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Li Che's eyes sparkled with anticipation.

With a thought, he directly broke open the Qiankun Jade.

Even though it was just a newly achieved Fetal Breath Transformation, it surely contained valuable treasures.

"It would be best if there were a complete Divine Seed Martial Arts; the 'Blood Crocodile Sky Splitting Palm' I got from Long Tai is only an incomplete version, and reaching Major Accomplishment is already the limit."

Li Che muttered to himself, full of anticipation.

The first thing he looked at, of course, were the Divine Crystals!

Just one look, and Li Che's eyes sharpened, his breathing quickened significantly!

He struck gold!

"Fifth-Order Divine Crystals... ten pieces, Sixth-Order Divine Crystals fifty pieces! This wealth is truly worthy of a Fetal Breath Transformation Great True Man, even more than the Demon Child of the Corpse God Cult!"

Li Che's emotions surged, even more excited than when he had killed Su Helian!

The lavish riches always stirred emotions, making it hard to contain one's feelings!

Xi Xi also needs resources to cultivate in the Divine Sect...

As a father, Li Che naturally had to prepare them for her.

Xi Xi isn't like those from the great families with strong backing; she only has a hardworking old father who tirelessly earns resources.

"Fifth-Order martial arts pill, one piece, Sixth-Order martial arts pill, though, there are ten... understandable, as Su Helian's strength is mainly in Divinity, and his martial path is average."

In terms of elixirs, Li Che was somewhat disappointed.

"Huh?"

"Is this... a Divine Talisman?"

Suddenly, Li Che saw a sandalwood box. Upon opening it, there lay a talisman crafted on Mysterious Yellow Paper with cinnabar ink.

It was imbued with a rich concentration of Divine Power!

Star Plucking Pupil scanned.

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[Divine Talisman (Sixth-rank top-grade): Mysterious Fire Burning God Splitting Heart Talisman]

[Description: Created by a Divine Talisman Master, very valuable, painted on talisman paper made from Sixth-Order Mysterious Yellow Wood with dragon blood mixed with cinnabar dense divine ink. Upon activation, it can unleash the Divinity Technique of Mysterious Fire Burning God.]

[Qualification: Divine Origin Golden Body Transformation and above]

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Li Che's eyes slightly brightened.

Divine Talisman!

This was his first time acquiring a Divine Talisman...

There are also Divine Talisman Masters in the Qintian Observatory, and the price of Divine Talismans has always been prohibitively high.

In fact, a Divine Talisman is a medium for storing Divine Methods, just offering Divine Cultivators another way to evoke and store Divinity Techniques.

Li Che previously thought they were not worth it due to their high price...

Because training a Divine Talisman Master consumes a lot of resources, hence the Divine Talismans are very expensive.

Divine Talisman Masters are even rarer than Woodcarving Masters.

Li Che cheerfully tucked away this top-grade Sixth-Bureau Divine Talisman and continued to take inventory.

Suddenly, he flipped through a book titled “Da Jing Qingyun Taoist Xuanfu Divine Sect’s Talisman Record.”

Hmm?!

Li Che browsed through a few pages, and his eyes suddenly lit up!

Xuanfu Divine Sect!

The Divine Sect of Da Jing Qingyun Dao!

Li Che began reading eagerly, and within his chest...

[Heavenly Artisan Dao Fruit] began beating furiously!

Thump, thump, thump...

Just like when he acquired the “Tang’s Mechanism Essentials” and the excitement that the [Immortal Artisan Dao Fruit] felt!

An almost verbally expressible anticipation and joy!

"I have [Heavenly Artisan Dao Fruit]; the method of this Divine Talisman... for me, means the threshold and difficulty are substantially lower!"

Li Che exhaled, also feeling somewhat stirred.

He could even directly let [Heavenly Artisan] doppelgänger Li Che study this "Mysterious Talisman Divine Sect's Talisman Book", and later directly share the experience.

And with [Immortal Artisan Dao Fruit] aiding him, Li Che had a powerful capability, mixing talismanic ink and crafting talisman paper, none of which were problems!

"If I can become an outstanding Divine Talisman Master, resources would just keep rolling in!"

Li Che figured out a new way to make money.

Of course, being a Woodcarving Master was very profitable, too, but Li Che wouldn't mind having one more craft to earn money.

After all, as a father, earning money is never shameful!

"Unfortunately, there is no Divine Seed Martial Arts... I need Eight Divine Martial Arts to open the Eight Extraordinary Meridians to achieve the strongest Innate True Gang

"A long and arduous journey indeed

Li Che shook his head and, after sorting through some more miscellaneous items, he packed away the Qiankun Jade.

As for the Charioteer's Qiankun Jade, it was pitifully meager.

Martial Artists... are always somewhat poverty-stricken.

With that, he completed taking inventory of the grand riches bestowed by a Fetal Breath Transformation Divine Origin Great True Man.

Li Che swallowed a Fifth-Order Martial Pill, gulping, sounding like a giant stone plunging into a lake!

The stomach walls churned, grinding the Pill Coating, a torrential fiery medicinal property surged forth!

Li Che tapped his toes, shooting up from under the eaves.

The Heaven and Earth chessboard expanded and enveloped.

Powerful Qi-Blood burst forth from his body!

The feedback from the Dragon Elephant Vajra Dao Fruit roared to life!

Li Che clenched his hand, and the Xuanjin Eight Treasures Thunder Dragon Stick landed into his grasp...

The divine staff tapped down, space exploded, and air currents whirled violently.

Li Che began deducing other Martial Saint Ultimate Studies, aiming to push all other Martial Saint arts into the Transformation Realm!

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Su Family Elder, Qian Yuan Divine Sect Outer Sect Honored Elder Su Helian, a Fetal Breath Transformation Divine Origin Great True Man, was brutally killed in the main street of Dao City!

What a shocking event!

Who would dare to commit such a heinous act?!

"Revenge! Hahaha... Revenge!"

In Dao City.

Someone ran out into the blizzard whirled streets, laughing uproariously to the sky, tears streaming down as they knelt on the ground.

That was the family patriarch of a small family whose talented daughter had been forced into marriage by the Su Family.

Ever since the daughter entered the Su Family Mansion, she never had a chance to leave; even her desperate pleas for a meeting only showed her age-worn, disheartened appearance leaning on the railings.

For parents, this was a thunderbolt out of clear skies!

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But the Su Family was powerful, being the premier noble family of Qianyuan Dao City for three thousand years. Stationed within Dao City, they were indestructible.

Even the esteemed Divine Fetus Great God presided over the family. Who would dare provoke them?

Who would dare to rebel?

They could only be subjected to silent indignation.

But now, the Su Family had met with karmic retribution!

The name of the Underworld became a hot topic that rapidly spread.

Su Family Mansion.

Covering an extremely vast area, it almost resembled a city within a city.

A three-thousand-year-old prosperous noble family with unimaginably vast wealth, their influence deeply rooted in Qianyuan Dao City, a truly colossal entity.

Rumors had it that the Su Family also wielded considerable power within the City Lord's Mansion. The Divine Fetus Great God dispatched by the Grand Prospect Dynasty from Divine Capital, who married a daughter of the Su Family!

Inside the main hall.

The atmosphere was heavy.

Su Helian's headless corpse was laid in a coffin made of Spiritual Wood.

The hall was draped with white silks; those Su Family descendants who had previously issued wedding invitations were now garbed in mourning clothes.

Su Chuyang was called back from the Divine Sect and was completely dumbstruck at the moment.

After all, Su Helian had just reprimanded him, and now, suddenly, he was dead.

Su Chuyang even felt somewhat frightened. If he had returned home with Su Helian's carriage last night...

Would he have ended up as an ant, easily crushed to death?

The expression of the Great Elder of Su Family, Su Helin, was dark as pitch.

The Su Family Patriarch sat in the seat of honor, his expression equally grim, his heart filled with immense sorrow.

After all, even for a family the size of the Su Family, cultivating a Great True Man capable of Fetal Breath Transformation, using the absorbed talent of genius women and the Divine Method of Guard Palace Sand, was an extraordinarily difficult task!

"Underworld

"Daring to kill an Elder of my Su Family, hunting down a Great True Man of Fetal Breath Transformation from my clan

To be enemies with my Su Family, what a bold Underworld... Entering Dao City, making enemies with Corpse God Cult, with You Liqing, and now daring to oppose my Su Family

"Do they not cease until the entire city is their enemy?!"

The Su Family Patriarch, Su Wenxi, spoke coldly.

"Helian died by Ten Thousand Dragons Subduing Gods; is this Underworld... possibly orchestrated by Ji Moli from behind?"

