

Apocalypse 511

Chapter 511: The Envoy of Surrender Arrives

Silent Sea seabed.

In a short time, a massive undersea Dragon Palace has been built.

This is the palace of Black Dragon Heaven.

In the undersea Dragon Palace, Black Dragon Heaven with a human body and a dragon's head sits in the grand hall, while Liuyu Heaven stands there worriedly.

"Alas!" Liuyu Heaven sighed and said, "Lin Yuan, how can you so ostentatiously occupy the Silent Sea like this? Is this feasible?"

Back then, Liuyu Heaven lived on the seabed of Silent Sea, so he naturally knows what this strategic buffer zone means to the World Honored.

Lin Yuan didn't say a word and took over this area. Can the World Honored agree?

Black Dragon Heaven, seated in the upper spot, gave Liuyu Heaven a fierce glance and said indifferently, "How many times have I told you, call me Lord Black Dragon Heaven."

Liuyu Heaven: "????"

Black Dragon Heaven?

Even Lord?

Liuyu Heaven thought, well, Lin Yuan, we're both so familiar, are you showing off now? But seeing Black Dragon Heaven's indifferent attitude, Liuyu Heaven could only helplessly say, "Lord Black Dragon Heaven, have you thought this through?"

"What if the World Honored sends people to attack us, how will you respond?"

Liuyu Heaven admits that Lin Yuan's forces are strong now, but lack high-end combat power!

The World Honored has no shortage of Tier Two powerhouses. What if the World Honored sends a Tier Two powerhouse, then what?

Liuyu Heaven does not know that on the other side of Silent Sea, Elder Bai and others are already poised to act.

Just waiting for the World Honored to send the Tier Two powerhouses over.

"Soldiers come, generals deal with them; water comes, earth stops it."

"Since I dare to occupy the Silent Sea, I naturally have the confidence to defend it!" said Black Dragon Heaven confidently.

Hearing this, Liuyu Heaven couldn't help but have his heart leap, saying, "Tier Two!"

"They will send Tier Two powerhouses!"

Liuyu Heaven emphasized again, hoping Black Dragon Heaven would recognize the power gap between the two sides.

"Tier Two?"

"What Tier Two?"

"I fight Tier Two!" Black Dragon Heaven thumped his chest and said.

Black Dragon Heaven's words made Liuyu Heaven's head spin.

Liuyu Heaven thought, Lin Yuan's avatar is really incredibly arrogant, even more so than Lin Yuan's true form.

Fighting Tier Two?

Why don't you just ascend to heaven?

Seeing Liuyu Heaven filled with fear and worry, Black Dragon Heaven patted Liuyu Heaven's shoulder and said, "Alright, no need to worry too much."

"Since I dare to occupy this Silent Sea, I have a way to face everything."

"Don't forget, we have people above us!"

Liuyu Heaven: "?????"

From Black Dragon Heaven's tone, Liuyu Heaven finally heard some information that eased his mind.

He was delighted and said, "You mean, Elder Bai and others...."

Before Liuyu Heaven finished speaking, Black Dragon Heaven interrupted him and continued, "That's right, when necessary, Elder Bai and others will step in."

"In short, our task is to occupy this Silent Sea territory, which is equivalent to blocking the World Honored's door, and then causing a ruckus at their door."

"If they come to fight us, they'll fall into the trap!"

Knowing from Black Dragon Heaven that Elder Bai and his group of Tier Two experts would act at critical moments, Liuyu Heaven felt relieved.

In this way, without the World Honored stepping in, they do have a chance of winning.

As a traitor in the World Honored One Sect, without Tier Two experts as backing, jumping in front of the World Honored's door would make Liuyu Heaven indeed worried.

After all, Lin Yuan's avatar is here, but he is the true form!

The avatar isn't afraid to die, but the true form is very afraid of dying.

While Black Dragon Heaven and Liuyu Heaven were chatting, a big man with a kobold head in golden light walked in.

He is Lou Jingou, one of the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings, responsible for internal defense.

After walking in, Lou Jingou knelt on one knee, respectfully clasping his hands, and said, "Lord Black Dragon Heaven, a monk has arrived outside."

"He said he came by the command of the World Honored to offer surrender."

Surrender?

Hearing the word "surrender," Black Dragon Heaven couldn't help but be stunned.

"Looks like, with the World Honored not stepping in, this sect is quite weak?"

"No fight, just want to offer surrender?" Black Dragon Heaven sneered.

World Honored One Sect is weak?

Isn't this thanks to Lin Yuan's fight?

In the Battle of Pule Mountain, many of the World Honored's capable warriors like Unmoving Ming King, Joyful Vajra, and others were killed by Bai Qi summoned by Lin Yuan.

