

Apocalypse 281

Chapter 281: The World Honored's Trusted Lieutenant, Joyful Vajra

Mysterious World.

Pule Mountain.

On this mountain, there is a Tier One Powerhouse named Joyful Vajra.

He is a trusted aide of the World Honored.

Back then, World Honored unified the western part of the Mysterious World, becoming the most powerful Buddha in the entire Mysterious World.

Under World Honored's command, those who fought to expand territories are known as Dharma Guardian Deities.

World Honored has a total of thirty-six minor protector deities and five major ones under his command.

Like Great Black Heaven, Liuyu Heaven, and Fearless Heaven, they are among the thirty-six minor dharma protector deities.

The Joyful Vajra of Pule Mountain is one of the five major protector deities.

Several hundred years ago, World Honored disbanded his sect and began his reincarnation cultivation anew.

Though the sect was disbanded, the strong ones under World Honored's command still firmly occupied the western region of the Mysterious World.

Of course, some left the western region to explore other parts of the Mysterious World.

Liuyu Heaven went to Silent Sea, and the Joyful Vajra also left the western region to establish a sanctuary on Pule Mountain for cultivation.

Although a Tier Four Powerhouse is not considered the strongest in the Mysterious World, he can occupy a beautiful and spiritual blessed land, establishing a sanctuary.

To become the strongest within a radius of thousands of miles and rule over the land of thousands of miles, it is still possible.

Before, the Iron-Back Daoist resolved by Lin Yuan, was the only Tier Four near his Iron Back Mountain.

Moreover, Joyful Vajra's strength is far superior to Iron-Back Daoist.

Iron-Back Daoist only broke through to Tier Four in recent years.

While Joyful Vajra has been a Tier Four Powerhouse for hundreds, if not a thousand years.

Joyful Vajra has been stuck at Tier Four for too long, he's actually just a step away from Tier Three.

Unfortunately, this step has trapped too many Tier Four Powerhouses, even those who exhausted their lifespan can't take it.

Joyful Vajra is not just personally stronger than Iron-Back Daoist.

Joyful Vajra has connections!

Iron-Back Daoist is just a lone loose cultivator, to put it crudely, killing him doesn't have serious consequences.

But, Joyful Vajra is different, he's one of World Honored's five major dharma protector deities.

Though World Honored's sect was disbanded, those under his command still claim themselves as his disciples.

Amongst each other, they support and assist one another.

Moreover, although World Honored has reincarnated cultivation anew, disappearing without a trace.

But who dares to guarantee that when World Honored returns, he won't be stronger?

Rumor has it World Honored reincarnated cultivation anew because he was stuck too long at Tier Two, seeking breakthrough opportunities through reincarnation cultivation.

If he finds the opportunity.

Upon his return from reincarnation cultivation, World Honored becomes a Tier One Powerhouse.

Then he will be the only known Tier One in the Mysterious World.

In consequence, even if Joyful Vajra offends someone, anyone wanting to kill him must consider whether they can handle World Honored's retaliation.

At the summit of Pule Mountain.

There stands a pink temple, with pink curtains hanging inside.

In other temples, meditation mats are placed.

In this temple hall, however, there are beds.

The hall is filled with a nauseating scent.

In the hall, one can see women of various sizes and shapes.

Though counted as humans.

If observed closely, the differences amongst these women become clear.

Some women have cat ears, some have fox tails, and others have human bodies with snake tails...

Without exception, these women are entirely naked, meticulous.

A two-meter-tall bald monk is struggling vigorously within the hall.

One against dozens.

Moreover, these women are not ordinary.

Instead, they are female demons, female devils, female apparitions...

Undoubtedly, this bald monk is Joyful Vajra.

Truth be told, it's hard to say about Joyful Vajra's strength, but in this aspect, his combat prowess is impressive.

Joyful Vajra, while galloping amidst the women, mutters: "It's rumored that some ascended by being with three thousand women?"

"Over countless years, I've been with more than three thousand, surely three thousand, thirty thousand, even more. Why, why can't I breakthrough."

"Tier Three, is Tier Three truly this difficult?"

"The numbers aren't enough, it's definitely not enough."

"Keep going, as long as I continue, I will surely breakthrough, I definitely will."

Joyful Vajra once acquired a fragmented script, recording a great figure who ascended by being with three thousand women, becoming a Tier One Powerhouse.

This script is fragmented, severely incomplete, missing at least 80% of the content.

And indeed, Joyful Vajra pieced together the remaining 20% content to devise a cultivation technique.

He named this cultivation technique Joyful Zen.

Through practicing Joyful Zen, Joyful Vajra smoothly cultivated to Tier Four Peak, but failed to advance any further.

His cultivation seems to be stuck here.

Over the years, Joyful Vajra stubbornly believed his inability to breakthrough was because the number of women wasn't enough.

So, after arriving at Pule Mountain, he indulged in this one thing every day, never stopping.

Now, even untransformed animals, as long as they're female, must walk with tails tucked when passing by Pule Mountain.

Joyful Vajra, in the midst of activity, suddenly halted, then revealed a joyfully surprised expression.

"Get out, get out!"

"Everyone out!" Joyful Vajra violently drove everyone out from the hall.

Then, with a wave, all beds in the hall vanished, replaced by simplicity.

He knelt upon a meditation mat, devoutly facing west, calling out: "Welcome World Honored!"

Then, a golden light manifested before Joyful Vajra, outlining a humanoid figure.

This silhouette was very blurry, not even revealing any facial features.

The only conspicuous detail was the bald head.

Despite its blur, Joyful Vajra knew this was the World Honored.

"World Honored, where have you been all these years!"

"When will you return from reincarnation cultivation, when will you rebuild your sect. I, Joyful, wish to serve World Honored, wish to be your weapon, to expand your territories!" Joyful Vajra knelt, speaking with utmost devotion.

Indeed, World Honored's brainwashing technique is exceptional.

Joyful Vajra, a powerhouse just a step away from Tier Three, remains utterly devout to World Honored, willing to sacrifice everything even after hundreds of years without seeing him.

"Before the ninth cycle of cultivation completes, my location must remain undisclosed."

"If anyone learns of my whereabouts, surely some would sabotage my opportunity, hindering my path!"
World Honored's voice spoke.

Upon hearing this, Joyful Vajra dared not inquire further, speaking devoutly: "What guidance has the World Honored descended with!"

"Joyful, obey World Honored's teachings!"

Chapter 282 The World Honored's Mission—Kill Lin Yuan

Since the World Honored One reincarnated and retrained, he has rarely revealed himself.

Even the powerful beings who once served under the World Honored One have almost never seen him again.

Today, the appearance of the World Honored One before the Joyful Vajra made him extremely excited.

Of course, the Joyful Vajra also understood the saying "no one visits a Temple of Three Treasures without reason."

The World Honored One, unseen for many years, appearing before him, must surely have a task for him to accomplish!

The Joyful Vajra held a devout belief in the World Honored One, and any task he was given by him, he would complete it even at the cost of his own life.

Hearing the words of the Joyful Vajra, the World Honored One seemed very pleased.

The golden humanoid silhouette nodded slightly and said, "There is something I have been pondering, and I believe you are the most suitable to handle it."

"The World Honored One's discerning eye, in the sect, although I, Joyful, am not the strongest, I am definitely the most reliable."

"In the sect, those stronger than me are not as reliable. Those more reliable are not as strong as I am."

"World Honored One, no matter what task you wish to accomplish, I am definitely the most suitable choice."

"Even if I have to climb a mountain of knives, or plummet into a sea of fire, I will ensure your task is accomplished!" the Joyful Vajra declared confidently.

This Joyful Vajra's articulate speech indicated that he surely practiced his oratory skills regularly!

"I need you to kill someone for me!" the voice of the World Honored One resounded.

Kill someone?

The Joyful Vajra was taken aback and immediately asked, "World Honored One, who do you want me to kill, please tell me."

The World Honored One waved his hand, and a golden light appeared in front of the humanoid silhouette, like a display screen.

The figure that appeared in the golden light was Lin Yuan, on Iron Back Mountain, leaving after having killed the Iron-Back Daoist.

"Hmm!" Seeing Lin Yuan in the scene, the Joyful Vajra couldn't help but exclaim, pointing at the fish tank Lin Yuan held, "Isn't that youngster from Liuyu Heaven?"