Su Helin gritted his teeth.

Su Family Patriarch Su Wenxi shook his head: "Impossible, Ten Thousand Dragons Subduing Gods is a famous Martial Saint Ultimate Study of Ji Moli, but it is not his strongest Martial Path... Moreover, Ji Moli has grand ambitions, how could he stoop to masquerade as a rat-like Underworld?"

"Patriarch, I wish to invite the ancestor to take action personally! To capture the criminals of the Underworld! To commemorate the restless soul of my brother!"

Su Helin pleaded with clasped fists, his eyes filled with tears at hundreds of years of age.

How can he not grieve and rage from such blow when his brother of two hundred years had suddenly passed away?

"The ancestor is in seclusion during a crucial moment... planning to prepare for the assault on Qi Tian City, hoping to achieve a breakthrough before the assault on Qi Tian City. It is not appropriate for us to cause a disturbance over this disappearance."

However, the Su Family Patriarch Su Wenxi refused and shook his head.

"Call upon the Divine Talisman Master among our Five Elders, ask her to craft Five Elders' Divine Talisman [Wind Calming Talisman], and then reach out to the Hunting God Pavilion to request a Three Flowers Rakshasa, as well as five Innate Jade-faced Killers."

"With such a lineup, it will suffice."

"If the criminals of the Underworld dare to show up

"We'll ensure they have no escape!"

"Kill the bull, slaughter the horse, slice the monkey... slay the dragon!"

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Thunder Alley.

Within the private workshop courtyard.

Snowflakes gently fell.

Not a sound could be heard in the world!

Suddenly!

Hiss, hiss, hiss!

Intense heat like writhing serpents rolled and twisted, instantly melting the falling snow into streams of water!

Li Che, in his Mo Shan, with wild hair dancing, stood with closed eyes in the middle of the courtyard, amidst the swirling snow.

His body emitted steaming heat, each inch of skin red hot like a branding iron!

The snow turned rain fell and was attracted, the Five Elements Divine Gang interwoven around him, causing thunderous explosions with each flick!

Centered on Li Che, the courtyard's air and rain were swept up, as if an arm was stirring a giant vat of water!

The vortex howled and thundered!

After consuming a fifth-tier Martial Pill, Li Che trained relentlessly without sleep, practicing the Martial Saint Ultimate Study for five days!

He finally digested the Instant Enlightenment Feedback from the Dragon Elephant Vajra Dao Fruit!

Clenching his five fingers, the blood in his body roared, with blood, tendons, membranes, and marrow...

Each organ seemed to bellow and roar!

Like a burning furnace, every pore seemed to hide a Great Sun, with thousands of bright beams bursting forth!

Suddenly, the numerous swirling air currents and rain around him exploded, and there arose a huge translucent Dragon Elephant above the courtyard, with the Divine Dragon swaying its tail and the Giant Elephant bellowing!

The entire courtyard seemed to quake!

Myriad Transformations Dragon Elephant...

Reach the Realm of Perfection!

Eyes that had been tightly closed suddenly opened!

In an instant, the sky full of water droplets exploded, winds and rain howled, and a deluge ensued!

Li Che stood amidst it all, his Mo Shan billowing, and sparks of lightning wild in his eyes!

Within his chest, the Dragon Elephant Vajra Dao Fruit, like a golden bell in an ancient pagoda, was struck...

The interwoven bell waves and divine light slowly emerged from the depths of his eyes.

[Dao Fruit: Dragon Elephant Vajra (LV5, 0%)]

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In the courtyard, the raging currents of air slowly returned to silence.

The heavy snow that had rapidly fallen melted entirely, turning into pouring rain that fell across the yard, which was then evaporated into a mist by Li Che's vigorous and scorching Qi-Blood.

The thick fog was hazy, gently drifting about.

Li Che's black hair bristled with strength, and within his eyes, electricity surged, bursting forth from his pupils and wildly dancing between heaven and earth!

[Dao Fruit: Dragon Elephant Vajra (LV5, 0%)]

It's done!

The electricity intertwined and converged into a line of text, appearing before Li Che's eyes, causing his whole body to tremble slightly.

Every inch of his muscles seemed to be undergoing frequent and varying degrees of bouncing and forging, bursting with the intense heat of a branding iron!

The third Transformation of the Dao Fruit!

The LV5 Dragon Elephant Vajra!

Li Che's eyes dazzled with radiance, as if mercury-like blood pulsed and pushed inside him, emitting a deep, thunderous rumble akin to the surge of river tides.

This was Li Che's first Dao Fruit to achieve the Third Transformation!

His mood was surging like the great tides of the Nine Dragons River, giving rise to a different kind of emotion.

The first transformation bestowed [Ascending the Tower], a method that allows one to utilize the Temple God Power to achieve an overall enhancement of combat power.

The second transformation awarded the Divine Skill [Qi and Blood Rosy Clouds], an assistive type, ever-changing, capable of refining Divine Weapons, enhancing the quality of Divine Weapons, and transforming into Rosy Clouds to carry the body soaring through the sky!

Quite impressive indeed!

And what changes would the third transformation bring?

Li Che was actually quite eager to find out.

In his pupils, electricity crisscrossed and surged, like a Divine Whip lashing at the ground all around the yard.

"Huff

"Inhale

With each breath, every sound of air current, falling snow, and wind and clouds between heaven and earth seemed to become as quiet as death!

Within his chest, the Dao Fruit beat wildly.

Every heartbeat was like watching the tides rise and fall over three thousand years atop an ancient Divine Mountain, where the revered bell of an old temple was struck by a powerful Martial Artist.

The exploding bell waves, like ripples, spread between heaven and earth, pervading every single cell in his flesh!

Boom!!!

For an instant, his mind was pulled by a force of extreme terror!

In his ears exploded the fierce roar of a Divine Dragon and the shriek of a Giant Elephant!

He was irresistibly pulled into a Vast Heaven and Earth!

A vast and ancient land, full of mystery!

There stood an ancient Divine Tree, rising from the ground, branches lush and spreading, as if to shield the vast lands for billions of acres!

Upon that ancient Divine Tree, branches like Seven-Colored Glaze stretched out, lavish and abundant, with various Seven-Colored Glaze Dao Fruits hanging above.

Their brilliance shone resplendiferously, dazzling with light!

One of the Dao Fruits suddenly grew magnificently in size!

Larger than all other Dao Fruits!

All of Li Che's blood seemed to be attracted by this one Dao Fruit!

Qi-Blood Rosy Clouds burst forth, manifesting as the Dragon Elephant Illusion, radiating blinding and splendid golden light!

Li Che's gaze burned bright; this scene was not unfamiliar to him.

When the Dragon Elephant Vajra Dao Fruit underwent the Second Transformation, he had experienced all this!

Boom!!!

A terrifying gale suddenly accompanied the slight swaying of the Divine Tree and the movement of its branches, bursting down with a mighty force!

It struck Li Che with a vicious impact.

With the sudden arrival of the storm, the earth cracked, mountains crumbled as though the roaring voice of ancient beasts exploded deep within the soul!

Li Che felt the vision before his eyes change once again.

As if thrown by a terrible force into the high Cloud Dome!

Then...

During the fall.

He saw a Golden Divine Dragon and a golden Giant Elephant!

They seemed to be two terrifying beasts from an era when Ancient Gods and Demons roamed freely, so vast and so large!

The Giant Elephant supported heaven and earth, swinging its long nose, stirring rivers and seas, and causing high waves to crash and explode!

Within the river, a tremendous burst occurred!

An immensely large and fearsome crocodile emerged from the water; this beast was truly vast, stirring turbulent water currents, creating fierce winds and wild surges!

Like a downpour of torrential rain!

Li Che's eyes shone brightly!

Yet he saw the giant crocodile fighting fiercely with the gold Giant Elephant; with Rosy Clouds bursting from its body, every movement of its nose seemed like a Divine Whip capable of shattering mountains!

However, the crocodile was also terrifying, with sharp paired teeth like the sharpest Divine Weapons in the world!

Biting into the Giant Elephant's body, it also tore ghastly wounds!

A battle between two godly creatures resembling God Demons!

Li Che watched, his heart and mind trembling!

The next moment, the Giant Elephant trumpeted and raised its nose!

Instantly, dark clouds parted as numerous lightning streaks coursed through them, with a Golden God Dragon emerging from behind the clouds.

Then it dived down, entering the battle!

Dragon and Elephant combined forces!

The Golden Divine Dragon coiled around the gold Giant Elephant!