In the Battle of City of Sin, Duowen Heaven, Chiguo Heaven, and Tiger Robe Ming King were designed by Lin Yuan and taken down.

In the Ten Thousand Mountains, Life and Death Trial Arena, the World Honored's capable warriors like Lian Huasheng, Garuda, etc., were again killed.

Plus, Wu Nengsheng's plan led to self-destruction among the sect's middle echelon, causing significant losses.

Such events severely depleted the sect's mid-tier strength.

Thus, avoiding easy conflict and choosing the surrender route makes sense.

At this time, Liuyu Heaven chimed in, "He's treating you like Song Jiang, wanting to offer you surrender and make you a Celestial Stable Keeper."

Lin Yuan: "?????"

Lin Yuan, speechless, said, "You got your books mixed up!"

"Song Jiang is Water Margin, Celestial Stable Keeper is Journey to the West."

After thinking, Liuyu Heaven replied, "I'm not reading Journey to the West or Water Margin, but your world's web novels."

"Those web novel authors write nonsensical garbage, with things like Cybertron rising smoke, Lin Daiyu capturing Megatron seven times."

"Diao Chan charges into Land of Light, slaying Tiga and capturing Taro."

"Li Bai skillfully uses chaining strategies, Xi Shi capturing Desolate Heaven Emperor alive."

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Lin Yuan: "???????"

"Stop! Stop! Stop!" Lin Yuan, exasperated, halted Liuyu Heaven and said, "Enough, stop talking!"

"When we catch that author next time, cut off his little brother."

After interrupting Liuyu Heaven, Lin Yuan instructed Lou Jingou, "Go, bring the monk offering surrender over."

"Let's see what tricks he intends to play."

"Yes!" Lou Jingou bowed, stood up, and left.

Not long after, Lou Jingou returned with a slender, serene-looking monk.

The monk was wearing a robe, a Buddha's radiance emanating from the back of his head, looking like a veteran monk.

Lin Yuan has seen Chongming Bird before, but he did not recognize this monk as Chongming Bird.

Because when Lin Yuan saw Chongming Bird, Chongming Bird was fighting with Peacock Great Ming King, showing its true form and demonic body.

This image before them was the Buddha form Chongming Bird took on after joining the World Honored, having not been seen by Lin Yuan before, thus making recognition difficult.

Moreover, this enlightened image is vastly different from the demon body of Chongming Bird, making it impossible for anyone to connect the two.

Chapter 512: Generous Terms of Surrender

Black Dragon Heaven's eyes pierced like torches, fixed firmly on this enlightened high monk before him, seemingly trying to see through his depths.

Yet, no matter how Black Dragon Heaven scrutinized, he couldn't discern any clues.

Indeed, this Tier Two Peak Expert couldn't be easily deciphered by Black Dragon Heaven.

"Damn it!"

"Could he be Tier Two?" Black Dragon Heaven muttered internally.

Realizing he could not see through the person before him, Black Dragon Heaven understood that he might very well be a Tier Two Peak Powerhouse.

Just as this thought emerged in Black Dragon Heaven's mind, Elder Bai's voice echoed in his head: "He is Chongming Bird, now known as Great Auspicious Buddha."

"However, rest easy, he can't discern your true identity."

Not even Chongming Bird, nor World Honored One, could likely see that Black Dragon Heaven is indeed Lin Yuan.

Black Dragon Heaven thought it through—indeed!

No fear, for he has come for negotiations, not to cause trouble with me.

Besides, Elder Bai and the others are stationed on the other side of Silent Sea. If Chongming Bird, the Great Auspicious Buddha before me, fails in negotiations and resorts to anger and violence, Elder Bai and the others can act immediately.

Mind you, Elder Bai and the others are four Tier Two Peak Experts. With four against one, I hold the advantage.

Having reached this conclusion, Black Dragon Heaven nonchalantly asked, "I wonder, how should I address this high monk?"

"I am Great Auspicious Buddha under World Honored's command!" Great Auspicious Buddha did not hide his identity and answered honestly.

Upon hearing "Great Auspicious Buddha," Liuyu Heaven jolted with fright.

As a traitor from the World Honored One Sect, Liuyu Heaven was quite clear about the sect's organizational structure.

He knew that anyone titled Buddha was undeniably a Tier Two Peak Expert.

For indeed, a Tier Two Peak Expert!

Liuyu Heaven thought, I'm really a jinx! Speak of Cao Cao, and Cao Cao arrives.

I just said I hope no Tier Two Peak Expert would come to cause trouble, and here comes the trouble.

Black Dragon Heaven glared fiercely at Liuyu Heaven, implying, "Look at you, cowering before just one Great Auspicious Buddha."