In terms of strength, the Joyful Vajra was an established Tier Four, while Liuyu Heaven was only Tier Five.

Within the sect, the Joyful Vajra was one of the Five Great Protectors, while Liuyu Heaven was only one of the Thirty-Six Minor Protectors.

Therefore, the Joyful Vajra addressing Liuyu Heaven as a youngster was natural.

"Hm!" the World Honored One responded, saying, "Liuyu Heaven was captured alive by him, do not underestimate this boy."

"Though he hasn't been a Tier Four for long, his capabilities are extraordinary. A few days ago, he just killed the Iron-Back Daoist of Iron Back Mountain."

Iron Back Mountain?

Iron-Back Daoist?

After the World Honored One finished speaking, the Joyful Vajra fell into deep thought, pondering who this Iron-Back Daoist was.

After pondering for a while, the Joyful Vajra remembered the Iron-Back Daoist, merely a centipede spirit who achieved Tier Four just over a decade ago.

"World Honored One, you overestimate him. If I were to kill that Iron-Back Daoist, it would take no more than ten moves!"

"Within ten moves, if I can't kill the Iron-Back Daoist, then consider it my defeat!" the Joyful Vajra declared.

The World Honored One knew, the Joyful Vajra wasn't boasting, he wouldn't have the guts to boast before him.

Even as both were Tier Four, the difference in strength was vast.

The Joyful Vajra was the pinnacle of Tier Four, let alone just a decade-old Iron-Back Daoist, even the entire Mysterious World had few Tier Fours that could match him.

That is why the World Honored One sought the Joyful Vajra to kill Lin Yuan.

He believed that the Joyful Vajra could accomplish this task.

If the Joyful Vajra could kill the Iron-Back Daoist within ten moves,

then even if Lin Yuan was stronger than the Iron-Back Daoist, the Joyful Vajra could resolve him within a hundred moves.

"Go forth!"

"Kill him as soon as possible!" the voice of the World Honored One resounded.

The Joyful Vajra, naturally, would give his all to fulfill the World Honored One's command.

Hesitating for a moment, the Joyful Vajra said to the World Honored One, "Since this person hasn't been Tier Four for long, killing him shouldn't require much effort."

"But, I don't know where he is!"

"The Mysterious World is so vast, finding this person would be like searching for a needle in a haystack."

The World Honored One seemed to have anticipated this, and as soon as the Joyful Vajra stopped speaking,

his voice sounded again, saying, "Iron Back Mountain!"

"I have foreseen that his next appearance will also be at Iron Back Mountain. Deploy your men, keep an eye on Iron Back Mountain. Kill him at the first sight!"

After saying this, the golden humanoid silhouette disappeared.

It was as if the World Honored One had never appeared at all.

After the World Honored One left, suspicion appeared in the Joyful Vajra's eyes.

The Joyful Vajra muttered to himself, "The enemies of the World Honored One should logically be figures at the level of the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder! Why insist on killing a mere Tier Four youngster?"

The World Honored One was Tier Two,

and could possibly become the only known Tier One powerhouse in the Mysterious World.

The gap between him and Lin Yuan was like heaven and earth, clouds and mud.

Logically, there should be no intersection or enmity between them.

In the Joyful Vajra's view, a feud between the World Honored One and Lin Yuan seemed a diminution of status.

Thinking for a long time, the Joyful Vajra couldn't comprehend it.

Of course, not understanding didn't affect his execution of the task assigned by the World Honored One.

The person the World Honored One wanted dead, the Joyful Vajra would certainly kill, not even the Celestial King himself could save this boy.

"Someone come!"

"Keep a watch on Iron Back Mountain; the moment you see this boy, notify me immediately!" The Joyful Vajra summoned a few trusted aides, projected Lin Yuan's image in front of them, and sent them to watch over Iron Back Mountain.

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In the Real World.

After engraving King Zhuanlun's mark on his soul, Lin Yuan stayed in Emperor Dragon City for a few days, spending some time with Jian Bing, before preparing to return to Peng City for a few days.

Before leaving, Lin Yuan planned to visit the Research Institute one more time to see the director before leaving Emperor Dragon City.

A few days ago, after the director helped Lin Yuan engrave King Zhuanlun's mark, Lin Yuan didn't let the director work for nothing.

He gave the director a small gift, a segment of tree root obtained from the two mysterious old locust trees on Iron Back Mountain.

Several days have passed, and presumably, the director should have some insights by now.

At the Research Institute.

In the director's laboratory.

When Lin Yuan entered, the director was leading a team of researchers, studying this segment of an old tree root.

This group of people looked troubled, as if a third-grade math test suddenly featured an inequality problem.

"Director, how's the research going?" Lin Yuan asked softly as he approached the director, cautious not to disturb their work.

Even the director's eyebrows seemed steeped in contemplation.

The director shook his head, responding softly, "We have no clue yet. The only thing known is that this segment of a tree root contains extraordinarily powerful deceitful qi energy."

"If this deceitful qi energy could be purified, it could potentially create hundreds of Tier Five Evil Spirits out of thin air!"

Chapter 283 The Incomprehensible Old Pagoda Tree

Something even the Director can't figure out?

In other words, the mysterious nature of those two withered old locust trees on Iron Back Mountain has already surpassed the limits of human wisdom.

The Director possesses the peak of human intelligence, yet even he can't come up with any results in a short time.

Just what exactly are these two old locust trees?

And what could possibly be the reason for their withering?

This...

This is truly terrifying the more you think about it!

Just a half-meter-long section of tree root contains enough energy to create hundreds of Tier Fives out of thin air.

You have to know, even though the exposed trunk of the old locust tree above ground is only about a dozen meters tall,

its root system is practically bottomless.

Iron Back Mountain was blasted into a gigantic pit several hundred, even up to a thousand meters deep, yet only managed to reveal a tiny fraction of its roots.

The most important point? These old locust trees are still in a withered state....

If...

If they weren't withered?

Thinking of this, Lin Yuan felt like his pig brain was overloading, finding it hard to process everything.

But on second thought, since he'd already handed the locust tree root to the Director, let him go and research it slowly!

No need for him to worry about it from afar.

His biggest priority now is hunting down evil spirits, continuing to inscribe the Ten Yama Kings Tattoos on his soul.

When he's finished completely inscribing the Ten Yama Kings Tattoos, that's when he'll step into Tier Three.

If he can break through to Tier Three, while still unable to compare to the old school Tier Twos like the World Honored and the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder,

becoming a Tier Three at such a young age already qualifies him to set foot on Qingqiu Mountain and meet Bai Ling'Er.

Lin Yuan chatted briefly with the Director before taking the initiative to leave.

The Director had made no progress in his research on the locust tree's root—the less progress he made, the more he wanted to dig deeper.

Now, the Director was completely absorbed by this matter, and didn't have the time to bother with Lin Yuan at all.

Seeing the Director was too busy to pay attention to him, Lin Yuan didn't linger any longer.

After all, if the Director makes any substantive progress on the locust tree root, it could be an opportunity to elevate the strength of the whole Dragon Country.

After leaving Emperor Dragon City, instead of returning to Peng City right away, Lin Yuan chose to visit his little sister-in-law's dojo first.

In the battle against the Ghost Leader, his little sister-in-law had risked her life to shield him from the Ghost Leader's attack, a blow that left her seriously injured.

The last time Lin Yuan went to the Mysterious World, she was in seclusion healing. He had no idea how her injuries were now.

The Yellow Springs Road Tattoo was no longer giving Lin Yuan any combat boost.

But for traveling, it was basically a godlike skill.

With the Yellow Springs Road Tattoo, there was nowhere in the Real World Lin Yuan couldn't get to.

Very soon, Lin Yuan arrived at his little sister-in-law's dojo.

The moment he arrived, she sensed his presence and woke from her cultivation retreat.

"You..."

"You broke through to Tier Four?" When they met and Lin Yuan sensed her aura, he asked in surprise.

Back when they fought the Ghost Leader, she was only at Tier Five Peak.

In just a short while, and while still injured, she actually managed to break through.

This breakthrough speed could be said to be second only to Lin Yuan, the reborn one.

With Lin Yuan, his little sister-in-law never concealed anything.