In an instant, it seemed as though the Golden Giant Elephant received an unimaginable enhancement!

The great elephant foot was raised fiercely, then fell again; the earth split, mountains crumbled, the heavens and the earth shook and collapsed!

The crocodile's head was instantly crushed, blood and water gushing out, dyeing the rivers and seas red!

In an instant!!!

Li Che felt the vision faded away.

He had returned to the Vast Heaven and Earth, suspended before the Divine Tree!

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Intense pain continuously assaulted Li Che's body, every inch of flesh trembling and bouncing!

A pain like tearing, as if it brought unimaginable agony!

Marrow, bones, meridians, blood, skin membrane...

Every inch of his physical body radiated with pain!

Transformation!

Again, transformation!

With a long howl, his dark hair danced wildly, and for an instant, Li Che's spine seemed to pierce through heaven and earth like a mighty dragon!

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Every inch of muscle is being twisted into mahua, undergoing extremely subtle changes in muscle tissue!

It's as if the physical body was being thrown into a furnace, hammered and forged a thousand times, to be remelted!

Drop by drop, the scorching crimson and translucent blood pearls fall down the eyes.

In Li Che's eyes, light flickers.

[Dao Fruit LV5, Third Transformation, Ascension from First Layer of Divine Skill (Qi and Blood Rosy Clouds) to Second Layer of Divine Skill (Dragon Elephant Sky Gang)]

BOOM—!!!

Li Che feels his consciousness being expelled from the Vast Heaven and Earth.

But all over his body, a deafening trembling is occurring, undergoing a massive transformation!

At every joint between each bone, intense friction is happening.

A complete rebirth!

Washing Hair and Cutting Marrow!

The second time!

This is... the second Washing Hair and Cutting Marrow!

Li Che suddenly raises his head, blood pearls scatter, “plop” falling to the ground, exploding apart, darting like arrows.

Li Che stands in the middle of the courtyard, violent air currents continuously raging.

On his body, there seem to be bulges rapidly moving about, as if altering his powerful physical body.

In front, the light shifts again.

[Rosy Cloud Lift (Divine Skill): Ascending Building Clouds, Blood and Flesh Ascension, Earth Evil Sky Gang, Bursting Star with a Finger]

[First Layer of Heaven: Qi and Blood Rosy Clouds]

[Second Layer of Heaven: Dragon Elephant Merged Form]

[Earth Evil Elephant Force, Heavenly Gang Dragon Form, Dragon Elephant Merged Form, Leveling Mountains and Shifting Seas]

A prompt for new Divine Skills suddenly emerges before his eyes.

In Li Che's mind, the image of Dragon Elephant Merged Form crushing a giant crocodile relentlessly assails his spirit.

RUMBLING—

A rush of heat feedbacks, cleansing his physical body, making Li Che's originally formidable body generate even more vigorous Qi-Blood, pushing forward with the force of thunder!

Li Che opens his eyes, clenches his hand, and in an instant, a terrifying airflow bursts open under his grasp, swirling white currents furiously in the courtyard!

Vaguely, a Golden Divine Dragon seems to manifest from nowhere, entwining his body, winding around his arms, coiling around his neck, rubbing along the spine that trembles with every flex!

Li Che only feels as if his form is endlessly growing taller!

Inside his bones, power grows wildly, making the sinews twitch, bones moan, and marrow boil!

"My power

"Tenfold, a hundredfold, a thousandfold increase!"

"Even more terrifying than when I first acquired the Dragon Elephant Vajra Dao Fruit!"

"A pure climb in power!"

Li Che feels an unparalleled exhilaration in his heart, and with a violent thrust of his clenched hands, the already perfected Myriad Transformations Dragon Elephant, this Martial Saint Ultimate Study, seems in this moment to undergo a fervent transformation!

Inside Li Che's Dantian, the Great Bodily Elixir is throbbing violently!

The crimson Great Bodily Elixir surges up with Divine Power Second Layer Heaven [Dragon Elephant Merged Form] in an instant.

Golden patterns appear and emerge on the Great Bodily Elixir!

That is the Golden Divine Dragon entwining a golden giant elephant!

Dragon Elephant Merged Form, Martial Path Great Elixir displays this!

"This Myriad Transformations Dragon Elephant, this Martial Saint Ultimate Study... is transforming towards Divine Seed Martial Arts!"

"It seems to have produced God's Intent!"

"Dragon Elephant God's Intent!"

"Slowly pushing my self-created Martial Arts Myriad Transformations Dragon Elephant towards the level of Divine Seed Martial Arts

"When it fully becomes Divine Seed Martial Arts, it can open one of the human body's Eight Extraordinary Meridians

Li Che's eyes sparkle brilliantly, his mood greatly uplifted.

Li Che pushes his fists across, dancing wildly in the courtyard, the surrounding air constantly exploding, the torrential falling rain driven by his powerful Qi-Blood reversing up towards the Heavenly Dome.

His figure constantly slapped by sizzling hot currents!

Vaguely, the specter of a giant elephant entwined by a divine dragon manifests in the human world!

"Hoo hoo hoo

Li Che opens his mouth, exhaling airflow that shoots out like blades, seemingly cutting the air apart.

Spreading his arms, his bones emit a snapping and popping sound!

His organs tremble, Divine Gang spreading one after another.

Five types of Divine Gang twist together into a Five Elements Divine Gang!

Like a Jiao Dragon wildly dancing around his body, one strand, two strands, three strands...

Thirty-six strands!

BOOM—!!!

Li Che stands firm, thirty-six wildly dancing Five Elements Divine Gang signify his current official stepping into the peak of Master of Divine Gang!

Dao Fruit Third Transformation, along with the properties of the martial arts pill!

Li Che successfully completes the last six strands of the Five Elements Divine Gang!

On the skin surface, three hundred and sixty pores burst forth brilliant radiance, golden light streaming!

CRACK—!

With the first crisp snap!

As if a tough film is penetrated!

One pore penetrates through!

And then the second sound, the third sound, the fourth sound...

Wave upon wave!

Like firecrackers striking simultaneously!

Three hundred and sixty pores, each one penetrates through!

With eyes closed, vaguely, Martial Dao Will seems to connect with heaven and earth.

Countless currents intertwine, pouring in from the top of his head, then emanating from his feet.

"Unity of Heaven and Man

Li Che raises his head, hair wildly dancing.

Only feels as if it perceives the spirituality inherent in heaven and earth!

Heaven and earth seem to be breathing.

The earth trembles incessantly.

The fierce winds rolling between the heavens are like breaths in and out!

Li Che opens his hand, immediately the Thunder Magnetism Dao Body operates...

His entire body rises from the ground, as if completely linked with the earthly magnetic field, pouring in from the top of his head, emitting from his feet, endlessly circulating!

"This is... Unity of Heaven and Man."

Li Che opens his eyes, profound, complex, excited and solemn.

Sizzling...

Three hundred sixty acupuncture points, simultaneously operating like vortexes!

Divine Gang emanates from them, all flowing into the Great Elixir inside the Dantian!

The Great Elixir turns into a furnace, condensing the Five Elements Divine Gang to perfection, removing the excess, becoming extremely tenacious.

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Gradually...

A True Gang much stronger than Long Tai's Innate True Gang slowly flowed out.

Li Che raised his hand, and the Innate True Gang moved between his fingers like an electric current rampaging wildly!

At times it transformed into a dragon, at times changed into an elephant, and at times, it was like electricity!

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After five days, five days of settling down.

Li Che finally achieved the Third Transformation of the Dao Fruit, making significant progress that gave a substantial boost to his Martial Cultivation.

He reined in his aura and floated down to the ground.

The heat dissipated, the snow returned to its place, gently falling, covering everything with a thick layer.

The Fruit of the Heavenly Dao from Within the Painting resonated, and Li Che summoned multiple Immortal Avatars from within the painting, each receiving a Six Ministries Divinity Crystal from Li Che and going off to cultivate their Temple God Avatars.

Then, he went on to refine the mechanism parts required by the Blood-Yang Nine-God Vajra Ape, embedding Mechanism Seals within, refining the precision and so on.

On the other hand, he also had the Immortal Avatars study the newly acquired “Mysterious Talisman Divine Sect Talisman Book” to learn the Way of Divine Talismans.

Snow fell in silence, without a sound.

Landing on Qiu Ping, it made a gentle noise.

Li Che felt that life was busy yet fulfilling.

The light slowly sank into oblivion, and the cool radiance that seeped out from behind the leaden clouds gradually dimmed.

Li Che knew that night was approaching.

