spirit was extremely powerful. A simple scan and Li Qingshan was as transparent as if unclothed.

However, faced with the Bull Demon, Horse Face, and Divine Monkey, Jiao Shaoqiu's Primordial Spirit detection failed.

Therefore, Jiao Shaoqiu could be sure that this cat-face, Li Qingshan, did not hold a high position within the Underworld.

Still, being able to contact the Underworld was somewhat useful.

Li Qingshan was quite happy though.

He had not kept up with the fights and fun.

But at least by accepting this task, he, Li Qingshan, also played a small role.

He felt a bit of participation.

Happy.

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"In Yuan Jingang's Qiankun Jade, there are five Six Ministries Divine Crystals and twenty-five Seven Yuan Divinity Crystals... For the strongest Corpse God Envoy stationed in Golden Light Prefecture, this foundation seems a bit scant,"

Li Che was counting his gains, his Divine Sense forcefully tearing open the Qiankun Jade to inventory its treasures.

The first thing he saw was naturally the Divine Crystals.

Although not many, Li Che was very satisfied. After all, there were as many as five Six Ministries Divine Crystals, enough for him to absorb for a good while.

Having stepped into Divine Minister with the Awe-Inspiring Divinity, the efficiency of drawing from Divine Crystals had improved, and he could pair it with the Six Ministries Divine Crystals.

Previously, he had obtained ten Six Ministries Divine Crystals from Young Prince Ji Haihui's Qiankun Jade, in addition to the gifts from other cultivators like the Shadow Guard True Person.

Excluding his own cultivation consumption, Li Che's Six Ministries Divine Crystals had reached a total of twenty!

As for the Seven Yuan Divinity Crystals, there were even more, mainly because the Young Prince had given a lot.

The smile at the corner of Li Che's lips could not be contained; the joy of harvest always made one's mood delightful.

Continuing the inventory, the elixirs were Death Qi Martial Pills, with ten bottles of Sixth Order Lower Grade Death Qi Martial Pills, and several Seventh and Eighth Rank Death Qi Martial Pills.

Li Che took a glance and put them all away. Yuan Jingang was equivalent to the overseer of the Corpse God Cult in Golden Light Prefecture, and all rewards and punishments under him were in his control.

It was normal for his collection to be rich.

What Li Che was looking forward to was the Six Desires Divinity Method, which was the basis for him to condense the Six Desires Divine Foundation.

It was also the foundation for him to cultivate Ten Thousand Dragons Subduing Gods to the Transformation Realm.

After all, the Martial Saint Ultimate Study of Ten Thousand Dragons Subduing Gods needed both the Seven Emotions and Six Desires Divinity to be simultaneously enhanced for stronger power!

"Six Departments Six Ears Listening to Ghosts Divine Spirit Method," "Six Departments Desire-Comparing Corpses Flesh Avalokitesvara Divine Spirit Method," and there was another, "Six Departments Six Ears Listening to Ghosts Divine Spirit Method..."

Li Che was browsing through the Divine Method treatises treasured by Yuan Jingang in his Qiankun Jade.

He found that among the Six Desires Divinity Method, there was only one new method, "Six Departments Six Ears Listening to Ghosts Divine Spirit Method."

The other two were upgrades based on the original Divine Method, capable of reaching Divine Primordial.

However, they held little significance for Li Che.

"For the Six Desires Divinity Method, I'm still missing the methods related to Eyesight, Nose Scent, and Taste," Your next read awaits at

"Seems like, in the area of Golden Light Prefecture, the Corpse God Envoys generally cultivate mainly Touch and Desire, and this 'Six Ears Listening to Ghosts' is classified as Yuan Jingang's private collection."

Li Che furrowed his brows.

However, having some was better than none.

Gathering the Six Desires Divinity Method wasn't really a challenging task, and Li Che didn't feel any anxiety.

After all...

The Corpse God Cult had its layouts everywhere, and Corpse God Envoys... there were definitely many of them.

Others might not be able to detect the hidden Corpse God Envoys, but it was different for Li Che.

As long as there was a Corpse Curse Mark, Li Che could sense it.

Even now, with his Star Plucking Pupil, he didn't need to rely on the Death Qi infiltration of the Corpse Curse Mark to see through the demonic concealments.

Continuing to inventory the treasures within the Qiankun Jade.

Suddenly.

Li Che paused in his actions.

His gaze sharpened.

He took out a bronze mirror, which was a unique Divine Weapon of the Corpse God Cult, the Thousand Li Divine Communication Mirror.

Li Che's Divine Sense landed on it, and he immediately saw the contents of the Divine Communication Mirror.

It contained messages Yuan Jingang had sent to the other Corpse God Envoys in the four major state cities around him.

The joyous smile that had been on Li Che's face because of his gains instantly vanished, and his face turned extremely cold and gloomy.

Because Yuan Jingang had gathered the Corpse God Envoys from the four major state cities to capture Xi Xi, who had attained seventy percent of the Temple God Divinity, on her way to Dao City under Jiao Shaoqiu's escort.

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The message didn't reveal much information.

But Li Che only knew that under Yuan Jingang's guidance, the Corpse God Cult was taking significant actions.

The Corpse God Envoy stationed in the State City should be about the same level as Yuan Jingang, both lower-ranking envoys from the Six Bureaus.

"Courting death."

Li Che put away the Thousand Li Divine Communication Mirror.

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His eyes seemed to burst forth with tangible bolts of lightning.

A cold murderous intent rolled out from within him.

The joy of eliminating Yuan Jingang naturally dissipated.

At this time, Li Che had just received an inquiry from Cat Face.

Without any hesitation, Li Che agreed right away.

"Corpse God Cult..."

"Just like rats in the street."

Li Che had no good feelings toward the Corpse God Cult.

It wasn't simply because the Corpse God Cult was a rebellious force, but more because of its extremely vicious and ruthless actions.

The Thousand Infants Banquet, massacring cities and clans, trapping and killing refugees... The Corpse God Cult was involved in all kinds of ugly and vile deeds.

Just like a tumor of this world.

And now, the Corpse God Cult had even set its sights on his daughter Xi Xi.

"Unforgivable."

Li Che's eyes opened and closed, filled with chilling murderous intent.