As long as Lin Yuan wanted to know, she was completely transparent to him, willing to share all her secrets with Lin Yuan.

She smiled gently and softly said, "Strictly speaking, it's because the two worlds' fusion progressed another step."

"The Real World can now accommodate Tier Four powers, so I broke through!"

It's worth noting, every Rebirth Saint Mother of the past was on the same level as the World Honored.

This much was obvious from the fight against the Ghost Leader.

Back then, the World Honored attacked her with a Buddha's Hand, and what blocked it was the first Rebirth Saint Mother's Companion Spiritual Treasure—the Vermilion Red Coffin.

This shows that even if the first Rebirth Saint Mother was slightly weaker than the World Honored, the gap wasn't substantial.

And every successor after the first Rebirth Saint Mother would definitely be at least a Tier Three, if not some Tier Twos.

Her being only Tier Five as the current Rebirth Saint Mother had always seemed a bit weak.

Looking at it now, it wasn't that she couldn't break through, but that she'd lived in the Real World for too long and was suppressed by the Power of Rules, unable to advance.

Now that the degree of world fusion has deepened and the Real World can contain Tier Four power, she immediately broke through to Tier Four.

At least for now, there would be no breakthrough pressure for her until Tier Three.

All of a sudden, Lin Yuan realized another problem.

If the two worlds fused even further?

His little sister-in-law had already broken through to Tier Four—didn't this mean there could be Tier Four evil spirits from the Mysterious World arriving?

The construction of Giant Cities in Dragon Country was still in progress; the cities were far from completed.

Without the protection of the Giant Cities, the authorities simply didn't have the power to resist Tier Four evil spirits.

If large numbers of Tier Fours arrived, even if Lin Yuan stopped going to the Mysterious World to hunt spirits and only dealt with invaders in the Real World, there wouldn't be enough time.

Based on previous experience, the arrivals were never one or two, but a batch at a time.

At the moment, in the whole Dragon Country, only Lin Yuan could handle Tier Four evil spirits.

His little sister-in-law, at a stretch, could count too.

If a mass arrival of Tier Four evil spirits occurred before the Giant Cities were built, Lin Yuan and his little sister-in-law could only run around like firefighters, putting out fires everywhere.

With that thought, Lin Yuan shared his worries with her.

After hearing him out, she pondered for a moment, then said slowly, "The reason I could break through to Tier Four so quickly is that I'm originally human, so the world's rules don't suppress me as much."

"I think if it were evil spirits, they'd still be somewhat suppressed by the world's rules. In my estimation, Tier Four evil spirits shouldn't be able to arrive in this world for a while yet."

With the experience of previous Rebirth Saint Mothers, Lin Yuan trusted her judgment.

Hearing her prediction, Lin Yuan couldn't help but sigh in relief.

So, in the short term, there won't be a mass arrival of Tier Four evil spirits from the Mysterious World in this universe—Lin Yuan could relax, for now.

That way, for now, his plans wouldn't be disrupted.

As long as he took the initiative to go to the Mysterious World to hunt spirits, he could choose which ones to kill.

He could target evil spirits that suited his needs.

But if Tier Four evil spirits from the Mysterious World started showing up, then he'd be forced into firefighter mode.

Wherever Tier Fours landed, he'd have to go—inevitably messing up his plans.

Chapter 284 Return to Peng City for a Two-Day Rest

"Oh right!"

"How is your injury from last time?" Lin Yuan asked with concern.

Women are always sentimental.

Lin Yuan's little show of concern and inquiry warmed Yingying's heart.

She replied, "It's nothing, I'm about seventy to eighty percent recovered."

Upon hearing that Yingying's injury was seventy to eighty percent healed, Lin Yuan decided not to return to Peng City tonight but to stay here instead.

First, to celebrate Yingying's successful breakthrough to Tier Four.

Second, to celebrate Yingying's near recovery from injury.

Late at night, strange "clapping" sounds echoed from Yingying's dojo.

This sound was likely the clapping they made during their celebration.

The next morning, after celebrating and clapping with Yingying all night, Lin Yuan felt sore in his waist and back.

Under Yingying's deeply attached gaze, Lin Yuan left and returned to Peng City.

Upon returning to Peng City, Lin Yuan first went to see Yang Dingguo.

Peng City.

In the underground base.

"The merging progress of the two worlds is accelerating; Tier Four beings are about to descend on this world?"

"It seems we must speed up the construction of the fortress!" Hearing the news Lin Yuan brought, Yang Dingguo said somewhat nervously.

While celebrating with Yingying yesterday, Lin Yuan specifically asked Yingying about the arrival time of Tier Four Evil Spirits.

Yingying estimated that within two to three months, Tier Four Evil Spirits would arrive in great numbers.

"Should be two to three months, will our Giant City in Peng City be ready to be built?" Lin Yuan inquired.

Hearing two to three months, Yang Dingguo's expression slightly improved.

It seemed he breathed a sigh of relief.

Seeing Yang Dingguo's expression, Lin Yuan guessed that Peng City's Giant City should be able to be built within two to three months!

"Completing the outer wall construction in Peng City within two to three months shouldn't be a problem!"

"However, it's somewhat difficult for other brother cities to complete it in two to three months!" Yang Dingguo still worried.

To resist Tier Four Evil Spirits, it's enough to first build the outer city walls.

The various buildings inside can be gradually added later.

Even for those living in Giant City, as long as they have a safe haven, they'd be willing to live in tents inside.

Old Yang is someone with a grand perspective; in the face of disaster, he could not only consider himself.

The Giant City of Peng City is currently being built fastest in the entire Dragon Country.

Even faster than Emperor Dragon City and Demon Dragon City, the two resource-rich places.

The primary reason for this is the labor from the Dark Demon Ape and Mud Crocodile.

These two Tier Five Evil Spirits can work as efficiently as a hundred thousand laborers.

However, as for the current situation in Dragon Country, many can hunt Tier Five Evil Spirits.

But only Lin Yuan can control a Tier Five Evil Spirit and have it willingly work for him.

"Old Yang, I believe in your ability!"

"But don't worry excessively either."

"Everyone has their fate; we must first take care of Peng City and then extend our help to other cities."
Lin Yuan said to Yang Dingguo.

Yang Dingguo pondered deeply and only after a long while slowly spoke, "First, we must report this news so everyone in other cities understands the seriousness of the situation."

"We must also speed up our construction progress. If we can finish early, we can support other brother cities."

"Lin Yuan, the Dark Demon Ape and Mud Crocodile...."

Before Yang Dingguo finished speaking, Lin Yuan already knew what he wanted to ask.

Yang Dingguo wanted to ask if, after the Giant City in Peng City is completed, could the Dark Demon Ape and Mud Crocodile be lent to help other brother cities?

The Dark Demon Ape and Mud Crocodile belong to Lin Yuan, so Yang Dingguo needs his consent to lend them out.

Lin Yuan nodded, saying, "Of course, you can make your own decision on matters like this!"

After breaking through to Tier Four, Lin Yuan no longer valued the Tier Five Dark Demon Ape and Mud Crocodile much.

After chatting with Yang Dingguo for a while and telling him what needed to be conveyed, Lin Yuan went home.

Upon returning home, he saw Wen Yingying and Day Traveler getting along very well.

Wen Yingying hadn't interacted much with Day Traveler before, so she didn't pay much attention to his changes.

She just thought that after overthrowing the Deceitful King Faction, Day Traveler shed his burdens and fully opened his heart.

Lin Yuan is someone who believes in fair treatment.

After staying one night each with Jian Bing and Yingying, now back in Peng City, he'd stay for two nights before heading to the Mysterious World to hunt Evil Spirits.

However, the two nights in Peng City were unlike the separate one-night stays with Jian Bing and Yingying.

At Jian Bing's and Yingying's, it was one night each separately.

In Peng City, the two nights were split evenly, one night each with Day Traveler and Wen Yingying.

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Mysterious World.

Iron Back Mountain.

Above the clouds of Iron Back Mountain, two Evil Spirits were hiding, staring intently at the position of Iron Back Mountain.

Among the two Evil Spirits, one appeared to be a seductive woman with a voluptuous figure.

However, from the remaining patch of dense black scales on her cheek, it's clear she's not human.

The other one next to her was definitely not human either.

Towering over a foot, with a bird's head and human body, and a pair of large wings behind it; it looked like an avian creature that had transformed.