He stretched lazily, rejuvenated and refreshed from the breakthrough in cultivation.

Leaving the independent workshop, he followed the bluestone path of Thunder Alley blanketed with thick snow and arrived in front of a restaurant emitting a dim yellow light.

The Big Black Dog was, as always, loyally lying at the entrance of the store.

The black and glossy fur shimmered under the orange-yellow light.

Glancing at Li Che, and seeing that he was alone, the Big Black Dog snorted through its nose and turned its head away.

After Li Che had the restaurant pack up the food he had reserved and chatted idly with the owner for a bit.

Not having brought Xi Xi, the owner didn't seem interested in him.

Li Che didn't mind. After leaving a Gold Leaf, he turned and left.

Before leaving, Li Che approached the Big Black Dog and then suddenly reached out to give the dog head a furious stroke.

After the petting, he immediately grasped the Flying Thunder Chess Piece and disappeared from the spot.

"Woof!!!"

The explosive bark sounded, causing the layer upon layer of snow to shatter and melt.

The Big Black Dog got up from the ground, paws pattering on the floor, hitting full stride, but couldn't find Li Che anywhere.

Annoyed, the Big Black Dog kept baring its teeth!

Li Che returned to his home in Liuxiang Lane.

The pristine snow fell from the sky, then was dispersed by Qi-Blood.

Zhang Ya was practicing martial arts earnestly in the courtyard. After the Blood Exchange, she trained even more diligently because Xi Xi was so sensible, Zhang Ya felt as a mother she should also be more proactive.

Only by becoming stronger could she accompany her husband and daughter for a longer time.

Old Chen had gone to work, Nurse Momo was sitting under the eaves on the rocking chair that Li Che had made for her, covered with a thick blanket, a charcoal stove burning beside her, emitting warmth.

Everything seemed quite cozy.

After Li Che returned, he joined Zhang Ya in practicing martial arts for a while, giving her some simple pointers.

Then, footsteps came from outside.

The soft snow-covered ground made a crunching sound underfoot.

The visitor was a young man wearing a grey robe.

Through Li Che's perception using the Heaven and Earth chessboard, the young man's strength seemed average, merely a Divine Minister-level.

"May I ask if this is the residence of Master Li Che?"

The young man knocked on the door and said.

Li Che asked Zhang Ya to continue practicing while he went out to meet the visitor, asking curiously, "Who might you be?"

"I am a Wood Carver from the Divine Carving Ridge of the Qian Yuan Divine Sect. Grand Elder Jiao Shaoqiu has recommended you. I have been instructed by my teacher to inform you that the Elder assessment of the Divine Carving Ridge is about to begin."

Li Che's eyes suddenly brightened upon hearing this.

The Elder assessment of the Divine Carving Ridge?

It was finally starting!

Li Che warmly received the young man, causing him a bit of astonishment; after all, to the young man, Li Che's happiness seemed unwarranted, considering Li Che's age and experience, participating in this elder assessment... was purely for joining in.

"Here is the letter of invitation. Tomorrow, Divine Carving Ridge will gather many Woodcarving Masters in front of the Divine Sect Mountain Gate, and we will leave together, so Master Li should not be late."

The young man handed over to Li Che a letter sealed with red wax.

After taking it, Li Che thanked him.

The young man didn't linger, stating that he still had to deliver letters to other Woodcarving Masters before departing into the snowy path.

Zhang Ya came over, her long eyelashes trembling.

"My lord... If you become an elder of Divine Carving Ridge, does that mean we can move to live inside the Divine Sect?"

Zhang Ya asked.

Li Che nodded.

Her eyes lit up, but soon her brows furrowed: "But I've heard that the elder assessment of Divine Carving Ridge is extremely difficult... Are you sure you can do it, my lord?"

Li Che couldn't help but laugh at this.

Wrapping his arm around Zhang Ya, he lifted her up: "My little imp, do you really not know whether your husband can do it?"

Zhang Ya immediately blushed, playfully punching Li Che a few times: "Nurse Momo is right there!"

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Don't say, Li Che did indeed place great importance on the Elder assessment of Divine Carving Ridge.

Not only because he could move to reside within the Divine Sect upon becoming an Elder of Divine Carving Ridge, but also because... Divine Carving Ridge certainly had the resources he needed.

Although Li Che knew that the competition for this position of a Divine Sect elder was fierce, and the assessment would be beyond imagination.

However, Li Che really wasn't afraid at the moment.

The confidence brought about by the improvement of the Immortal Craft Dao Fruit, along with his own cultivation breakthrough, had led to an improvement in his Wood Carving prowess.

Li Che was full of confidence.

The following day.

Dawn.

The temperature rose slightly, and the previously gently falling snow now began to melt, turning into a drizzle mixed with a few snowflakes.

Chapter 686: Dao Fruit Third Transformation Dragon Elephant Combined Form, Peaceful Princess Faces Xi Xi (4)

Li Che got up early, Zhang Ya had paid the price for her rash words from yesterday, lying limply on the bed with her black hair scattered, only able to cheer Li Che on with her gaze.

Li Che smiled.

Putting on a clean Mo Shan, he stepped out of the courtyard in Liuxiang Lane.

Old Chen had his carriage ready and waiting outside early.

"Get in."

Old Chen, wearing a bamboo hat and a straw raincoat to shield himself from the rain and snow, spoke with a smile.

"A Che, I believe in you, once you become an Elder of Divine Eagle Ridge, you'll be able to see Xi Xi every day inside the Divine Sect Mountain Gate."

Old Chen's expression turned solemn.

He truly felt a little sorry for Xi Xi.

Upon their last meeting, Xi Xi's sensibility had left Old Chen feeling sympathy for a long time.

He also wondered if Xi Xi was bullied by her fellow disciples inside the Divine Sect; having parents around would have given her more confidence.

Li Che did not refuse; he climbed into the horse carriage, and Old Chen drove towards the Qianyuan Divine Sect Mountain Gate.

The Daping in front of the mountain gate.

Underneath the Qiankun Dao Yun Plaque, there were already several carriages parked in succession.

After dropping Li Che off, Old Chen drove away.

The young man Li Che had met yesterday also walked over and led Li Che onto an ordinary carriage.

Inside the carriage, several aging figures were already seated.

These old men were Woodcarving Master Guest Elders from various Great Families within Qianyuan Dao City.

Of course, they were guest elders of smaller Great Families.

Big thousand-year-old families like the Su Family, Yun Family, Zhong Family, and Zhou Family each had their own grand carriages for pick up and drop off.

Noticing the arrival of a newcomer, these figures opened their murky eyes and glanced over.

Upon seeing Li Che's extremely youthful face, they were momentarily startled.

"Young man, are you also going to participate in the Divine Eagle Ridge Elder examination?"

One of the elders asked.

Li Che smiled warmly and nodded.

Seeing the honest and straightforward Li Che, the few elders stroked their beards and chuckled.

"It's true what they say, the younger the calf, the less fear of the tiger. At such a young age, you dare to try anything

"The Elder examination for Divine Eagle Ridge is extremely difficult... Without the standard of a Seven-Element Woodcarving Master, there's basically no chance."

"We few old fellows have wasted sixty years before finally raising our skills to the standard of a Seven-Element Woodcarving Master to gather the courage to try."

"You young people... have commendable courage."

The elders all laughed, but their tone unintentionally carried a hint of prejudice.

Woodcarving skills require time to hone, and frequent visits to the Mysterious Temple to observe the Temple God, to be cultivated.

Li Che is so young...

How much time could he have spent refining his skills? ... It must be very impatient.

Li Che smiled honestly and simply nodded.

Then he leaned back in his chair and closed his eyes to rest.

The carriage soon started shaking.

The carriage carrying Li Che and four others crunched over the snow, breaking through the rain and snow, heading towards Divine Eagle Ridge.

The journey was dull.

Because the carriage was somewhat cramped, and he didn't see eye to eye with the three aging Woodcarving Masters,

Once they started speaking, it would all be in the way of advice, and Li Che found it uninteresting, so he preferred to ignore them.

Li Che closed his eyes for a restful nap to nurture his spirit.

However, within the Heaven and Earth chessboard, he felt a Divine Chess Piece belonging to him tremble slightly.

It was the Thunder Chess Piece he had left on Xi Xi.

Now, there seemed to be something unusual about it.

Li Che's brows furrowed slightly, and a sharp light flashed in his eyes.

His mind sank into the Heaven and Earth chessboard, and through it, he reflected the present situation of Xi Xi.

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Qian Yuan Divine Sect.

Outer Sect.

The courtyard where Jiao Shaoqiu lived.