Corpse God Cult's evil people, right?

Come on...

Bring as many as you like.

He, Bull Demon, dares to slaughter as many as come!

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The news of the Qin Family's annihilation swept through Golden Light Prefecture City like a storm.

The Gongyang Family, the Hai Family, and the Gong Family's Divine Ministers stood woodenly staring at the ruins of the Qin Family Mansion, feeling a pang of sorrow for another's misfortune, as if witnessing the death of a rabbit and mourning for the fox.

The once Five Great Clans of the Golden Light Prefecture City... now two were gone.

"But it was all brought on by their own doing."

"Colluding with the Corpse God Cult and betraying the path, such a crime is unforgivable!"

Xie Jing, the Supervisor of the Temple Control Bureau, with a side knife at his waist, said solemnly to the Divine Ministers of the three families.

The fall of a Great Clan was like a whale sinking, which could give rise to many things. Within the spacious Mansion City, various powers were caught in a tempest, beginning to prepare for devouring the Qin Family's assets and resources.

The next day.

Snow fluttered in the sky, dense lead clouds piled up high.

Drifting snowflakes mixed in the wind.

Whoosh~

In a small courtyard within the Mansion City, which was the agreed meeting point.

Li Qingshan had changed into a black night-suit, wearing a Cat Face mask, sitting under the house's eaves, blowing on and wiping his Ram Horn Sky-breaking Hammer.

He felt incredibly happy and excited.

Finally, the felons of the Underworld were about to act together, and he, Cat Face, could also join in the action.

Many times Cat Face had missed the joint actions of the Ox Demon, Horse Face, and Divine Monkey, and other felons of the Underworld, but this time...

He had deliberately come early to wait, this time he surely wouldn't miss it, would he?

At Cat Face's side was Nan Lihuo, wearing a white fox mask, his white hair spilling down, resembling the silk fur of a silver fox.

He stood in the courtyard buffeted by snow and wind, but it felt as if a furnace burned within his chest, unable to calm down.

Nan Lihuo closed his eyes.

This time, he had asked for an Underworld powerhouse capable of killing a Grandmaster to take action.

Even with all the hidden cards Su Huaili might have, he was destined not to escape.

Yesterday, Ox Demon and Horse Face teamed up with Divine Monkey to kill Yuan Jingang, even suppressing the Corpse God Will.

This gave Nan Lihuo great confidence.

Suddenly.

The snow on the ground was trodden, making a creaking sound that echoed through the area.

In the courtyard.

Li Che appeared, wearing a conical hat and donning a Cute Bull Mask, his burly and imposing figure came into view.

"Here he comes."

The face beneath Cat Face Li Qingshan's mask almost split with a smile.

His Ram Horn Hammer was already starving for action!

"Let's go."

Cat Face stood up, trying to keep as cool as possible.

Nan Lihuo opened his eyes, boiling with killer intent.

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Moments later.

The City Lord's Mansion was engulfed in a deathly silence.

The snow falling from the sky seemed to carry extra chill and solitude.

Nan Lihuo, wearing the white fox mask, had somewhat reddened eyes. His blazing Primordial Spirit surged out, frantically scanning the City Lord's Mansion, yet utterly failing to find any trace of Su Huaili!

Gone...

Su Huaili was gone!

He, had escaped!

Nan Lihuo's eyes instantly filled with bloodshot veins, and his entire body began trembling uncontrollably.

The City Lord Su Huaili, had actually vanished?

Wearing the cute Cute Bull Mask, Li Che walked into the snow-covered courtyard. His brow opened and closed, and as his Star Plucking Pupil swept over, dense Death Qi and Corpse Qi began to rise from the center of the courtyard.

With a flick of his finger, the covering snow exploded all at once.

In the midst of the explosion, it scattered in all directions.

Revealing the bloodstains of Blood Pool Mee that had not yet dried on the blue bricks of the ground.

"This is..."

Nan Lihuo and Li Qingshan noticed it.

Their eyes involuntarily narrowed.

"Corpse God Cult."

A low voice emerged from beneath the Cute Bull Mask.

Li Che explained to the two of them.

"Space-Time Corpse Technique."

"Su Huaili, colluded with the Corpse God Cult, practiced the Space-Time Corpse Technique... Yesterday, when I attempted to kill Yuan Jingang, and was fighting against the Corpse God Will, I didn't have time to pay attention to him, and he took that opportunity to use the Space-Time Corpse Technique to flee."

"This should be one of the Corpse God Cult's secret techniques, the blood escape of the Space-Time Corpse Technique, which can't be performed by anyone below the level of a Divine Element True Person..."

The hoarse and low voice of the Bull Demon echoed through the snowy wind.

Nan Lihuo's body trembled slightly.

"He escaped... He actually... escaped..."

The fire in Nan Lihuo's eyes seemed to extinguish, and he swayed as if he were about to fall.

But the extinguished fire reignited just moments later.

He would not give up.

"Su Huaili... has he broken through to Divine Primordial?"

Nan Lihuo's gaze dropped. Had it not been for the deterrence of the Underworld, had he taken the initiative to assassinate, he would probably have fallen into a desperate situation, even... dying miserably.

He was scheming against Su Huaili, and Su Huaili was also thinking of killing him.

But Su Huaili's hiding was much deeper!

Even Nan Lihuo had not thought that Su Huaili would actually join the Corpse God Cult and practice the Corpse God's methods!

However, Li Che was not surprised; after all, he had been through it once before.

The previous City Lord of Fei Lei City, Cao Guang, had been beguiled by Yuan Jingang into indulging the Spirit Infant Sect, capturing Spirit Children, sacrificing to the Temple God, offering the whole city...

Compared to that, Su Huaili was much lower-key.

But Li Che was curious, how had Su Huaili managed to hide it from him?

Li Che had met Su Huaili many times but had never felt any Corpse Qi or Death Qi from him, nor any signs of the Corpse Curse Mark...

Even with the Star Plucking Pupil, he had not seen through his disguise.

It was as if Su Huaili had not been disguised at all.

"Could it be that the Corpse God Cult... has even more delicate methods of concealing one's Qi?"

Li Che's eyes grew sharp, his heart slightly taken aback; this was somewhat unexpected.