Two demons?

And they're both Tier Four powerhouses.

These two are Joyful Vajra's trusted generals; the seductive woman is a snake demon, and the bird-headed figure is an eagle demon.

These two have only broken through Tier Four in just a few decades; among Tier Four Evil Spirits, they are not considered strong.

It's quite reasonable for them to seek refuge under Joyful Vajra, an old Tier Four backed by the World Honored.

Joyful Vajra is meticulous in following the orders of the World Honored.

Under his command, he sent his only two Tier Four powerhouses to monitor Iron Back Mountain.

Also, Joyful Vajra ordered that upon Lin Yuan's discovery, these two must not make a move.

They only need to keep an eye on Lin Yuan, and when the time comes, inform Joyful Vajra. Joyful Vajra plans to personally deal with Lin Yuan to ensure nothing goes wrong.

"We've been sitting here for three days now, and that kid still hasn't shown up!" the eagle demon complained sullenly from the clouds.

The snake demon giggled and echoed, "I say, our master is being overly cautious!"

"Just a mere Tier Four human kid; the two of us would be enough to slay him. Why bother the master to act personally?"

"Apparently, the World Honored ordered this personally, and if we do it brilliantly, you and I might join his ranks and become Dharma Guardian Vajra."

Chapter 285 The Creeping Ambush in the Clouds

Ironback Mountain.

Ever since the Iron-Back Daoist blew himself up here last time, it can no longer be called Ironback Mountain.

Because the mountain has already been blown to bits.

Now, this place should be called Ironback Lake....

Not quite right either, calling it Ironback Lake doesn't work, as there's no water here!

Then...

Hmm!

It seems that calling it Ironback Pit is most appropriate.

Not far from Ironback Pit, the figure of Lin Yuan appeared.

The teleportation gate Lin Yuan used was a new one, created by the dean after optimizing the Liu Family's teleportation gate technology.

This teleportation gate is no longer like the Liu Family's, used only once as a disposable object.

The dean's optimized teleportation gate can be used long-term as long as energy is input.

However, this teleportation gate has a downside, which is its inability to actively choose its destination.

Instead, it passively refreshes its coordinates.

The coordinates from which you depart will automatically be refreshed for the next arrival.

If this flaw of the teleportation gate is discovered by the evil spirits of the Mysterious World, Lin Yuan could easily be ambushed!

Originally, the dean was prepared to optimize this flaw.

However, after Lin Yuan handed over the old Chinese pagoda tree roots to the dean, he became fully immersed in research on the tree.

The optimization plan for the teleportation gate has been indefinitely postponed.

There is nothing Lin Yuan can do but make do for now.

He speculates that no one else would ambush him.

After all, the evil spirits in this Mysterious World don't even know that he is human, let alone how he came to this world.

Every time Lin Yuan appears, he appears in the form of Zhong Kui's demon form, looking like a local of the Mysterious World.

Of course, Lin Yuan does not know that the World Honored has issued an order to hunt him down.

The World Honored is reputed to know five hundred years before and after, calculating his whereabouts is no difficulty for him.

However, for some special reasons, the World Honored cannot easily take action.

Every time the World Honored acts, he must pay a huge price.

So, he sent the Joyful Vajra to kill him.

Otherwise, if the World Honored took action, Lin Yuan would have nowhere to escape in the Mysterious World.

In the sky, the Eagle Demon and Snake Demon took turns monitoring the direction of Ironback Mountain.

At this time, the Snake Demon was semi-reclining among the clouds resting, while the Eagle Demon was intently staring down at Ironback Mountain.

They are on two shifts, the Eagle Demon is in charge of daytime monitoring, and the Snake Demon is in charge of nighttime monitoring.

The moment Lin Yuan appeared, the Eagle Demon's keen eyes instantly locked onto Lin Yuan.

Joyful Vajra had shown them Lin Yuan's picture; they had it etched in their minds, even if he turned to ash, they would recognize him.

"Chi Lian, the kid has appeared!" The Eagle Demon's voice was slightly shrill.

Upon hearing this, the Snake Demon named "Chi Lian" instantly awoke, staring intently downwards.

Soon, she also spotted Lin Yuan.

"Hei Yu, I'll keep an eye on this kid, you're fast, go and report to the master!" the Snake Demon told the Eagle Demon.

However, the Eagle Demon continued to stare closely at Lin Yuan, unmoved.

"Chi Lian, I say, why don't we both make a move and capture this kid directly, to meet the master!"

"The merit of reporting to the master is nowhere near as great as catching this kid."

"This kid has barely reached Tier Four, not as long as us; two against one, capturing this kid is a sure win!" suggested the Eagle Demon.

Upon hearing this suggestion, the Snake Demon felt slightly tempted.

After pondering for a while, the Snake Demon ultimately rejected the Eagle Demon's proposal.

The Snake Demon is not only a subordinate of Joyful Vajra but also one of the Joyful Vajra's concubines.

Due to her frequent close encounters with Joyful Vajra, she understands his temper very well.

Joyful Vajra has a very controlling nature and dislikes others disobeying his commands.

The command Joyful Vajra had given them was to keep an eye on Ironback Mountain at all times and report to him immediately upon spotting the kid.

If the two of them defied Joyful Vajra's command, even catching the kid would likely result in punishment.

Could possibly lead to their deaths.

"You should know the master's temper!"

"The penalty for defying commands might be unbearable!" the Snake Demon reminded.

Upon hearing this, the Eagle Demon shivered with fear.

He was just carried away by the thought of merit and had forgotten this matter.

Defying Joyful Vajra's command, the Snake Demon might not die since she is his concubine and still useful.

As for himself, he would most likely be made an example of.

Since Lin Yuan arrived here near the outskirts of Ironback Mountain, he felt somewhat uneasy.

As if something in the unknown was watching him.

Out of vigilance, Lin Yuan instinctively glanced upwards.

Alongside Lin Yuan's gaze, his willpower spread out.

With the spread of his willpower, Lin Yuan realized that something up there was watching him.

Suddenly, six eyes met.

Lin Yuan saw the Snake Demon and Eagle Demon in the sky.

The Eagle Demon and Snake Demon in the sky also connected with Lin Yuan's gaze.

"Such sharp perception ability, this kid has spotted us!" the Snake Demon said coldly.

The Eagle Demon felt a bit troubled as well and asked: "What now?"

According to normal reasoning, they do not dare defy Joyful Vajra's orders.

But now the situation is different, Lin Yuan found them first; there's no time to inform Joyful Vajra.

Even if Joyful Vajra asks them, they have a ready explanation.

Plus, if they don't act now, Lin Yuan might escape!

"We have to make a move!"

"I'll explain the reason for acting to the master!"

"Letting the kid escape would have worse consequences!" the Snake Demon said grimly.

The Eagle Demon understood the importance, without any hesitation, his wings vibrated, diving towards Lin Yuan's direction.

The Eagle Demon's speed was incredibly fast, like a streak of black light, in the blink of an eye, he came close to Lin Yuan.

The Eagle Demon carried a Fangtian halberd, which he swung directly toward Lin Yuan's head.

The Fangtian halberd cut through the air, accompanied by a piercing sound, Lin Yuan seemed to feel its sharpness.

However, Lin Yuan's response was incredibly swift as well, and as the Fangtian halberd slashed towards him, he also summoned Zhong Kui's Demon-Slaying Sword, which met the Fangtian halberd head-on with one stroke.

"Clang!"

Zhong Kui's Demon-Slaying Sword collided with the Fangtian halberd, sparking energy fluctuations resembling fireworks.

The massive shockwave caused Lin Yuan to stagger backward several steps, while the Eagle Demon flipped in mid-air, mitigating the shockwave.

"Their strength is much higher than that of the Iron-Back Daoist, somewhat difficult to handle!" After a brief exchange, Lin Yuan had a rough understanding of the Eagle Demon's strength.

At this moment, Lin Yuan's feelings inevitably became heavy.

This guy is clearly ambushing him, today might not end peacefully.

Chapter 286 The Most Dangerous Predicament in History

If it's just an Eagle Demon, though much stronger than Iron-Back Daoist,

Lin Yuan could barely manage it. After all, using Iron-Back Daoist's Power of Rules to carve the King Zhuanlun tattoo had considerably strengthened him.