The laughter and joyful voices of a group of children were incessant, the atmosphere fiery, as if they were dispelling the falling mixture of rain and snow from the Heavenly Dome itself.

Xi Xi, Zhou Peng, Yun E, Zhong Liuxiu, as well as Tie Shancai and other Divine Children were all gathered in Jiao Shaoqiu's courtyard.

Perhaps because Xi Xi was there, Xi Xi's good friends had all run over.

In addition, there were Spirit Children who had come along from Golden Light Prefecture City.

Hai Chao Sheng, Gong Yuanliang, Gongyang Xiu, and Huang Si Xiang, among others.

Everyone was in Jiao Shaoqiu's courtyard, diligently cultivating, but after all, they were children, and there was still some frolicking and playfulness among them.

"Come on! All of you come at once!"

"Emperor Xi Xi is letting you use one hand!"

Xi Xi's cherubic face was plump, and her petite form stood firmly in the snowstorm on Daping, with one hand behind her back and the other gesturing a come-hither motion to Hai Chao Sheng, Gong Yuanliang, Gongyang Xiu, and Huang Si Xiang, all four of them.

Hai Chao Sheng's eyes blazed with a fierce will to fight.

Powerful Qi-Blood churned within his body, and with a clench of his five fingers, he trod through the flurry of snowflakes towards Xi Xi.

Gong Yuanliang and Gongyang Xiu coordinated flawlessly, while Huang Si Xiang found an opportunity to attack from another angle.

They held nothing back, for they knew full well the strength of Xi Xi.

Zhou Peng ate an apple from a distance, while Tie Shancai, bored, rested his head on his hands, Yun E and Zhong Liuxiu were sparring.

Jiao Shaoqiu sat rocking in a chair, and the snowflakes fluttered lightly.

From time to time, he would offer pointers to correct the children's Qi-Blood circulation and power exertion techniques.

Nie Yang stood with his arms folded, cradling a bronze sword tied with a ragged cloth in his arms.

Not far from him...

Li Chengzhou gripped a heavy sword with one arm, holding the sword's tip up.

The tip of the sword hung parallel to the ground, constantly trembling.

"Hold it steady! Just one more quarter of an hour to go!"

Nie Yang spoke sternly.

A snap of Qi-Force whip cracked against Li Chengzhou's arm, jolting the arm that was about to drop right back up.

Li Chengzhou was drenched in sweat, with large beads of sweat rolling incessantly down his forehead.

"Your Divine Talent is not as good as theirs, and you're also quite behind in martial arts talent... All you can rely on is your tenacity; if you want to catch up to your sister Xi Xi, you can only do so through daily grueling practice!"

"Sword Cultivators, it is through enduring the bitterest hardships that one becomes a true Sword Cultivator!"

Nie Yang said solemnly, imparting lessons.

Jiao Shaoqiu had a cloudy gaze, watching as Nie Yang instructed his disciple, but he did not speak.

Nie Yang was a Grandmaster of the Sword Dao, and Jiao Shaoqiu conceded inferiority to him in swordsmanship, hence he would not interject rashly.

Suddenly...

Jiao Shaoqiu's murky eyes abruptly sharpened.

The sword in Nie Yang's arms, which was instructing Li Chengzhou, trembled ceaselessly.

"Snap!"

Nie Yang promptly pressed down on the hilt.

"Great Elder."

Nie Yang looked toward Jiao Shaoqiu, his eyes growing immensely solemn.

The many children who were practicing martial arts on Daping suddenly felt an overwhelmingly terrifying and oppressive force descending upon them.

It was as if a ferocious and frightful beast was baring its sharp and lethal fangs at the children!

Xi Xi's expression changed slightly, as the Purple Flame Serpent Spear in her left hand trembled faintly and the Gold Brick in her right hand hummed as well.

The Prison Lotus Wind Fire Golden Light Wheel hidden in her feet was also shaking incessantly.

"Xi Xi, fall back."

Jiao Shaoqiu spoke in a deep voice.

As soon as the words were spoken...

Jiao Shaoqiu, aged yet upright, positioned his body in front of Xi Xi, spreading his arms to protect her behind him.

On the other side, Nie Yang, holding the sword, also took his place beside Jiao Shaoqiu.

They shielded all the children behind them.

Both men looked up.

Between heaven and earth, the wind and snow raged fiercely, and violent currents whipped around!

Suddenly, as if a curtain of snow was violently torn apart, two figures appeared.

One was clad in the simple robe of the Qian Yuan Divine Sect, his face glowing with kindness.

Jiao Shaoqiu furrowed his brow.

Staring at the old man whose robe whirled wildly in the snowstorm, his eyes became fixated.

"Inner Sect Four Elders... Ji Heshan?!"

However, Jiao Shaoqiu's pupils quickly contracted.

His gaze, turning as if set in stone, slowly shifted towards another figure who also stepped through the swirling snow, walking toward them.

A voluptuous woman with piercing blue eyes and skin whiter than snow.

Two pale golden horns sprouted on the forehead of the beautiful woman.

Her stunning face showed traces of suppressed, roiling anger and sorrow, and in her deep blue eyes lay thick sadness and pain that could not be dispersed...

Delicate dragon scales occasionally flickered and surfaced on her fair skin.

A terrifying and repressed Qi-Blood surged within the woman's body like thunder!

Nie Yang next to Jiao Shaoqiu shook violently, taking a deep breath.

His hand clenched tightly over the trembling sword hilt.

Terrifying Sword Intent burst forth from his body like the revolving sun!

Jiao Shaoqiu's huge sleeves flapped wildly, battered by the fierce wind, sticking to his body as he leaned back.

He stared at the woman, exhaling slowly.

"Of the Dragon God Clan

"The Peaceful Princess!"

Chapter 687: Six-Eared Prison Lotus Divine Monkey Two-Minded Great Saint, Making My Daughter Marry a Ghost and Remain a Widow

Hoo-hoo!

A ferocious wind howled into being, as the snow and fog parted to either side like curtains drawn apart!

It was like the opening of stage curtains during a play.

A thick fog rose up from within the "curtains," and two figures approached slowly from a distance.

The exceedingly radiant beauty, with eyes that seemed to shoot out electric sparks, had her sumptuously elegant clothes suddenly fluttering, as if a savage wind was blowing out silently from within her body.

The snow swirled, and the clouds boiled, as if the whole yard was trembling!

Boom!

As if thunderclaps were exploding behind the clouds, the roaring continued, incessant!

The Peaceful Princess!

The Dragon Maiden of the Dragon God Clan!

In this moment, Jiao Shaoqiu's expression turned extremely ugly. He clenched his five fingers, his plain robe clinging tightly to his body, his hair and clothes flying back!

Nie Yang grasped the hilt of his sword, his body emanating sounds of resonant Sword Qi as if he was about to exert all his strength at any moment to defend against it.

But...

It was difficult!

Too difficult!

This Dragon Maiden, being of the direct lineage of the Dragon God Clan, possessed exceedingly powerful Dragon God Bloodline Power, and her physical strength was immensely formidable, capable of piercing the heavens and shaking the earth!

The Dragon Queen Consort's eyes were brilliantly shining, her azure irises, like mirrors, reflecting the scenes and flowing light between heaven and earth.

Her gaze was imbued with a tinge of purple meaning amidst the azure.

Those eyes skimmed past Jiao Shaoqiu and Nie Yang in an instant, landing on Xi Xi.

Her son, Ji Haihui, had died at the Golden Light Prefecture. She had received the news from Su Huaili, and she had also sensed the dissipation of her Bloodline Power within Ji Haihui.

She nearly went insane on the spot.

That was her son, her most beloved offspring!

She dispatched powerhouses from the Dragon God Clan to the scene, including a leader of the Dragon God Clan at the Three Flowers Realm, but... they perished to the last man, with not a single survivor, not even leaving behind a trace.

Having no other choice, the Dragon Queen Consort decided to come in person.

She wanted to see for herself, the wretch who dared to suppress her son, calling her son Ji Haihui a servant, and what she looked like!

And what gave her the audacity to be so arrogant!

Jiao Shaoqiu's face was cold, his Primordial Spirit shot up into the air, instantly bursting forth with radiant Golden Light, and although he had fallen from the Golden Body Transformation, his Primordial Spirit was still able to emit the dazzling light of the Golden Body Transformation.

He had not expected that the Peaceful Princess would appear within the Divine Sect.

He turned his gaze towards Ji Heshan, his eyes revealing a frosty harshness: "Ji Heshan, have you gone mad?"