Indeed, if one solely relied on the Corpse Curse Mark, which could be traced, it would inevitably be exposed in front of real top-tier powerhouses.

A method of hiding like Su Huaili's may well be the main way the Corpse God Cult infiltrates various states and Mansion Cities.

And furthermore...

Where had Su Huaili fled to?

A murderous glint flashed in Li Che's eyes.

But...

Could he really escape?

The Qi of Su Huaili had already been captured by the Heaven and Earth chessboard...

As long as he was within the sensing range of the Heaven and Earth chessboard.

There was no escape!

In fact, Li Che could also guess that Su Huaili had probably fled to Lingnan Taoist City.

It could be deduced from the residual direction and Qi left by the Blood Pool Mee.

When it came to the evil people of the Corpse God Cult...

Li Che always upheld one principle: "Kill!"

Now that Su Huaili had revealed his identity as an evildoer of the Corpse God Cult.

Then...

He already had a path leading to death.

And in an unnoticed corner,

Li Qingshan clutched the Ram's Horn Sky Shatterer that had slipped from his sleeve, standing dumbfounded in place, his face beneath the mask had gone completely numb, as if his heart were about to split open.

He stood as if struck by lightning, ready to fall.

He could not bear such humiliation.

No...

How could Su Huaili have escaped?!

His cat-face had finally caught up to a single operation by the Underworld...

And the outcome...

Had it ended without even starting?

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Nan Lihuo was unable to seize this perfect opportunity to kill Su Huaili.

Naturally, he was displeased.

Ox Demon and Horse Face had both been invited at a high price, yet Su Huaili had fled early, leaving everyone grasping at air.

The only consolation was learning that Su Huaili used the Corpse God Cult's methods to escape, implying that Su Huaili had joined the Corpse God Cult.

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Once this news spread, it would be enough to ruin his reputation and even affect Ji Molie.

After all, a disciple of King Ping Luan colluding with the Corpse God Cult was not a commendable reputation and could undermine the authority of the King of Quelling Chaos Ji Molie.

For Nan Lihuo, this was a piece of rare good news.

"What a pity..."

Nan Lihuo shook his head, having already steadied his emotions.

He removed the white fox mask and, with an apologetic expression, said to Ox Demon, "I am truly sorry to have troubled Brother Ox Demon for nothing."

After speaking, Nan Lihuo took out the agreed-upon Divine Crystal from his bosom.

To the current Li Che, such a Divine Crystal was of little consequence.

"Never mind, I'll take your Divine Crystal and consider the task of killing Su Huaili accepted. I, Ox Demon, will take on this task."

"He won't escape."

The hoarse voice of Ox Demon echoed in the courtyard.

Afterward, he accepted the reward given by Nan Lihuo.

Nan Lihuo's eyes flickered with a hint of joy. Though he could not personally kill Su Huaili, how could he be too demanding at this juncture?

The prospect of Su Huaili being killed was already a favorable outcome.

"Many thanks."

Nan Lihuo expressed his gratitude earnestly with a fist held in the other hand.

Ox Demon merely pressed his douli down slightly and replied indifferently, "Business is business, and money has been paid. There's no need for thanks."

Once his words finished,

The burly figure vanished into thin air.

Nan Lihuo and a soulless Li Qingshan, as if bereft of spirit, also "whooshed" away, fleeing from the City Lord's Mansion.

And in no time at all,

The news that Mansion Lord Su Huaili of Golden Light Prefecture had used Corpse God Cult methods to escape spread like a tidal wave throughout the city.

All of Golden Light Prefecture City was in an uproar!

Xie Jing, the Supervisor of the Temple Control Bureau and numerous leaders of the Divine Guard Army, entered the City Lord's Mansion and after an investigation confirmed the veracity of the rumor.

This news sent shockwaves through the city!

All of Golden Light Prefecture was thrown into turmoil.

Because the status of the Prefecture Master was by no means comparable to that of the small cities within Golden Light Prefecture!

Completely different in status and position!

And with such an individual being corroded by the Corpse God Cult, many forces within Golden Light Prefecture couldn't help but feel endangered.

At this moment, many remembered the good of the Underworld.

Because of the Underworld...

The evil ones of the Corpse God Cult within the city of Golden Light Prefecture had been thoroughly eradicated.

Otherwise, Golden Light Prefecture would have likely fallen into the playthings of the Corpse God Cult, from top to bottom.

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Li Che promised Nan Lihuo that he would help kill Su Huaili.

After all, it was a convenient task.

Upon returning to the stand-alone workshop in Falling Flower Alley,

Li Che removed his disguise as Ox Demon and entered the inner room, where it was warm as spring. The charcoaled furnace was alight, allowing the many "Fairy in the Painting" identities to work hard on their Divinity while also feeling the warmth coming from the original entity.

The Awe-Inspiring Divinity had already carved the Divine Foundation and condensed the Divine Minister.

Now, within the Inner Scenery, it occupied a leading position.

Yet, even so, it couldn't suppress the brilliance emanating from the Pure Heart Divine Foundation.

The three identities cultivating the Six Desires Divinity were quietly practicing in the corner, and Li Che did not skimp on Divine Crystals, allowing them to absorb and assimilate freely.

The Dharma of Touching, Desiring, and Listening — the Three Desires.

Since they all had corresponding Divine Methods and plenty of Divine Crystals at their disposal, the identities cultivated at an unslowed pace.

Immaculate Heart Drawing Paper trembled and unfolded, and one after another, Li Che's identities stepped out from it.

Li Che unhesitatingly assigned tasks to his identities.

First, the "Divine Martial Heavenly Soldiers Furnace Combined Attack Technique" he had obtained earlier — Li Che had not given up on it and let six identities continue to practice it.

Second, there were wood carving tasks accepted from the Qintian Observatory, which also needed to be completed by identities.

And regarding the assembly of the final tens of thousands of delicate Spiritual Wood parts for the Guanyin Lotus Main Battle Tank, that too required the painstaking effort of identities.

"How busy I am..."

Li Che looked at the bustling identities and couldn't help feeling wistful.

Without identities, how could he handle so many things on his own?

He stretched lazily, and his bones cracked satisfyingly.

As for the Martial Path, he himself needed to practice personally.