But the one hiding in the clouds just now was not only an Eagle Demon but also a Snake Demon.

If the Snake Demon's power is not inferior to the Eagle Demon, Lin Yuan's escape today might be challenging.

Speak of Cao Cao, and Cao Cao arrives.

Just as Lin Yuan thought of the Snake Demon, the enchanting woman previously hiding in the clouds appeared behind him.

The enchanting woman held a Chain Snake Soft Sword and looked at Lin Yuan with a seductive smile. The snake tongue licked her lips as she said, "Such a handsome man; it would truly be a pity to kill him just like that!"

Lin Yuan: "?????"

Lin Yuan was utterly baffled!

One must know, he's currently in the form of Zhong Kui's apparitional image.

Moreover, it's the demonized apparitional image of Zhong Kui.

Over a yard tall, with a leopard-headed ring-eyed appearance, red beard, and black patterns all over his body.

Such an appearance is totally unrelated to being handsome!

So, people's aesthetics vary.

No, it should be said that humans and demons have different aesthetics.

Lin Yuan sees humans every day, so he finds Zhong Kui's apparitional image quite unsightly.

But Chilian sees demons every day!

So, he finds Lin Yuan's current appearance quite handsome.

No matter how one puts it, Lin Yuan's form is at least humanoid!

Chilian usually sees beings like Black Feather.

Eagle head on human body, tiger head on human body, leopard head on human body...

Some don't even fully shape-shift before completion, still bearing scales and fur.

Whether one is good-looking depends on the comparison.

If Lin Yuan is compared to Black Feather, an eagle-headed humanoid, he's definitely a hunk.

"Chilian, don't swoon!"

"You're the master's woman; do you intend to put a green hat on the master?"

"If so, you'd definitely have a terrible demise!" Black Feather said to Chilian.

Hearing this, Chilian directly laughed "Hehe."

Giggling while covering her mouth, Chilian said to Black Feather, "If you don't harm the master, the master will be more excited."

Black Feather: "????"

Lin Yuan: "????"

Lin Yuan thought, you Demons and freakish folk truly play twisted games!

Though disgusted by these demons and freaks inside, Lin Yuan is acting as one now.

He knew his strength; even with the King Zhuanlun tattoo, defeating the Eagle and Snake Demons simultaneously proved difficult.

Thus, Lin Yuan considered feigning ignorance to buy time, seeking an escape and clarifying their origins if possible.

"Why do you ambush me, two fellow Daoists, given we harbor no grudge?" Lin Yuan feigned an innocent and naive gaze as he asked.

Lin Yuan wanted to act, but the Eagle and Snake Demons didn't cooperate.

Snake Demon Chilian mercilessly exposed Lin Yuan, saying, "Drop the act, human from another world."

"You're Lin Yuan, correct? This body isn't your true form, is it?"

"Return to your true form, and let sister see if it's even handsomer."

Lin Yuan: "????"

Hearing this, Lin Yuan's expression grew darker.

As they say, know yourself and your enemy for a hundred victories.

Lin Yuan was clueless about the Eagle and Snake Demons, yet they knew him thoroughly.

This made the odds even slimmer.

Just then, the Eagle Demon spoke.

However, he wasn't addressing Lin Yuan but Liuyu Heaven.

"Liuyu Heaven, seems you've turned traitor!"

"Traitors, must be killed."

"Once Lin Yuan is slain, I'll feast on you!" The Eagle Demon Black Feather said, eyes fixed on the fish tank containing Liuyu Heaven.

Actually, the moment the Eagle and Snake Demons appeared, Liuyu Heaven realized their identities.

Though the World Honored Sect dissolved, members remained in contact and supported each other.

Liuyu Heaven's level was indeed much lower compared to Joyful Vajra.

Not even close to the Eagle and Snake Demons' level.

Given Eagle and Snake Demons are Tier Four, while he's only a mere Tier Five.

But among the sect, Joyful Vajra's subordinates were known.

Tier Four beings moving together as Eagle and Snake can only be Joyful Vajra's Eagle and Snake Demons.

Initially, Liuyu Heaven didn't intend to alert Lin Yuan, unexpectedly, the Eagle Demon branded him traitor, intending to devour.

Liuyu Heaven knew he couldn't clear his name even if he jumped into the Yellow River.

Besides, the Eagle Demon aimed to eat him, rendering any explanation useless.

His sole chance of survival lay in Lin Yuan's successful escape.

"Lin Yuan, stop dawdling!"

"They're Joyful Vajra's Eagle and Snake Generals, and around here, Joyful Vajra might arrive."

"Joyful Vajra, an expert just shy of Tier Three, should he come, you'll stand no chance." Liuyu Heaven gambled everything, warning amidst the Eagle and Snake Demons.

Liuyu Heaven cherished life dearly; his desire to live surpassed his faith in the World Honored.

Upon hearing Liuyu Heaven's warning, Lin Yuan became not just nervous but fearful.

Cold sweat immediately flowed from his forehead.

He already couldn't contend with the Eagle and Snake Generals!

Joyful Vajra, merely a step from Tier Three, could kill him with as much ease as he killed Iron-Back Daoist.

With Tier Four, surpassing ranks in battle became impossible.

"Run!"

Hearing Joyful Vajra was possibly nearby, Lin Yuan fled without hesitation.

In such a scenario, only a fool would stay!

The problem was, with two experts of similar level watching, especially the speed adept Eagle Demon,

Lin Yuan found fleeing extremely difficult.

As Lin Yuan summoned Yellow Springs Road, Snake Demon's Chain Snake Soft Sword swung towards Yellow Springs Road. Void energy fluctuations erupted, preventing Yellow Springs Road from activating.

Meanwhile, the Eagle Demon wielding the Fangtian Halberd charged at Lin Yuan.

With heavy heart, Lin Yuan realized he couldn't disengage from battle and therefore, couldn't use Yellow Springs Road to escape.

This included the Teleportation Gate to the Real World.

Both Yellow Springs Road and Teleportation Gate require stable space for operation.

The Snake Demon was clever; as Lin Yuan summoned Yellow Springs Road, she guessed its purpose and disrupted space, not giving him a chance to flee.

Resigned, Lin Yuan could only engage in skirmishes with the Eagle and Snake Demons, while attempting quick movements to earn a chance to disengage.

Meanwhile, his mind raced for a breakthrough plan.

Yet finding a solution seemed impossibly challenging.

With Eagle and Snake Generals, along with Joyful Vajra likely appearing any moment.

Lin Yuan seemed trapped in the most perilous situation in history.

One misstep and he might be obliterated, dying in this Mysterious World.

Chapter 287 Good News—The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder Made a Move; Bad News—Only Half a Move

Lin Yuan is running ahead, while the Eagle and Snake Generals are chasing him from behind.

Occasionally, they would engage in a brief skirmish, but Lin Yuan would quickly seize an opportunity to break free and continue fleeing into the distance.

Ever since hearing from Liuyu Heaven that the Joyful Vajra could arrive at any time, he dared not fight for too long.

At the very least, as long as he doesn't linger in one place for too long, it won't be easy for the Joyful Vajra to pinpoint his location.

He can just barely handle the Eagle and Snake Generals.

If it's the Joyful Vajra, killing him would be no harder than crushing an ant.

Lin Yuan found himself in an endless escape, while the Eagle and Snake Generals behind him, like sticky bandages, clung to him tightly, giving him no chance to use Yellow Springs Road to escape.

While escaping, Lin Yuan noticed something was wrong.

Just during the escape, his vision went dark.

The next moment, he found himself in his current whereabouts.

Lin Yuan was flying in the sky, with boundless ocean beneath him.

Behind him, the Eagle and Snake Generals were still sticky as ever.

Clearly, the Eagle and Snake Generals had experienced the same thing.

Suddenly, cold sweat flowed down Lin Yuan's forehead.

One must notice that they had been chasing amid mountains!

In the blink of an eye, the ground turned into an ocean.

The ability to silently shift them from the mountains to the ocean was definitely the work of a master.

Lin Yuan stopped!

He ceased his escape!

Facing such a master, continuing to flee was meaningless.

Even if he escapes a thousand miles, perhaps the master hidden in the shadows could move him back with a mere thought.

Who?

Could it be the Joyful Vajra mentioned by Liuyu Heaven?