He knew that the Princess Consort's ability to appear within the Divine Sect must have something to do with Ji Heshan.

Without the consent of Inner Sect Elders like Ji Heshan, even the Peaceful Princess, the Dragon Maiden of the Dragon God Clan, could not possibly cross the Qiankun Dao Yun Plaque and set foot within the Divine Sect.

Ji Heshan... was this revenge?

Previously, Ji Heshan had dispatched Wei He, ranked eighth on the True Inheritor List from his faction, to greet the team from the Golden Light Prefecture, hoping to seize the opportunity to snatch Xi Xi to his own side.

However, the Li family refused, Xi Xi refused as well.

And now, Ji Heshan had actually brought the Peaceful Princess into the sect.

Undoubtedly, he was targeting Xi Xi.

In the Golden Light Prefecture, the offspring of the Chaos King Ji Molie, Ji Haihui, had died, and Ji Haihui had once led the Master of Divine Gang to pay homage to the Golden Light Peak.

It's just that during the homage, he was counter-suppressed by Xi Xi.

The magnitude of this issue could be downplayed or played up.

With the Dragon Queen Consort's appearance here, she was definitely going to magnify this matter, especially since Ji Haihui was now dead.

Any grudges from his life would be exaggerated countless times.

Ji Heshan, dressed in traditional robes, which was the consistent style of the Qian Yuan Divine Sect Elders.

He flourishly swept his wide sleeves, his face ruddy, showing a somewhat simple-minded demeanor:
"Elder Jiao... do not be angry, it was I who invited the Princess Consort here, I have old ties with the Princess. Back when I went to the East Sea to Breakthrough Realm, I met with the Princess's aid."

"Now, as the Princess Consort comes to our Qian Yuan Divine Sect, how can I not extend the hospitality of the host?"

"Be assured, the Princess Consort is aware of her limits within the Divine Sect, she just heard that there was a Divine Child within the Golden Light Sub-sect who defeated her deceased son, hence she wanted to come and see for herself."

Ji Heshan said boastfully, his face beaming with bright smiles.

The hefty murderous aura surrounding the Dragon Queen Consort also dissipated in an instant, her exquisitely beautiful face revealing a dignified smile.

"Indeed, the tragic death of my son in the Golden Light Prefecture is a pain in my heart, he had high hopes from the Chaos King, his father, to obtain the legacy of the Temple God within one of the Four Royal Mysterious Temples."

"Instead, he returned with nothing but death, my heart is truly full of sorrow

"Before his death, my son mentioned... that the Divine Child girl from the Golden Light Sub-sect could be his Princess Consort."

"I came to see

"To see my future daughter-in-law."

The beauty on the Dragon Queen Consort's face contained little mirth.

Jiao Shaoqiu and Nie Yang did not relax in the slightest.

This woman... she's kidding, right!

The murderous intent was so dense it was nearly overflowing, not a word from the Princess Consort could be trusted!

Xi Xi was protected behind Jiao Shaoqiu and Nie Yang.

Now, she wasn't foolish; the precocious girl understood everything by now, yet still harbored the temperament of a child.

Realizing that this formidable woman was Ji Haihui's mother, she immediately put her hands on her hips and snorted disdainfully.

Ji Haihui was already dead, yet he was still preoccupied with her?

And talking about a daughter-in-law...

Just wait until your behind gets kicked by Master Niu Niu!

"Hehe... you have another son? Talking about a daughter-in-law? Shameless old Dragon Maiden!"

Chapter 688: Six-Eared Prison Lotus Divine Monkey 2 Heart Great Saint, Let My Daughter Marry Into a Ghost Marriage and Become a Widow (2)

Suddenly.

A languid and disdainful voice echoed through the air.

The Dragon Queen Consort's gaze sharpened, sweeping across and landing on Tie Shancai with his sky-reaching braid.

Tie Shancai had recently been nesting in Jiao Shaoqiu's courtyard; he relished the feeling of being around Xi Xi, convinced that the Purple Flame Serpent Spear was in her possession, though he lacked proof.

But Tie Shancai needed no evidence; he felt that being friends with Xi Xi was quite good.

Beside Xi Xi, his Samadhi Divine Fire could also gradually enhance, even without the Purple Flame Serpent Spear.

As a Divine Child from Divine Capital, born and raised, thoroughly native and righteous, he strictly valued loyalty.

He naturally could not tolerate the oddly dual-toned language of the Dragon Queen Consort.

Looking at this daughter-in-law...

Why don't you go to Hell to seek your precious son?

The Dragon Queen Consort's gaze fell on Tie Shancai, and her deep blue eyes abruptly narrowed.

"You are... the son of Iron Luo Cha?!"

The Dragon Queen Consort said coldly.

Tie Shancai narrowed his eyes: "You old Dragon Maiden, how dare you address my mother so directly?! Aren't you afraid my father will kill you? Strip your dragon sinew, draw your dragon bone! Craft Divine Weapons!"

"How insolent!"

The Princess Consort sharply rebuked, a terrifying pressure emanating from her, like a torrential flood, as if a vast ocean had been violently stirred, with giant waves reaching ten, a hundred, a thousand zhang high!

It appeared as if the towering wave that enveloped the entire sky was about to crash down fiercely!

Tie Shancai's expression slightly changed, and he spat out a banana iron fan, clutching it tightly.

However, as soon as the Princess Consort became enraged, Inner Sect Elder Ji Heshan immediately intervened to smooth things over.

"Your Highness, please calm your anger. There's no need to be upset with a child; he's just a child Ji Heshan said with a smile.

He certainly couldn't let the Princess Consort take action within the Divine Sect.

Aside from repaying a favor to the Princess Consort, he also aimed to intimidate Li Nuanxi, affecting her state in the Sect Master's direct disciple assessment.

Ji Heshan's primary aim was the latter, to intimidate Li Nuanxi, clearing some obstacles for his own disciple listed in the Chu Long List.

After all, if his disciple could become a direct disciple of the Sect Master, his position as an Inner Sect Elder would rise substantially.

Jiao Shaoqiu... wasn't it this point that he saw, thus he tried his best to cultivate Li Nuanxi, unwilling to let her go?

Ji Heshan had long recognized Li Nuanxi's talent, capable of standing out during the Temple God Resonance of the Three Princes Temple of the Wrathful Octo-Armed among the Four Royal Mysterious Temples.

However, Ji Heshan never expected that, as soon as Xi Xi had established her Divine Foundation, she directly entered the third rank on the Chu Long List, even pushing down Su Chuyang.

This left Ji Heshan quite unhappy in his heart, harboring some resentment towards Jiao Shaoqiu.

He, Ji Heshan, wished to have successful disciples everywhere. Originally, he was about to secure a talent ranked third on the Chu Long List, but it was ruined by Jiao Shaoqiu. How could he feel at ease?

Bringing the Princess Consort was also intended to spite and intimidate Jiao Shaoqiu.

But if the Princess Consort really took action within the Divine Sect, he could easily be held accountable by the Enforcement Hall.

So, he naturally had to step in to stop her.

The Dragon Queen Consort did not say much; she knew that within the Qian Yuan Divine Sect, she could not act recklessly.

After all, Ji Moli was not present, nor were her father and several dragon brothers.

Relying on herself alone, she might really suffer a loss.

Qian Yuan Divine Sect, after all, was a Divine Sect occupying a large vista.

"Li Nuanxi."

Her royal blue eyes mirrored the shimmering light, her gaze surpassing Jiao Shaoqiu and Nie Yang, looking toward Xi Xi.

Xi Xi, fearless, put her hands on her hips, thrusting forward her small belly and chest, her vibrant eyes wide.

At such a young age, she feared no authority!

Tie Shancai also mimicked her, hands on hips.

"My son has taken a liking to you, you can't escape."

"Whether it's a ghost marriage or not, a living widow or not."

"You must accompany my son!"

The Princess Consort said coldly, her fierce Martial Dao Will surging, as if a great river unleashed a terrifying tidal wave!

But as soon as the Martial Dao Will appeared,

Her words concluded, and she turned around, her skirts swirling, vanishing into the mist.

Ji Heshan swept his large sleeve, chuckled, and floated away following her.

Once the two were far gone, Jiao Shaoqiu's tense body slowly relaxed, his aged skin trembling slightly.

Even the Great Grandmaster Nie Yang felt a trace of oppression.

"This Dragon Queen Consort... possesses the physical body bloodline of the Dragon God Clan, she's probably half a step into the Martial Saint Realm, far more formidable than You Liqing."

"The Three Flowers atop are all in full bloom, only lacking the merging of the Three Flowers atop."