Because to cultivate the Martial Saint's Ultimate Study, it wasn't something the physical strength of an identity could endure, so he had to do it himself.

With a clenched fist, the Gold-Splitting Spear slid out from the Qianyuan Space and into his grasp. With a flicker, the Tiger Leopard Thunder Sound exploded!

Thanks to the aftershocks of understanding brought by "Equal to Heaven's Face," Li Che's practice of the Primordial Equal to Heaven Staff felt almost divinely assisted.

Countless staff shadows flitted densely through the courtyard, displacing numerous currents of air, causing turbulent flows to surge incessantly!

After practicing the Absolute Kill for a while, Li Che then took a break.

His body vibrated with energy, his bones resonated in unison, and his mercury-like blood roared ceaselessly. A breath expelled from him resembled a Divine Sword tearing through the air.

Stream of hot air rose from his skin.

"It's still lacking; without mastering Ultimate Kill, I can't perceive the Martial Saint's True Intent of the Primordial Equal to Heaven Staff."

Li Che continued to ponder while practicing.

Under the humming guidance of the "Dragon Elephant Vajra" Dao Fruit, he continued to practice martial arts.

The "Lone Mountain Walk Blade" and "Lingxu Baqi Step," two Martial Saint's Ultimate Studies, were also cultivated simultaneously.

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The Lingxu Baqi Step was a technique that Li Che focused on diligently, as it was a rare Martial Saint Body Technique.

Li Che cultivated it with extreme seriousness.

After all, it was a Martial Saint Ultimate Study for escaping danger!

To learn it well was undoubtedly the right choice.

This kind of trump card for escaping danger, you may not master it, but you cannot be without it.

After finishing his martial path cultivation,

Li Che sat cross-legged under the eaves, looking at the Trace Snow mixed with the chaotic wind, and slowly closed his eyes.

He began cultivating the Three Pure Ranks' "Heaven and Earth Spirit Bright True Ape Law".

This was a Dharma that fulfilled the requirements from Nurturing Nature cultivation to the Divine Origin Realm.

It documented the methods of cultivating the Primordial Spirit Metamorphosis, Golden Body Transformation, and Embryonic Breathing Metamorphosis after reaching the Divine Origin Realm.

In fact, such Dharmas, although precious, were not actually rare; Divine Sects like the various Daoist sects could all produce divine cultivation methods of the Three Pure Ranks.

The problem was, who dared to cultivate it?

Without talent or sufficient resources, cultivating the Three Pure Ranks Divine Method...

Was no different than giving up on cultivating altogether.

This Divine Method was after all of the Three Pure Ranks, and it did not have a clear attribute of the Seven Emotions; thus, when Li Che began to cultivate it, he found himself at a loss for a while.

After cultivating for a while, Li Che did not continue but stood up and left the independent workshop, changed into a dark robe, and went to work at the Qintian Observatory.

Cliffs Edge Treasure Tower, with its soaring eaves and towering corners.

Snow piled upon the black tiles creating a contrast of black and white.

Li Che, wearing a bamboo hat, strolled in the snow and wind by the river, walked leisurely with his hands behind his back, and felt incomparably content.

As he slowly walked along the shore of the Nine Dragons River City, the tumultuous river water contained the Temple God Divinity of the Third Prince's Mysterious Temple.

Because of this, the surface of the river did not freeze in cold winter, and the ferry boats were still rippling on it.

Upon arriving inside the Treasure Tower, he pushed open the door, and a rush of warmth greeted him.

Shangguan Qinghong and Gong Yunli huddled together in the work room, warming themselves by a charcoal stove, eating candied fruits and talking in murmurs.

When Li Che arrived, Shangguan Qinghong's eyes immediately lit up.

She hurriedly came over, "Che, you're here!"

Li Che nodded warmly in response.

"Is Xi Xi about to go to Dao City soon?"

"My master has also agreed to let me go to the Imperial Heavenly Observatory in Dao City for learning; I can go along with sister Xi Xi," said Shangguan Qinghong, her face flushed with excitement.

"Qinghong's master is Lin Xiu. Our Golden Light Prefecture's Qintian Observatory does indeed have a quota for going to the Dao City Imperial Heavenly Observatory to learn, and it hasn't been used this year. Lin Xiu fought for that spot for Qinghong," said Gong Yunli.

"A Che, on the way, look after Qinghong a bit," Gong Yunli walked over and rubbed Shangguan Qinghong's head.

Ever since Lin Xiu brought Shangguan Qinghong to the Qintian Observatory, Gong Yunli had been taking care of her, naturally forming a deep bond.

"Of course," Li Che said with a gentle smile.

"Xi Xi, in a few days after stabilizing the divinity gained from the Temple God Resonance, Elder Jiao will arrange for us to set out for Dao City."

"It should be within these few days, I guess."

"Qinghong, when the time comes, come to the courtyard, and we'll leave together."

Shangguan Qinghong's eyes were bright, and she nodded repeatedly.

Li Che chatted with the two for a while, and then went to find Supervisor Hu Yingyue.

In Supervisor's room.

The fragrance of tea was abundant, accompanied by the gentle sound of an erhu, echoing endlessly.

Hu Yingyue, with closed eyes, played the erhu, creating sound waves that filled the room but were controlled not to spill out by a hair.

Just this level of control made Li Che raise his eyebrows slightly as he stepped inside the room.

This Supervisor who enjoyed playing the erhu, Hu Yingyue, had quietly stepped into the Realm of Divine Origin.

Lu Yao and Tang Ren were drinking tea inside the room.

As Li Che arrived, the sound of the erhu slowly ceased.

Hu Yingyue clipped the erhu to his waist and called out to Li Che warmly.

"A Che, come, have some tea with us. Since your family is heading to Dao City, we probably won't get many more chances to enjoy tea together," Hu Yingyue said with a smile.

Hu Yingyue skillfully washed the tea leaves, brewed the tea, and poured a steaming cup of green tea for Li Che.

"With your departure, Golden Light Prefecture will lose quite a few familiar faces," the Supervisor said, shaking his head.

"Li Qingshan, that rambunctious lad is leaving, Nan Lihuo told me he's leaving too, Su Huaili betrayed the Corpse God Cult and has run away.."