Tier Four Peak, on the brink of Tier Three, is such an ability possible?

However, Lin Yuan was mistaken, it wasn't the Joyful Vajra.

"This is...."

"This is the East Sea, the territory of Qingqiu Mountain!" At this moment, it seemed Liuyu Heaven recognized this place and reminded him.

Qingqiu Mountain is located on the eastern shore, covering three thousand miles within the vicinity of Qingqiu Mountain.

Without permission from Qingqiu Mountain, daring to approach would be seen as disrespect.

Qingqiu Mountain?

Could it be that the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder saved her?

That shouldn't be the case?

Back in the real world, when the World Honored made a move against him, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder merely chose to take Bai Ling'Er away, having no intention to help him.

In Lin Yuan's impression, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder shouldn't dare to offend the World Honored!

Before Lin Yuan could think further, a mature yet alluring voice sounded from above: "Lin Yuan, this is the East Sea, I've isolated this place from perception, Joyful Vajra cannot find us here."

"Kill those two, this is your only chance."

Though he could only hear the voice, not see the person.

Through this voice, Lin Yuan could already confirm, this is the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder.

Temporarily relieved of the Joyful Vajra's threat.

But dealing with the Eagle and Snake Generals by himself, Lin Yuan felt troubled!

Even with King Zhuanlun's tattoo ability, Lin Yuan could only say he could try, but with little certainty.

The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder has made a move to isolate Joyful Vajra's perception, then why not deal with the Eagle and Snake Generals in a swift move?

The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder could crush them like ants, Tier Two against Tier Four.

Not even mentioning making a move, just a fart could burst them to death.

Thinking this far, Lin Yuan wondered if he could take advantage of the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder just once.

"Grand Elder, I'm afraid I can't take care of those two!"

"Why don't you help me out just once for Ling'Er's sake!"

"After all, I'm like a son-in-law of Qingqiu Mountain, aren't I?" Lin Yuan shamelessly said.

Indeed, upon hearing the dialogue between the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder and Lin Yuan, the Eagle and Snake Generals panicked immediately.

Facing the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, they were afraid, even if their master Joyful Vajra came, they'd feel nervous.

Only their master's master, the World Honored, could suppress the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder.

"Senior, you cannot make a move against us."

"If you kill us, you'll definitely be entangled in cause and effect, the World Honored is able to see five hundred years before and five hundred years after, inevitably calculating it back to you."

"Then, conflicts will escalate between Qingqiu Mountain and the World Honored, we disciples are not easy to deal with!" Snake Demon Chilian shouted towards the sky.

If Lin Yuan hadn't mentioned being a son-in-law of Qingqiu Mountain, it'd be fine, but once mentioned, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder felt furious.

It's like their hard-raised daughter is being led away by someone riding strange flames, dyed with yellow hair, wearing Doudou shoes, acting like a hooligan.

If not for finding Lin Yuan's peculiarities, they wouldn't have helped Lin Yuan.

This time, it's also a test for Lin Yuan.

After the test, they will reveal a huge secret regarding the World Honored.

Indeed!

It's them.

Not solely the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder.

If Lin Yuan can't handle the Eagle and Snake Generals, he won't be qualified to know the secret.

This is when the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder's voice echoed again, reverberating above the ocean.

"Today, only one party can leave here."

"Either this boy kills you, or you kill this boy."

"Rest assured, if you can kill him, I won't demean myself to make a move against you two."

Upon hearing the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder's response, they were both surprised and delighted.

"Thank you, Grand Elder!" The Eagle and Snake Generals cupped their hands and thanked the sky.

The next moment, waves surged from all directions, forming a giant arena about ten thousand meters in diameter beneath their feet.

Simultaneously, their activity range was limited within the arena.

The ten thousand meters diameter arena seems vast for an ordinary person.

But for three Tier Four masters, it's just right for them to stretch their legs.

"Damn!"

"This Grand Elder woman doesn't seem like a good person!"

"Could she be plotting revenge against me?"

"Now there's no place to run!" Lin Yuan thought to himself.

Meanwhile, the Eagle and Snake Generals looked at Lin Yuan with smug expressions.

None of them could leave the arena, which was good news for them.

"Kid, run!"

"Why aren't you running?" Eagle Demon wielded a halberd, slowly approaching.

Behind him, Snake Demon Chilian twisted the Chain Snake Software with a lascivious smile: "Little guy, before you die, I'll play a little game with you."

"At the same time, let Qingqiu Mountain's comrades observe and learn our serpent tribe's entwining technique."

Lin Yuan: "?????"

Lin Yuan's face turned dark, wondering if this public entwinement of yours is legitimate or not?

Chapter 288 Marquis, Huo Qubing, King of Western Chu

Lin Yuan knew that those watching the battle from above were surely not limited to the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder alone.

Since that was the case, he decided not to maintain the appearance of Zhong Kui's manifestation.

Instead, he returned to his original appearance.

In this battle, he would fight in the form of the Human Race.

Regardless of victory or defeat!

Perhaps he would lose, but he would never disgrace the Human Race.

After transforming back to his Human Race form, Lin Yuan's physique became much smaller, but his momentum was not diminished at all.

Still, towering like a mountain.

Lin Yuan glanced at the Eagle and Snake Generals and grinned, "Outnumbered by demons, trying to bully me because I'm short on people, right?"

"You wait for me, watch how I bring reinforcements!"

Saying that, Lin Yuan began to communicate with the power of the King Zhuanlun tattoo.

After a moment, a dazzling golden disc appeared above his head.

The golden light was blazing; this disc seemed to be formed from the endless fortune of the Human Race.

Under the reflection of the disc, the sky above the entire sea area turned a shade of gold.

Within the disc, numerous figures were constantly rotating.

At this moment, a man riding a fire-red warhorse, clad in armor, with a red cloak and holding a halberd, emerged from the disc.

Next, a young general of seventeen or eighteen years, looking very frail, wielding a spear and riding a blue warhorse, also stepped out.

Lastly, a middle-aged general, with sword-like eyebrows and starry eyes, exuding an aura of royalty and dominance, riding a black horse and holding a hegemony spear, came out.

The three who emerged from the Wheel of Reincarnation were none other than Marquis Wen Lü Bu, Champion Hou Huo Qubing, and Xi Chu Overlord Xiang Yu.

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On the shore of the East Sea.

On Qingqiu Mountain.

At this moment, four people were gathered in the pavilion at the peak of Qingqiu Mountain.

Sitting in the main seat was a charming mature woman.

This person was the leader of Qingqiu Mountain.

Ahem!

Should be said as the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder.

On the left sat an elderly man with white hair and beard, stooped and hunchbacked; on the right, two others, a handsome and proud young man at the front and a swarthy and burly man behind.

In the middle of the pavilion hung a mirror, and the scene within the mirror was precisely the image of the arena.

"Where did these three individuals come from?" inquired the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder with a face full of confusion.

The massive arena had been formed by the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder with her own mana; without her permission, no one else could set foot on it.

Unless it was an expert of the level of the World Honored.

She truly couldn't understand what method Lin Yuan used to summon these three opponents.

"This kid has some skills, actually being able to keep even you, the esteemed Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, from discerning his method!" laughed the hunchbacked old man with white hair and beard.

The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder hurriedly said, "Regarding age, even the World Honored is a junior compared to Elder Bai. Elder Bai is knowledgeable and well-informed; can you discern what method this kid used?"

After the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder asked this question, the handsome young man and the burly man also looked towards the old man with white hair and beard.

Apparently, they too could not figure out what method Lin Yuan employed.

"They aren't human!"

"They are heroic spirits. It's just that, with some unknown method, they temporarily possess human bodies!" Elder Bai, with bright eyes, gazed intently at the three newly appeared figures on the arena.

In truth, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder and the others did not discern Lin Yuan's method not because they were uninformed.

Rather, it was because the beings appearing on the arena were, in the strictest sense, three real people.

King Zhuanlun, who governs the cycle of human reincarnation, grants his tattoo's power the ability to allow the heroic spirits within the Wheel to temporarily reincarnate as humans.

They are now human, so naturally, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder and the others could not see through it.

And the fact that Elder Bai could discern the truth speaks to his extraordinary ability.

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On the arena.