"If she manifests the true form of the Dragon God Clan, she should reach the Dragon King Level, possibly breaking through barriers to reach Martial Saint Combat Power."

Jiao Shaoqiu exhaled a breath of turbid air.

Nie Yang coldly hugged his sword: "The Dragon God Clan, indeed greatly favoured by heaven, rumoured to be a mysterious species that escaped from the first Strange Temple between heaven and earth

Jiao Shaoqiu stopped Nie Yang's words: "Regardless... Ji Moli's Dragon Queen Consort has arrived in Qianyuan Taoist City, this matter, is absolutely no small matter."

"Her visit might be due to her son's death, but it could also be for the Sect Master's direct disciple assessment."

"We have obtained too little information; this Ji Heshan... surely has blocked our information."

Jiao Shaoqiu's expression was somewhat grim.

With his injury within the Strange Temple, instead of advancing his Embryonic Breathing Transformation, he fell to the Golden Body Transformation...

His status within the Divine Sect also plummeted dramatically.

"But no matter what, this Dragon Maiden has set her sights on Xi Xi

Chapter 689: Six-Eared Prison Lotus Divine Monkey Two-Minded Great Saint, Making My Daughter Marry a Ghost and Remain a Widow (3)

"Xi Xi is in great danger now."

Jiao Shaoqiu spoke solemnly.

"I can't protect Xi Xi."

"Nor am I sure I can keep her safe."

"Unless Yellow Sword Wine follows her around all the time

Jiao Shaoqiu shook his head, but this was clearly impossible.

A heavenly pride like Yellow Sword Wine, being second on the True Inheritor List, would certainly venture into the Strange Temple of the Five Elders, striving for the Three Flowers Gathering at the Top, the Martial Saint Realm.

How could he possibly accompany Xi Xi at all times?

Nie Yang stroked the Blazing Sun Sword in his arms.

As though he had made up some kind of determination.

"Elder Jiao... otherwise I

However, as soon as Nie Yang spoke, he was rejected by Jiao Shaoqiu.

"I know what you're thinking, but it's not necessary... You're just one step away from condensing the Supreme Sword Intent, it's really not necessary."

"I still have a little bit of connection for Xi Xi's matter."

Jiao Shaoqiu coughed, stroking his beard.

He waved towards Xi Xi, who stood with her chest puffed up and little belly sticking out.

Xi Xi scurried over.

Jiao Shaoqiu rubbed Xi Xi's head, eyes soft.

"Nie Yang, drive the carriage."

"I will take Xi Xi to meet... the Sect Master's Wife."

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Cold Cloud Frozen Snow Baoxie Road, slippery as if scaling heaven!

After the carriage left Qianyuan Taoist City, it entered the official road, with rain and snow falling alike, a mournful wind making the road uneven and rough.

The carriage jolted continuously, swaying left and right.

The other three Wood Carving Masters in the carriage stopped talking and closed their eyes to rest.

Li Che had been sitting with his eyes closed all along.

But his expression was utterly somber.

The appearance of the Dragon Queen Consort in Qianyuan Taoist City and even entering the Divine Sect to directly face Xi Xi made Li Che's hair stand on end!

Sense of threat maxed out!

After all, even through the Heaven and Earth chessboard, Li Che could feel her strength.

Especially since Li Che had just made a breakthrough and was extremely sensitive to Qi-Blood, the Princess Consort's Qi-Blood was almost at the peak of the Great Master Realm!

Sublimation could be achieved with just a thought!

This included the factor of the Dragon Queen Consort's arduous cultivation, but also the Dragon God Clan's unique Cross-training Talent.

"Want my daughter to be your daughter-in-law? For your dead son

"To arrange a ghost marriage? Want my daughter to be a widow alive?!"

Inside the carriage, Li Che's eyes suddenly opened wide, and a terrifying murderous intent along with fierce Martial Dao Will surged out in an instant.

The three Wood Carving Masters were shocked, their eyes wide open in horror, but they found that the terrifying aura, which flashed by, had disappeared without a trace.

Li Che returned to calmness, and at that moment, his mindset became unbalanced.

"Such a vicious loach!"

Li Che's heart shuddered, and inside his chest, the Dragon Elephant Vajra Dao Fruit pounded continuously, devouring the surging killing intent.

However, the greater his murderous intent, the calmer his heart became.

"Not easy to kill... This Dragon Maiden, her Martial Cultivation is profound, just short of the Three Flowers Gathering at the Top, she could become a Martial Saint

"Even burst forth with Martial Saint Combat Power anytime, I am no match for her now."

Li Che pondered.

"If I can acquire the Eight Divine Martial Arts, and incorporate it into the Eight Extraordinary Meridians... with the Dragon Elephant Sky Gang, supplemented by the Eight Wonders True Gang, maybe I can fight with her!"

"Additionally, combine it with the Guanyin Lotus Main Battle Tank... plus the fusion burst of the Black and White Collapse with the Avalanche Lotus Bullet

"Furthermore, if I can condense the Shen Yuan Golden Elixir and step into the Realm of Divine Origin

Li Che was calculating in his mind, with all his trump cards revealed, how big of a chance he had to kill the half-step Martial Saint Dragon Queen Consort.

A woman coveting his daughter is an extreme danger, even if she is a dragon.

"Additionally... If I complete the construction of that upper mechanism beast from the Six Divisions, can I utilize the power of the mechanism beast to fight against a Martial Saint?"

After summarizing, Li Che realized he was not completely without confidence.

It's just that none of these aces were finished yet.

His eyes opened and closed, a faint Divine Light flashed in his pupils.

"Now, the first thing to do is to get to my daughter's side... If I enter the Divine Sect as an Elder of the Divine Carving Ridge, it would be equivalent to having a reliance for my daughter."

"For Xi Xi, one more reliance is one more safety!"

"So, this Elder assessment of the Divine Carving Ridge

"Nobody can stop me."

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The carriage jolted along, the carriage they were riding was the most ordinary one and not like the luxurious carriages with excellent shock absorption used by the Wood Carving Masters from the Great Families.

The comfort of sitting could not compare to the one underneath Li Che.

Li Che also knew that the luxury of the carriage represented the degree of importance Divine Carving Ridge placed on him.

Li Che was too young, and although recommended by Jiao Shaoqiu, it was quite clear that Divine Carving Ridge still considered him to be just an extra.

The carriage traveled for half a day.

Finally, it entered a smoother road and into the territory of Divine Carving Ridge.

The Divine Carving Ridge in Qianyuan Taoist City was much larger than the one in Golden Light Prefecture, occupying endless mountain ranges, like a mighty lion crouching on the earth.

The carriage moved smoothly, and the three Wood Carving Masters, jolted all the way, slowly exhaled a breath of relief, being only in the Divine Base Realm and their Martial Cultivation was weak, just breaking into the Grandmaster, mainly relying on craftsmanship for living.

Such jolts nearly shattered their tendons and bones.

Li Che opened his eyes, lifted the curtain and looked outside, his gaze directly set upon the Divine Carving Ridge of Qianyuan Taoist City.

His Brow Niwan vibrated, his flesh tore open, revealing the brilliant golden Star Plucking Pupil.

His gaze swept over.

He then saw the radiant Divine Lights bursting out from within Divine Carving Ridge!

"What a Divine Carving Ridge."

Li Che marveled.

So many Divine Lights, each one signifying the exceedingly uncommon grade Spiritual Wood.

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The rich vitality, the massive essence qi and divinity burst forth from the continuous mountain range, which, even if sealed by great snow and boundless as it seemed, could not contain this divine light and essence qi.

Inside this Divine Sculpture Ridge, it was even possible that fourth-rank, or even third-rank Spiritual Wood existed!

The carriage entered a large city surrounded by a snow-covered mountain.

It was somewhat similar to the layout of the Divine Sculpture Ridge of Golden Light Prefecture; in fact, this Divine Sculpture Ridge was under the control of Qianyuan Divine Sculpture Ridge, so naturally, the layouts resembled each other.

The carriage stopped, the horses stamped their feet, breathing steams from their nostrils.

Li Che stepped out of the carriage, against the rustling cold wind, and large snowflakes like palms flew about.

The three Woodcarving Masters accompanying him also got off the carriage, stretched their limbs, and slowly exhaled steam.

From afar, a young man responsible for delivering letters approached.

"Gentlemen Masters, please follow me."

"After a long journey, rest for half an hour; the Ridge Master will then come to preside over the Elder Assessment of the Divine Sculpture Ridge."

The young man said.

Suddenly, from a distance, a little figure struggled to approach.