"Unknowingly, there aren't many old faces left in Golden Light Prefecture," lamented the old Supervisor, inspiration striking to play a tune. However, he was stopped by Lu Yao, who frowned.

"That's enough; no one wants to hear your unpleasant erhu music," Lu Yao grumbled.

He was tired of hearing it every day.

Li Che smiled. Apart from saying goodbye, he also had inquiries to make.

"An examination for a First-Class Guest Official? You've just become a Second-Class Guest Official not long ago, and now you're thinking of challenging the assessment for a First-Class Guest Official?"

Lu Yao's face darkened; he had only recently overseen Li Che's assessment for becoming a Second-Class Guest Official.

In such a short time, Li Che was inquiring about the requirements to take the examination for a First-Class Guest Official?

Wasn't that a bit overly ambitious?

Old Supervisor Hu Yingyue was also taken aback, then laughed and stroked his beard, "The examination for a First-Class Guest Official must be conducted in Dao City, and for a Special Class Guest Minister, it must be carried out at the Qintian Observatory headquarters in the Divine Capital."

"To become a First-Class Guest Official there are also requirements, first you need the rank of Divine Minister, and secondly... you need to be able to carve at least three Seven-Element Divine Wood Carvings," explained the old Supervisor without reservation.

"Three Seven-Element Wood Carvings?" Li Che nodded, as with his current level of skill, these requirements were not a problem.

Afterward, Li Che paused, then continued, "I wonder... how much does Lord of the Supervision know about the assessment for the Divine Sculpture Ridge Elder of the Ganyuan Orthodox Sect?"

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This question arose, and both Lu Yao and the old Chief Supervisor were stunned, staring at Li Che oddly for a while.

They then almost simultaneously sighed and shook their heads.

"The Qian Yuan Divine Sect does not allow disciples' relatives to enter the sect, but it does arrange a free place of residence in Dao City for the relatives of the disciples, and also provides a subsidy every month, thus not mistreating the families of disciples..."

"The Qian Yuan Divine Sect controls several major marketplaces in Dao City. In terms of wealth, even those thousand-year-old noble families cannot compare."

"So, it's not difficult for the Divine Sect to provide free lodging for your family. Otherwise, the cost of living in Dao City is quite expensive, and many people deplete their family wealth and barely scrape by living there... It's not easy to reside in Dao City..."

"But from your question, A Che, it seems you want to enter the Authentic Divine Sect's gates to accompany your daughter?"

The Chief Supervisor stroked his beard and said.

Li Che nodded, not concealing his thoughts.

"Family members not being allowed to accompany is a rule of the Authentic Divine Sect, not out of insensitivity, but for a reason... Even those from branch sects who enter Dao City find it extremely difficult to enter the gates of the Authentic Divine Sect..."

"As for the reason, I'm not at liberty to say, but you'll understand once you reach the gates of the Authentic Divine Sect."

Upon hearing this, Li Che was immediately at a loss for words.

This riddle of a person really deserved a beating.

However, the old Chief Supervisor actually enjoyed the itchy feeling this uncertainty stirred in Li Che. Exactly this emotion, he thought, could compose a beautiful erhu tune.

"Becoming an Elder of Divine Carving Ridge is indeed an excellent path, but the difficulty is too great. Although you are a Second-Class Guest Official of the Heavenly Oversight... the hope is really slim."

The Chief Supervisor stroked his beard, heaving a deep sigh, not optimistic about Li Che's chances.

"Even with Elder Jiao's recommendation, those competing for the position of Elder are those old men, mostly First-Class Guest Officials from our Heavenly Oversight, and if unlucky, even Special Class Guest Ministers..."

"The positions of Elder at Divine Carving Ridge are not fixed; they are rotated every three years, but there are only so many slots, and with the appearance of new ones, naturally, there are old ones who get phased out..."

Lu Yao, who was standing beside, turned to Li Che and interjected, "As far as I know, in the past nine years, Divine Carving Ridge hasn't seen the emergence of a new Elder..."

"Every Guest Official from the Heavenly Oversight who competes for the Elder slots, including some Woodcarving Masters nurtured by noble families and the like, all failed."

"If you really want to compete, you at least need the standard of a first-class upper-tier Woodcarving Master."

Lu Yao said.

Li Che inquired puzzlingly, "First-class upper-tier?"

"That is, you need to at least possess the skills to produce a mid-grade Divine Wood Carving of the Six Ministries."

Lu Yao directly stated.

Upon hearing this, Li Che couldn't help but become solemn.

"Thank you, Lord Lu and Lord Chief Supervisor for the clarification."

Having obtained the information he wanted, Li Che did not linger and bowed before departing.

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A breeze fluttered, lifting strands of hair.

Three days passed in a blink of an eye.

As the Third Prince's Mysterious Temple returned to normal, the weather also settled, no longer stormy but returning to the cold winter's snow.

Under the eaves, Li Che sat cross-legged, eyes slightly closed.

Within the Mud Pill, his Primordial Spirit radiated brightly, as he continued to study the recently acquired Three Purities Divinity Method.

Three days had passed, and he hadn't even reached the entry level yet.

"My Divine Talent... shouldn't be this poor, should it?"

Li Che nearly doubted himself.

"The Law of Heaven and Earth Spirit Bright True Ape... seems not to follow the Path of the Seven Emotions and Six Desires!"

"Even if I wanted to change my cultivation method, I don't know under which Divinity's Divine Foundation I should train."

This was the challenge Li Che faced over the three days.

He tried to practice but couldn't find the way.

"Not the Divinity of Seven Emotions and Six Desires... then can I use the Pure Heart Divine Foundation for training?"

Li Che opened his eyes, which seemed to flicker with a rapid electric spark.

Pure Heart Divinity, immaculate and transparent!

If he were to train in this Divinity Method, it should be possible.

Besides, with the Pure Heart Divinity having condensed a Divine Foundation, if he wanted to break through to Divine Likeness, Li Che had no clues or leads.

Originally, Li Che thought that advancing the Immaculate Heart Taoist Fruit to LV4 would automatically form a Divine Likeness, just like when Pure Heart had condensed its Divine Foundation.

However, reality was not the case.

Divine Likeness...