Using the power of the King Zhuanlun tattoo for the first time, Lin Yuan summoned Xiang Yu, Huo Qubing, and Lü Bu in one go.

However, when he intended to summon a fourth, Lin Yuan realized he had exhausted his internal energy.

He couldn't even think about summoning a fourth; now, even lifting a finger was an effort.

In the next moment, his body gave out, and he collapsed onto the arena.

"Darn, summoned too fiercely!"

"Now, I'm completely powerless to fight back!" Before collapsing, this was the sole thought lingering in Lin Yuan's mind.

Now, Lin Yuan no longer had the capability to fight; he could only hope that the three he summoned could defeat the Eagle and Snake Generals.

"What method did this kid use?" queried the Eagle Demon, Heiyu, towards the Snake Demon.

Snake Demon, Chi Lian, furrowed her brow, her snake eyes fixed intently on the three figures, and said, "They look like ordinary people."

"No need to overthink it, just kill them all!"

Indeed, Lü Bu, Huo Qubing, and Xiang Yu did appear no different from ordinary people before making a move.

There was no aura around them.

But once they acted, it was a different story altogether.

The first to take action was Lü Bu.

Riding his warhorse Chitu, Lü Bu brandished his halberd and charged at the Eagle Demon.

As the fangtian halberd was swung, a gigantic, blood-red, fierce tiger formed from the crimson aura, pouncing towards the Eagle Demon.

Seeing Lü Bu move first, Huo Qubing seemed afraid that if he acted too late, there would be no opponent left.

He spurred his blue steed, spear in hand, aiming at the Snake Demon, Chi Lian.

As the spear moved, aura burst forth.

The aura of Champion Hou Huo Qubing manifested as a massive blue wolf.

Seeing Lü Bu and Huo Qubing taking action, the faces of the Eagle and Snake Generals changed dramatically.

Because such energy fluctuations were decidedly what only a Tier Four could cause.

Now, the only good news for the Eagle and Snake Generals was that these two were also Tier Four Basic.

Without further hesitation, the Eagle Demon Heiyu and the Snake Demon Chi Lian made their moves.

The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder made it very clear that only one side could leave this gigantic arena.

To leave, they must fight and claim victory.

The fangtian halberd in Lü Bu's hand clashed fiercely with the one in the Eagle Demon's grasp, triggering an explosion of violent energy. The Eagle Demon flipped several times in the air before shedding the massive force.

The Eagle Demon was stunned; being in the same Tier Four Basic, this human was significantly stronger.

Yet, in that moment of hesitation, Lü Bu swung his fangtian halberd at him once again.

The Eagle Demon was startled, forced to defend himself clumsily.

In his view, this human seemed only to know how to attack, neglecting defense entirely.

Wave after wave of unrelenting attacks left the Eagle Demon struggling to cope.

In merely a dozen or so exchanges, the Eagle Demon began to fall behind.

"Chi Lian, help me!" The Eagle Demon, unable to match Lü Bu, called for the Snake Demon's aid.

However, after his cry for help, all he got was the Snake Demon's enraged scolding.

"Who'll save me if I help you?!"

"This guy's too fierce; even I can't hold him off!" The Snake Demon, Chi Lian, while barely managing to fend off attacks, cursed in frustration.

Chapter 289 Assault on the Joyful Vajra's Domain

Huo Qubing and Lü Bu made the first move, while Xiang Yu, riding his black horse, observed the battle from the rear.

"Over a hundred breaths have passed, yet no enemy has been slain!"

"Let me handle it!" Xiang Yu murmured, and in the next moment, his black horse transformed into a streak of dark lightning.

"Ah!"

"Ah!"

With two screams, the battle was over.

The Eagle Demon Black Feather and Snake Demon Red Scales had vanished, replaced by an eagle and a snake skewered on Xiang Yu's Overlord Spear like candied fruit skewers.

On the Overlord Spear, the eagle and snake struggled in agony.

"Senior, spare..." the Snake Demon tried to plead for mercy.

However, before she could finish her words, Xiang Yu shook the Overlord Spear, turning the Eagle and Snake Generals to dust, as two streams of Power of Rules manifested.

"Kid, for you!" Xiang Yu flicked the Overlord Spear, sending the two streams of Power of Rules before Lin Yuan.

"Overlord, you're too unreasonable, how could you snatch my opponent!" Lü Bu complained.

Beside him, Huo Qubing tugged at Lü Bu, seemingly saying: "Let it go, since we can't beat him, let's not argue!"

Lin Yuan witnessed the entire battle with his own eyes. Huo Qubing and Lü Bu's strength seemed comparable to his, classified as Tier Four Basic.

However, Xiang Yu's strength was far superior to Huo Qubing and Lü Bu's, appearing to be Tier Four Intermediate.

"Just an eagle and snake, unable to slay them within a hundred breaths, what face do you have to make noise?"

"Say no more, soon, you'll have your fill of killing!" Xiang Yu glared at Lü Bu and rebuked.

Holding the Power of Rules from the Eagle and Snake Generals, Lin Yuan's old face reddened. In a moment of impulse, he had expended all his internal energy to simultaneously summon Lü Bu, Huo Qubing, and Xiang Yu.

Now in hindsight, it seemed like a waste!

It's known that each heroic soul can only be summoned once, after which they dissipate forever!

"My apologies, sirs!"

"I shouldn't have wasted your..." Lin Yuan approached the trio with a face full of shame.

"Hahaha!" Lü Bu laughed loudly, "We are nothing more than remnants of souls left after death, stuck in that revolving wheel, long weary."

"The three of us came out first; those old fogies inside must be envious!"

"Kid, no need to feel guilty. In truth, we should thank you for letting us out to enjoy the breeze!"

Huo Qubing also came up to Lin Yuan, patted his shoulder, and said, "Killing these kinds of anomalies feels far better than fighting foreign races back then!"

Xiang Yu was a man of few words. He asked Lin Yuan, "Kid, where is the person you've made an enemy of?"

"There's still some energy in this body, we won't last long. If not used, it would be wasted."

Lin Yuan: "?????"

Listening to the Overlord Xiang Yu, it seemed he intended to lead Lü Bu and Huo Qubing to Joyful Vajra's domain for Lin Yuan's revenge!

However, Joyful Vajra was Tier Four Peak, a half-step Tier Three entity, and Xiang Yu was only Tier Four Intermediate, probably no match for Joyful Vajra.

Lin Yuan knew this would be their last battle.

If they fought, they should fight heartily.

"Liuyu Heaven, where is Joyful Vajra's domain?" Lin Yuan asked Liuyu Heaven.

Liuyu Heaven hesitated, unwilling to speak, yet as Xiang Yu, Lü Bu, and Huo Qubing gazed at him, he shivered in fear.

"Go west, about thirty-six thousand miles, find a place called Pule Mountain, Joyful Vajra will surely be there!" Liuyu Heaven quickly replied.

Liuyu Heaven felt if he didn't speak, he might die now.

As the saying goes, better to sacrifice a friend than one's own life. Besides, that Eagle Demon Black Feather intended to kill him as a traitor.

There was no reason to risk his life not to reveal Joyful Vajra's domain.

Having learned Joyful Vajra's domain, Xiang Yu bowed towards the sky and shouted, "Seniors, please allow us to leave."

This giant platform was built by the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder. Without the Grand Elder's permission, Xiang Yu and the others couldn't leave the platform.

As Xiang Yu finished his words, a door of azure light appeared before them.

The trio walked through the door to depart, leaving Lin Yuan with a word: "Kid, take care."

After Xiang Yu, Lü Bu, and Huo Qubing left, a beautiful lady in white elegant attire and a white veil appeared before Lin Yuan.

Without a doubt, this was the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder.

"You have quite an array of unexpected methods!" The Grand Elder said, glancing at the direction of the trio's departure, and sighed, "It's a shame, their journey is only to perish."

"Joyful Vajra is far beyond what they can handle."

What the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder said, Lin Yuan naturally understood too.

"What about adding these?" Lin Yuan reached out his hand, displaying the Power of Rules from the Eagle and Snake Generals that Xiang Yu gave him.

The Power of Rules represented the purest form of energy.

With these two streams of Power of Rules, Lin Yuan could engrave two Yama tattoos upon his soul.

"What do you mean?" The Grand Elder seemed unsure of Lin Yuan's intentions and asked hesitantly.