"Uncle Che!"

A voice called out loudly.

Li Che was startled, and his gaze swept over to see a familiar face—it was Tang Ren.

A descendant of the Mechanism Clan of the Tang Family.

Lu Yao was also beside Tang Ren, and as the two approached from afar, their loud shouts even attracted the attention of many elderly Woodcarving Masters.

"Eh? This child... looks like a remnant of the Tang Family, doesn't he?"

"To say 'remnant' might be too much; after all, the descendants of the Tang Family have joined the Divine Sculpture Ridge of Divine Sect, while others have been recruited by Grand Prospect Heavenly Observatory... They certainly can't be called remnants."

"That once glorious Premier Mechanism Clan, whose mechanical beasts were astonishing; now... reduced to this."

Many insightful Woodcarving Masters sighed with emotion.

"This young man... is he also here to compete for the position of Elder with us?"

"It seems likely, his youth is commendable."

"Wood carving requires accumulation; one needs to observe many Temple Gods. I have watched Temple Gods for two occurrences of sixty years, observed a total of 108 Temple Gods. The Temple Gods I've seen are more numerous than this child has heard of... If I can't beat such a young man, I might as well not have lived."

Pairs of eyes scanned Li Che.

Li Che was indifferent to these looks and attitudes.

"You actually came, eh?" Lu Yao looked at Li Che with surprise.

"Sang Yu mentioned it to me; I thought it was a joke, but I didn't expect you to really dare to come to participate in the Elder Assessment of the Divine Sculpture Ridge."

But Tang Ren was pulling Li Che's hand, looking very excited.

"Uncle Che, where's Xi Xi? Didn't she come to play?" asked Tang Ren.

With an impassive face, Li Che shook off Tang Ren's hand—who is your uncle, we aren't close.

"Uncle Che, it's good that you're here, let me take you to meet my grandfather; you know Uncle Third Rank Tang, you must have things to talk about with my grandfather. Aren't you trying to challenge for the position of Elder of the Divine Sculpture Ridge? My grandfather might be able to give you some tips!"

Tang Ren's words were unguarded.

Lu Yao gave him a glare, and elderly Woodcarving Masters around them frowned in their direction.

Tang Ren also realized he had misspoken.

Li Che smiled but did not take it to heart, declining Tang Ren's kindness.

"Young man, don't assume that having connections in Divine Sculpture Ridge can overpower us old folks

The elderly Woodcarving Master, who had observed 108 Temple Gods, said coldly.

Li Che apologetically smiled, but paid it no great attention.

"This is a first-class upper Guest Elder Woodcarving Master from Qintian Observatory, Su Huaiming, and also one of the three first-class upper Guest Elders in this examination for the Divine Sculpture Ridge Elder."

"Coming from the Su Family, three years ago he was just a step away from deposing Elder Sun who ranked at the bottom of the Divine Sculpture Ridge

"Pity that, in the clash of Divine Intent during the sculpture examination, he fell short by a single move, and his Divine Intent was shattered."

Lu Yao transmitted his voice.

"A Su Family Woodcarving Master?" Li Che's eyebrows raised slightly, a sharp look flashing in his eyes.

The Su Family, eh...

Li Che held no good feelings for the Su Family.

He had originally intended to show some respect and prevent this senior from losing too disgracefully, but it seemed no longer necessary.

"The other two first-class upper Guest Elders, one comes from the Yun Family, named Yun Haiyang, and one from the Zhou Family, named Zhou Tianshui... all long-established Woodcarving Masters from Yuan Dao City."

"After all, they will not miss this opportunity to enhance the connections between their thousand-year-old families and the Divine Sect by becoming Divine Sect Elders."

Lu Yao was quite familiar with these Woodcarving Masters and introduced them to Li Che.

Li Che nodded.

Time ticked away.

Inside the hall, the atmosphere grew more tense, because as time passed, everyone knew the competition for the position of Elder at the Divine Sculpture Ridge was about to begin.

Boom—

Suddenly.

As if an ancient bell tolled, its soundwaves spread out from a distance.

Countless snowflakes exploded in the air.

Two figures clad in linen garments walked from a distant corridor.

Li Che's gaze swept over, his heart slightly trembling.

The powerful divinity, overwhelming like a vast river, a single wave strong enough to obliterate heaven and earth!

Is this...a Divine Cultivator of the Divine Fetus Realm?!

The leading elder in linen, spirited and bright-eyed, seemed to notice Li Che's gaze and sharply turned to look.

The blinding brilliance forced Li Che to retract his Heaven and Earth chessboard, driving the Dragon Elephant Vajra Dao Fruit to its peak, hiding all his qi-blood within the Slumbering Dragon Elephant.

Fortunately, the Dragon Elephant Vajra Dao Fruit, having undergone its third transformation, has reached the level 5 class.

The Master of the Divine Carving Ridge from Dao City seemed to have been deceived too.

"Gentlemen, many of you are new faces, and I trust you're aware of the rules for the Elder Assessment at Divine Carving Ridge."

"Divine Carving Ridge holds an Elder Assessment every three years, and this year's lowermost Elder is still Elder Sun. Whether you can seize a spot from Elder Sun depends on your own abilities."

"At Divine Carving Ridge, it's not about strength, but about your skill in woodcarving."

The Ridge Master spoke with a grave voice, sounding as though resonating right by everyone's ears, as if directly delivered in front of the eardrum.

Many a Woodcarving Master, no matter how prideful, dared not to strut before a Divine Fetus Great God.

Li Che also cupped his fist and bowed respectfully.

"Is this young brother the new face recommended by Elder Jiao Shaoqiu and Tang Sanjia?"

Suddenly, the gaze of the Divine Carving Ridge Ridge Master fell upon Li Che.

Li Che's heart startled.

Lu Yao and Tang Ren stood stiff as poles, daring not to move an inch.

"I am the Ridge Master of Divine Carving Ridge, Gongshu Jingjun."

The gaze of Gongshu Jingjun, the Ridge Master, settled on Li Che, his majestic and weighty divine hierarchy pressure, like mountains shifting across.

"Li Che, the Second-Class Guest Official from Qintian Observatory, has seen the Gongshu Ridge Master."

Li Che said with cupped fists.

Gongshu Family...

The second largest Mechanism Clan of Great Vista, the Chief Commissioner of the Capital's Divine Heaven Bureau...

Came from the Gongshu Family!

Even the downfall of the Tang Family by the hands of Great Vista involved the shadow of the Gongshu Family.

Ridge Master Gongshu's eyes were profound like dark whirlpools, giving Li Che a long look: "Tang Sanjia was full of praise for you, even passed on the 'Tang Family's Puppet Beast Chronicles' to you?"

Li Che only smiled.

Seeing Li Che's cautious demeanor, Gongshu Ridge Master burst into a hearty laugh: "How is your research on mechanical beasts going? If there's anything confusing... you can come to me."

"You might not know, Tang Sanjia... is like half a disciple to me."

"Hahaha

Gongshu Ridge Master stroked his beard and laughed loudly.

Li Che was taken aback.

"Don't think that the Gongshu Family and Tang Family's grudges are tangled and unclear, in fact... most of the Tang Clan Mechanism Beasts were developed by the Gongshu Family."

Gongshu Ridge Master patted Li Che on the shoulder.

And raised an eyebrow.

This young man... his foundation of the physical body is so perfect!

If not for the slightly weaker Qi-Blood, he might already have the strength of a Grandmaster!

Ridge Master Gongshu only spoke briefly with Li Che, then started to lead all the Wood Carving Masters onwards.

After passing through corridors nearly ten miles long.

Inside the energy center within Li Che's brow Niwan.

Calm, with closed eyes, he was refining the divinity obtained from the Lower Five Elders Divine Crystal through the form of Heaven and Earth Spirit True Ape, when suddenly his eyes flew open!

Li Che was also slightly shaken in his heart.

Looking up.

He saw...

At the end of the corridor.

Stood a massive golden rooftop temple, melting the all-encompassing snow, standing within a mountain hollow!

Strange Que wrapped in Mysterious Fog, endlessly mystifying!

Intense divinity, accompanied by the howling wind and snow, drifted over.

Li Che lifted his hand, catching a crystal-clear snowflake seemingly tainted with the dense and strange divinity of the temple.

Star Plucking Pupil flashed with Golden Light.

Endless Analysis, Peering into Illusion and Returning to Truth!

Information emerged from within the snowflake.

[Mysterious Temple (Five Elders)]

[Six-Eared Prison Lotus Divine Monkey Two-Minded Great Saint Strange Temple]