Requires observation, but what aspect of the Pure Heart Divine Foundation is there to observe?

That's why Li Che was quite bewildered.

Now, having acquired the Three Purities Divinity Method, he finally had some ideas.

The thought once born was hard to dismiss.

If he didn't change his training and started cultivating this Three Purities Divinity Method from scratch, Li Che didn't know when he would be able to consolidate a Divine Foundation.

"Since that is the case, let's use the Pure Heart Divine Foundation to sculpt Heaven and Earth Spirit Bright True Ape!"

Li Che's eyes twinkled, and with a loud sound, it seemed as if two flames burst into vibrant life!

His mind activated, and his Primordial Spirit opened its eyes.

As the thought formed, it seemed a blessing to his soul.

He leveraged the Pure Heart Divine Foundation to meticulously transport and operate the Law of Heaven and Earth Spirit Bright True Ape...

Surprisingly, he successfully cultivated a Divine Path!

Li Che immediately procured a Divine Crystal from the Six Ministries, absorbed the Divinity within the crystal, and began to condense the first wisp of Divinity based on the Divine Path of "Heaven and Earth Spirit Bright True Ape"!

Indeed, the Three Purities Divinity Method was indeed of a beast-level Dharma!

The powerful absorption erupted, drawing nearly a fifth of the Divinity from the crystal, which was then forged within the Inner Scene of the Energy Center into a hint of Spirit Bright True Ape Divinity!

Li Che couldn't help but marvel; this really... was a huge drain on resources!

And the first wisp of Spirit Bright True Ape Divinity, just formed, was attracted and consumed by the Pure Heart Divine Foundation!

Boom—!!!

The moment the Immaculate Heart Divinity and the Divinity of Heaven and Earth merged.

The entire Inner Scene of the Energy Center began to shake!

The Astonishing Divine Visage Fire-Eye Mystical Awe Spirit Monkey, seemed to cry out in shock, racing chaotically within the Inner Scenery.

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The other six Divine Foundations were also shaking incessantly!

However, the Pure Heart Divine Foundation paid no heed and continued to merge.

Slowly...

The Law of Heaven and Earth Divinity was completely devoured by the Immaculate Heart Divinity.

Li Che's heart shook, and within his chest, the [Pure Heart] Dao Fruit trembled ceaselessly!

Then, a stream of warmth surged into Li Che's mind.

The Law of Heaven and Earth Divinity Method taught by [Equal to Heaven's Face] transformed into golden text, twining around the Pure Heart Dao Fruit, turning into a golden mist.

When everything returned to calm, Li Che opened his eyes, a trace of confusion flickering across his face.

It seemed that something had changed, yet nothing had changed.

Raising his hand, Pure Heart Divinity burst forth from his fingertips, condensing into a white Divine Chess Piece, still pure and flawless.

With a single thought, the flawless divinity at his fingertips instantly transformed into the Law of Heaven and Earth Spirit Bright True Ape Divinity.

Li Che grabbed the Six Ministries Divine Crystal and started to operate it fiercely.

In an instant, a tremendous and terrifying siphoning power erupted, and the abundant divinity within this Six Ministries Divine Crystal was drawn out at a visible speed.

In less than twenty breaths' time.

It turned into a Divine Crystal Husk.

With a squeeze of his fingers, it turned into Divine Crystal Powder that could restrain divine power.

Gathering the powder, Li Che exhaled deeply.

With glittering eyes, he took out the second Six Ministries Divine Crystal and continued the siphoning.

After continuously siphoning five Six Ministries Divine Crystals, he finally stopped this raging trend.

It was only then that Li Che had grown wealthy, otherwise, he could not afford this gold-devouring beast!

"Because the Pure Heart Divinity was cultivated to the Divine Base level, but the previous cultivation was not the Three Purities Divinity Method, so the strength of the divinity was not high, now after switching to the Three Purities Divinity Method, the quality of the Pure Heart Divinity has been supplemented to the level of the Three Purities Divinity Method..."

The divinity siphoned from these five Six Ministries Divine Realms served this purpose.

Now, the Pure Heart Divinity and the Law of Heaven and Earth Divinity can transform as desired at the heart's will, and both have reached the level of Divine Base Perfection.

"The only regret is that siphoning five Six Ministries Divine Crystals did not add maturity to the [Pure Heart] Dao Fruit."

Li Che muttered to himself.

Buzzing...

Suddenly.

Li Che's eyes hardened.

To his astonishment, in the Heaven and Earth chessboard, the Mythical Weapon, [Equal to Heaven's Face], was producing an extremely intense surge of Temple God Divinity...

Turning into a swirling vortex.

The vortex was enormous, meandering through the Heaven and Earth chessboard, overwhelmingly heavy, as if it would collapse the entire chessboard, filling it with cracks!

Li Che's Primordial Spirit opened its eyes, staring intently at that vortex.

Vaguely, through the Temple God's divinity vortex, he seemed to see an...

Ancient city!

Atop that ancient city, planted with a golden treasure stick that the countless elusive mysterious fogs could not conceal!

Boom!!

Just one glance brought a terrifying oppressive force like mountains collapsing, bearing down on him.

Li Che's heart was pounding as if it were about to burst!

That was...

Qi Tian City!

Qitian Mixed Yuan Ruyi Stick!

Those two names sprang unbidden into Li Che's mind!

The next moment, on the chessboard, the vortex dissipated, the scene vanished without a trace...

As if everything had merely been an illusion of Li Che's.

But Li Che fell silent, his expression slightly dazed...

Was this hinting at something?

And after the scene in the Temple God Divinity vortex disappeared, it burst forth with a dragon-tornado-like divine line, which connected to the Pure Heart Divine Foundation hanging in the interior of Li Che's Mud Pill.

"This is..."

This scene was familiar to Li Che.

Wasn't his Astonishing Divine Visage created in this way?

The Temple God Divinity contained in [Equal to Heaven's Face]... was thus drawn into the Pure Heart Divine Foundation, or rather, the Law of Heaven and Earth Divine Base.

Wait!

It was as though a peerless thunderbolt struck down from Li Che's heart.

His eyes shone brilliantly, his soul seeming to tremble.

His breath suddenly roared like bellows.