Lin Yuan once again utilized King Zhuanlun's power, and the golden revolving wheel reappeared above him.

However, his internal energy was depleted, unable to summon more heroic souls of the Human Race.

"It's like this!" With that, Lin Yuan shattered the Power of Rules from the Eagle and Snake Generals and infused it all into the revolving wheel.

At this moment, a large army manifested within the revolving wheel, led by a white-robed scholar. Behind him, a thousand troops were clad in white armor, white robes, and white cloaks.

The characteristics of this army were distinctive.

At this moment, a poem emerged in Lin Yuan's mind: "Let no great general boast; a thousand troops shun the white robes."

Depleting the Power of Rules from the Eagle and Snake Generals, could it indeed summon the famous scholar-general Chen Qingzhi and his army?

In his first battle, Chen Qingzhi broke through twenty thousand with two thousand, later leading seven thousand of the White Robed Army to annihilate seventy thousand enemies, conquering thirty-two cities in succession.

Chen Qingzhi's lifetime military achievements seemed like a fantasy novel, so much so that more cautious online writers wouldn't dare pen such tales.

Certainly, Chen Qingzhi and his White Robed Army were formidable, but whether they could handle Joyful Vajra remained doubtful.

Just as Chen Qingzhi and his White Robed Army were about to step out of the revolving wheel, an aged voice rang out atop the platform.

"Hold on!" The voice halted the revolving wheel in that instant.

The next moment, a hunched elder appeared before Lin Yuan and asked, "This thing, what is the strongest being it can summon?"

The strongest?

That, Lin Yuan truly didn't know. Today was his first time using it!

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There's no doubt that this mysteriously appearing hunched old man is definitely on the same level as the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder.

Moreover, the two of them are certainly in cahoots.

Lin Yuan knows that trying to be clever in front of such beings is tantamount to seeking death.

So, he honestly said, "I'm not sure, it's my first time using it today."

"In theory, the more energy consumed, the stronger the human soul summoned."

After hearing Lin Yuan's answer, the hunched old man pondered briefly, then took out half a turtle shell from his bosom and said to Lin Yuan, "Then add this to it."

Lin Yuan could feel that the Power of Rules contained within this half piece of turtle shell exceeded the combined Power of Rules of the Eagle and Snake Generals.

"Elder Bai!"

"If you get involved, you might get implicated by karma. If the World Honored achieves enlightenment, he may trace today's events back to you. At that time, it could involve your White Turtle Mountain." The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder reminded.

The hunched old man stroked his white beard and laughed, "The one who summoned the human soul is this kid, and the one entangled with the World Honored by karma is also this kid."

"As for this half piece of turtle shell? Ah, getting old, who knows where it got lost!"

Speaking, the hunched old man tossed the half turtle shell at Lin Yuan's feet.

At the same time, the hunched old man's voice echoed in the minds of the Grand Elder, handsome youth, and dark-skinned sturdy man, "You can give this kid a hand, let's see what tricks he can pull off."

"Don't worry about karma, the major karma lies on this kid. For minor karma, I have ways to help you resolve it."

The reason why the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder didn't dare to help Lin Yuan was, frankly, because of fear of karma.

Once the World Honored achieves enlightenment and breaks through to Tier One, he can use the name of karma to obliterate the Grand Elder and the entire Qingqiu Mountain.

The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder represents not just himself but the entire race.

Similarly, the hunched old man does as well.

After receiving the hunched old man's promise to resolve the karma, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder also threw out a fox tooth, saying, "Today, I also lost something."

A moment later, the handsome youth and dark-skinned sturdy man also appeared in front of Lin Yuan, each tossing an item at Lin Yuan's feet.

The handsome youth threw a golden feather, while the dark-skinned sturdy man threw a black claw tip.

What they tossed, like the half piece of turtle shell from the hunched old man, contained the vigorous Power of Rules.

Lin Yuan understood their intention. They were at odds with the World Honored.

But, seemingly apprehensive about the World Honored, they didn't dare confront him directly.

So, this time they wanted to use Lin Yuan to kill Joyful Vajra.

It must be noted that Joyful Vajra is one of the five Dharma Guardian Deities under the World Honored.

If the World Honored is the emperor, then Joyful Vajra is one of his Five Tiger Generals.

Killing Joyful Vajra would be an immense loss for the World Honored.

"Let's do it!" Lin Yuan gritted his teeth and decided.

At this point, is he still afraid of antagonizing the World Honored?

Given the chance, Joyful Vajra must be killed.

Thinking of this, Lin Yuan picked up the items on the ground, muttering, "In theory, finding something should be a matter of returning it."

"But..."

"But I'm not a principled person! As long as I lack morals, morality can't constrain me!"

"Ah! I must keep what I find, without exception!"

Saying this, Lin Yuan directly crushed these items, letting the overwhelming Power of Rules pour into the wheel disk.

At this moment, the original Chen Qingzhi and his White Robed Army disappeared.

In their place was a boundless sea of blood.

Instantly, the golden light of the wheel disk was replaced by the bloody light.

In the endless blood light appeared an army clad in black clothes, black armor, and bearing black dragon flags.

Seeing these black dragon flags, Lin Yuan knew it was the army of Great Qin.

At the forefront of the troops were the various famous generals of Great Qin.

Wang Jian, Meng Tian, Wang Ben, Zhang Han, Li Xin...

Leading them was the renowned Lord Wu'an, Bai Qi.

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Accompanied by Great Qin's ferocious generals and mighty soldiers.

This time, Joyful Vajra is probably in deep trouble.

The next moment, Lord Wu'an Bai Qi led Great Qin's ferocious generals and mighty soldiers out of the wheel disk.

Lord Wu'an Bai Qi seemed to know the mission, he silently led the army straight to Joyful Vajra's battlefield.

"Tier Four Peak, half step Tier Three!"

"This time, Joyful Vajra is certainly doomed!" The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder said softly as he watched the departing army.

However, the hunched old man at this moment whispered in Lin Yuan's ear, "The Demon Fiends near Joyful Vajra's battlefield are of the same ilk."

Lin Yuan: "?????"

Lin Yuan was momentarily stunned, then understood.

"Lord Wu'an, after flattening Pule Mountain, if there's spare time, all Demon Fiends around Pule Mountain can be slain, none of them are innocent!" Lin Yuan said to Lord Wu'an Bai Qi.

Lin Yuan knew the hunched old man simply wanted him to say this.

This old man, crafty.

In this Mysterious World, Demon Fiends and Evil Spirits can be distinguished by their morals.

The simplest way to distinguish is to see if they'll eat people.

Or to say, only those cultivating by absorbing the essence of sun and moon can be considered benevolent.

The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder and those present are clearly benevolent creatures.

"Kid, let's go!"

"Let's have a chat!" The hunched old man's voice sounded in Lin Yuan's ear.

Lin Yuan: "?????"

Lin Yuan was stunned for a moment. This old man must be an unrivaled Tier Two master, why would he want to chat with him?

Is it because he has a beautiful granddaughter he wants to match with him?

"Of course!"

"Being able to chat with such a senior is truly my honor!" Lin Yuan quickly flattered.

As soon as he spoke, the next moment, everyone appeared in the pavilion atop Qingqiu Mountain.

The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder sat in the main seat, with the hunched old man, handsome youth, and dark-skinned sturdy man seated on either side.

Only four seats, and no seat for him!

Lin Yuan stood in the middle of the four, feeling that standing there staring at them was somewhat inappropriate.

After thinking it over, he directly plopped down in the center of the hall.

The four looked at Lin Yuan with peculiar eyes, seemingly surprised that Lin Yuan was behaving so casually in front of them.

Being stared at by the four like this, Lin Yuan also felt a bit embarrassed.

"Ahem!" Lin Yuan hurriedly coughed twice to alleviate the awkwardness, saying, "Weren't we going to chat? I feel we might talk for a long time."

"Standing and looking up at you seniors feels a bit uneasy. Sitting like this is more comfortable."

"By the way! Whatever you seniors want to chat about, just say it, I'm best at chatting, guaranteed to amuse you!"

"Haha!" The hunched old man laughed heartily while stroking his beard, seemingly amused by Lin Yuan.

Then, he asked a question Lin Yuan couldn't have anticipated, "Kid, do you know what Tier One is?"