The Temple God Divinity within [Equal to Heaven's Face]...

Is it Him?!

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Bang!

Bang! Bang!

The sound of fireworks crackled!

Brilliant Golden Light burst forth all over Golden Light Prefecture City, dispelling the flying snow with clouds of dust and smoke!

Before they realized, it was already the grand day of Great Vista's New Year.

On the mid-mountain courtyard of Zheng Lei Peak.

Xi Xi, brimming with joy, led Shangguan Qinghong, Zhou Peng, and Yun E to set off firecrackers and fireworks.

She even couldn't resist bringing out the pink Fire God Gatling.

Yet, upon being seen by Li Che, he quickly intervened.

Xi Xi then reluctantly put away the Gatling and, pulling Old Chen along, ran off to set off firecrackers.

Today, the mid-mountain courtyard on Zheng Lei Peak was exceptionally lively.

On New Year's Eve, everyone gathered here.

Jiao Shaoqiu and Coachman Grandmaster Nie Yang were invited by Xi Xi to celebrate the New Year at her home, along with Nan Lihuo, Sang Guanyin, and Liu Yangyuan.

Since Xi Xi was about to leave Golden Light Prefecture City for Dao City for spiritual training, her senior brothers and sisters were very accommodating to her.

Li Qingshan, accompanied by Nurse Momo, also came.

Unfortunately, Lu Chi was absent.

Xi Xi snorted; she couldn't care less about Big Head Lu!

Her uncle's family also arrived, her elder cousin Li Zhengran and his wife Liu Chunming, along with Li Chengzhou, came over to celebrate the New Year.

Li Chengzhou's divine talent was average, but his martial talents were quite admirable.

Li Che also took good care of him, occasionally using Pure Heart Divinity to help him organize.

Li Chengzhou was a very silent and introverted child, completely opposite to Xi Xi's hyperactive personality.

"Uncle, after Xi Xi celebrates the New Year, she'll be heading to Dao City... How about we all go together? Once Chengzhou gets to Dao City, he might have a chance to join the legitimate Outer Sect."

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Li Che served his uncle Zhang Ya freshly cooked dumplings, then opened his mouth to speak.

Upon hearing this, Uncle Li Liang paused in his movements...

Cousin Liu Chunming's eyes were so filled with excitement they almost brimmed with tears.

"Really... really?"

"We can go to Dao City too?"

Liu Chunming's voice trembled, she thought Li Che would have long forgotten about them.

But to her surprise, Li Che was willing to take them along.

It goes without saying that Liu Chunming was one hundred percent willing to go to Dao City, for going there would mean better opportunities for development and cultivation for Chengzhou!

Dao City and Mansion City... there's quite a big gap between them!

That's the largest city in the Lingnan Circuit!

Even Uncle Li Liang was somewhat trembling, as a grandfather, of course, he was willing to go for Li Chengzhou's future.

But he also worried about being too much trouble for Li Che, and besides, even in Mansion City, under the shade of Li Che and Xi Xi, Li Chengzhou could live an excellent life.

But who wouldn't want to have better prospects?

Li Che took Li Chengzhou to Jiao Shaoqiu's side.

"Elder Jiao, this is my cousin nephew, please check... does he have a chance to enter the Authentic Divine Sect's Outer Sect?"

As the Great Elder of the Outer Sect, Jiao Shaoqiu admitting one more disciple to the outer sect should be no problem.

Jiao Shaoqiu's desiccated and gnarled face bore a kindly smile.

He beckoned with his hand, felt Li Chengzhou's bones, and used the Observation Skill on him.

"Divine Talent is only that of a middle-grade Spirit Child... a bit lacking."

"To enter the outer sect of the Authentic Divine Sect, it might be somewhat forced... but his Martial Path bone structure is quite good."

"No, it seems to have the makings of a Martial Body."

Jiao Shaoqiu raised an eyebrow, looking at the meticulous charioteer, Nie Yang, by his side.

And Li Chengzhou, for reasons unknown to himself, kept staring at Nie Yang.

Nie Yang set down his chopsticks, looking towards Li Chengzhou.

Raising his hand, a sword appeared in it, and with a light flick, the sword sang crisply.

"Do you like it?"

Nie Yang asked.

Li Chengzhou pursed his lips, leaning against Li Che's leg, and repeatedly nodded his head.

Nie Yang nodded, handing the sword with its hilt wrapped in tattered cloth to Li Chengzhou.

"Hold it."

Li Chengzhou stretched out both hands, grabbed hold of the sword with difficulty, clutched it tightly, unwilling to let go.

Gradually, the sword became lighter.

Nie Yang took the sword back.

"From now on, you will learn the sword with me."

Nie Yang picked up his chopsticks and continued to eat his dumplings.

Elder Jiao stroked his beard and chuckled softly.

Upon hearing this, Li Che's lips curved slightly, patting Li Chengzhou's head gently.

"Aren't you going to address him?"

Li Chengzhou's face turned bright red, his fists clenched, he bowed deeply, and shouted, "Master!"

Whoosh—

Bang—!!!

From afar, Xi Xi screamed, lighting fireworks.

The splendid fireworks shot up to the sky, bursting into colorful light and shadows.

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It was brightly lit.

On the table, there was a bowl of Xi Xi's favorite braised pig's trotters.

The young owner, with a rolled cigarette, poured a bowl of wine for the big black dog, and another for himself.

Man and dog, toasting and drinking.

Watching the fireworks.

Bidding the old year farewell and welcoming the new one.

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The New Year had just ended, the snow piling up even more.

Xi Xi had completely stabilized her Temple God Divinity.

In the city, the Gong Family, Hai Family, and Gongyang Family had all arranged their caravans, planning to head to Dao City, but they ultimately decided to follow the caravan of the Golden Light Sub-sect.

After finding out the departure time, they each made their own preparations.

Falling Flower Alley.

The solitary workshop's small courtyard.

The Painted Immortal's incarnations were still diligently cultivating.

Li Che, in a robe of dark ink.

Sat quietly amidst the wind and snow.

His body was covered in a thick layer of snow.

Suddenly, his eyes opened and closed.

The snow that had fallen on him seemed to be dyed with rich, pitch-black ink...

Turning black.

Before him, streaks of light flickered slowly by.

[Dao Fruit: Painted Immortal (lv3, 0%)]

[Upon reaching Dao Fruit lv3, and upon further metamorphosis, the Prototype of Divine Powers "Painted Immortal Mo Sha" is obtained]

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Golden light flowed, the ink surged.

Li Che's pupils reflected the brilliance, and slowly revealed a line of text with a hint.

The ink around him spread increasingly dense, with his body as the center, as if transforming into a drop of thick ink falling upon a white sheet of Xuan paper, rapidly diffusing.

The white snow on his shoulder, his hair tips, and the snow falling from the sky within ten feet of Li Che, all were dyed pitch black like ink.

The Dao Fruit [Fruit of the Heavenly Dao from Within the Painting], under Li Che's constant squeezing of the Painted Immortals' doppelgangers, finally matured to LV3.

It achieved its first transformation, giving birth to the Prototype of Divine Powers.

Prototype of Divine Powers...

Painted Immortal Mo Sha!

Now Li Che, with other Dao Fruits having completed their second transformations, not only possessed the Prototype of Divine Powers but also the Divine Skills.

Li Che was familiar with the Prototype of Divine Powers, each Prototype had its unique abilities.

Yet, enhancing the maturity of the [Fruit of the Heavenly Dao from Within the Painting] this time proved somewhat difficult.

It required using the Painted Immortal doppelgangers, painstakingly cultivating maturity, to enhance it.

However, it cannot be denied that the Painted Immortal doppelgangers brought great help to Li Che, at least liberating Li Che himself.

While cultivating, he could free his hands to do many other things.

The replication effect from the Dao Fruit [Fruit of the Heavenly Dao from Within the Painting] has greatly boosted Li Che's [Immortal Artisan] Mechanical Techniques.

Although replicating something like the high-yield Guanyin Lotus Bullet from the Great Avalanche was challenging,

Smaller-yield Immortal bullets such as the Dragon Tooth Bodhi, Avalanche Cross Raven, and the like could be replicated, saving Li Che a lot of materials and effort.

In other words, it provided Li Che with a mobile Military Arsenal.

Therefore, Li Che was quite looking forward to the Prototype of Divine Powers of the Dao Fruit [Fruit of the Heavenly Dao from Within the Painting].

With a thought, within his chest, the [Fruit of the Heavenly Dao from Within the Painting] Dao Fruit throbbed, and with each beat, it seemed as though thick ink mist exploded from his body!

[Prototype of Divine Powers (Painted Immortal Mo Sha): One dot, two dots, three dots, four dots, fall of ink turns to four, to annihilate with Mo Sha]

A line of golden introduction slowly unfurled before his eyes.

Li Che's brows furrowed slightly, feeling somewhat puzzled.

What's this...

One dot, two dots, three dots, four dots...

Do you think this is a song?

But that simple line of introduction, caused goosebumps to rise slightly on Li Che.

It was as if an invisible deity, wielding a wolf's hair brush soaked with cold and forbidding ink, slowly traced across his body.

Like the tongue of a cold-blooded animal, licking the skin, freezing to the core!

It made the blood in Li Che's veins, majestic like mercury, hard to circulate.

"This is..."

Li Che's gaze sharpened.

He suddenly felt a connection, and information related to Mo Sha unfolded in his mind.

Gradually, Li Che understood the meaning of Mo Sha.

"Mo Sha... to annihilate..."

"As long as four dots of ink fall upon an enemy, whether horizontal, vertical, or scattered... As long as there are four dots of ink, you can utilize the power of Mo Sha to annihilate the opponent."

Hiss—

Is this a conceptual Prototype of Divine Powers?

Of course, there should be a limit to its power.

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However, such a strange power of killing made Li Che's interest pique somewhat.

With a flick of his finger, the paper composed of the Pure Heart Divinity vibrated.

The next moment, a figure walked out of the painting scroll.

Li Che casually replicated "Yuan Jingang."

Yuan Jingang's whole body glowed with silver light, his Body Touching Divinity bursting forth.

Since it was a copy from the Dao Fruit of the Painted Immortal, it was much inferior to the original Yuan Jingang.

Li Che flicked his finger, and immediately four droplets of Divine Ink, mixed with blood energy and divinity, shot out, blossoming on Yuan Jingang's Cursed Silver Corpse like four ink plum blossoms.

The next moment, Li Che clenched his five fingers.

Mo Sha!

The four droplets of Divine Ink, then as if coming to life, crazily burrowed into Yuan Jingang's Cursed Silver Corpse, making him howl miserably and transform into an ink-black Ink Man.

He stretched out his hand towards the front, like a melting snowman, melting away bit by bit...

Finally turned into a puddle of black ink.

"Such a powerful corrosive force, four dots of ink seem to create a unique rule, once marked with four dots of ink, killing flare-ups automatically."

Li Che's whole body ink-colored diffusing, he seemed as if he had stepped out from an ink wash landscape painting.

Within the Inner Scene of the Energy Center in Li Che's body, his Primordial Spirit swept through his entire body.

He found himself completely transformed into ink wash.

Even if subjected to a terrifying offensive attack, he would only explode into ink and slowly reconstitute into human form.

Removing the Prototype of Divine Powers [Mo Sha], Li Che reverted back to a body of flesh and blood.

"This Prototype of Divine Powers consumes a lot of Divine Sense... and moreover, although it is somewhat similar to rule-based killing, it might not truly annihilate powerful cultivators."

Li Che stood up, his whole body's bones popping with a stretch, letting out a yawn.

The crackling sound, like rolling thunder.

A fine method...

The Bull Demon, even more sinister.

This thing is much more useful than the Sudden Green Powder or Carbuncle Top Red.

Li Che liked it very much, quite satisfied with this Prototype of Divine Powers.

Glancing over the courtyard, to the little residence in Falling Flower Alley, Li Che was quite fond of it.

He didn't plan to sell it, considering it his property in Golden Light Prefecture City. Li Che had an intuition that he would return here.

So, there was no need to sell it.

"The Eight-Armed Prison Lotus Furious Third Prince's Sinister Temple is still here, not breached... This Mysterious Temple, Strange Que, holds great secrets..."

"I should come back..."