"Ah, so it's Great Auspicious Buddha!"

"I've long heard of Buddha's esteemed name. Buddha gracing this humble place certainly makes it shine!"

"Might I ask, what brings Buddha here this time?" Black Dragon Heaven asked courteously.

Despite his polite demeanor, Black Dragon Heaven secretly communicated with Elder Bai.

Black Dragon Heaven inwardly called out, "Elder Bai, where are you? Shall we take him down?"

Soon, Elder Bai's voice resounded in Black Dragon Heaven's mind: "Don't rush, see what he wants."

Asked for his purpose, Great Auspicious Buddha didn't beat around the bush and said directly: "This time I come under World Honored's command, to enlist you."

"You should know of World Honored's name, sooner or later, this realm will fall into World Honored's hands."

"World Honored decrees, if you are willing to surrender, World Honored shall establish the Dragon Division, you all shall belong to the Dragon Division, and you, Black Dragon Heaven, will be its leader."

"Furthermore, Silent Sea shall be designated for your cultivation and rest. Once World Honored succeeds in ultimately dominating this realm, all waters will come under your control, Black Dragon Heaven."

"In addition, World Honored possesses a treasure known as the Eight Treasures Reincarnation Pool, which you may enter once, enhancing your roots and increasing your potential."

Although Great Auspicious Buddha came under World Honored's command to enlist Black Dragon Heaven, in truth, it was under Lady Ming King's orders.

Nevertheless, it doesn't matter whose orders they are.

This time enlisting Black Dragon Heaven brings all benefit, no harm to the sect.

Though Lady Ming King's terms have yet to be discussed with World Honored,

as long as Black Dragon Heaven is enlisted, Lady Ming King believes World Honored will certainly agree.

Great Auspicious Buddha deemed Lady Ming King's conditions quite tempting.

Not to mention the glorious opportunity of entering the Eight Treasures Reincarnation Pool is a dream come true.

Despite Black Dragon Heaven currently being Tier Three, even for Tier Two Peak, entering the Eight Treasures Reincarnation Pool is a dream come true.

Last time, Great Auspicious Buddha and the others entered, not only did their injuries fully heal, their roots and potential greatly increased.

For these Tier Two Peaks, entering the Eight Treasures Reincarnation Pool was a favor granted by World Honored.

Promising entrance into the Eight Treasures Reincarnation Pool just to enlist a Tier Three Peak seemed like a waste to Great Auspicious Buddha.

However, as it was decided by Medicine King Buddha and Lady Ming King, it was hard for him to oppose.

After stating the conditions, Great Auspicious Buddha quietly watched Black Dragon Heaven, seemingly waiting for his choice.

At this time, Black Dragon Heaven sat in silence, as if pondering deeply.

Hasn't eaten pork, but certainly seen pigs run?

Though Black Dragon Heaven was unaware of what precisely the Eight Treasures Reincarnation Pool was, he vaguely sensed it was a good thing.

Thus, Black Dragon Heaven called out internally to Elder Bai, "Elder Bai, Elder Bai, do you think I could take advantage of World Honored once for the Eight Treasures Reincarnation Pool?"

As soon as Black Dragon Heaven spoke, Elder Bai's voice echoed immediately in his mind: "Are you seeking death?"

"Using the Eight Treasures Reincarnation Pool without backing, you are walking into a trap."

"If you don't enter the Eight Treasures Reincarnation Pool, World Honored will find it challenging to discern your depth. If you do enter, he will surely see through you."

Upon hearing Elder Bai's words, Black Dragon Heaven couldn't help but feel a bit dejected.

Enjoying free benefits brings joy, yet now, the joy is lost?

"So, should I refuse him?" Black Dragon Heaven communicated with Elder Bai.

Elder Bai pondered briefly and then responded, "No, accept it."

"Relax his guard and keep him discussing enlistment details while we stealthily approach."

Elder Bai and the others, positioned on the other side of Silent Sea, needed time to reach here.

If Black Dragon Heaven were to refuse now, Great Auspicious Buddha might either lash out or depart immediately.

No matter his choice, Black Dragon Heaven would find it difficult to manage.

Following Elder Bai's instructions, Black Dragon Heaven smiled slightly and spoke, "Honored by World Honored's esteem, if I refuse, I'd seem unwise!"

"Very well, I shall accept. In the future, I'd appreciate Great Auspicious Buddha's guidance."

"Too kind, guidance is daunting!"

"Since you've agreed, let's discuss the details of your surrender!" Great Auspicious Buddha said slowly.

Black Dragon Heaven glanced at Liuyu Heaven and instructed, "Go prepare a banquet, I wish to host Great Auspicious Buddha properly."

After dispatching Liuyu Heaven for banquet arrangements, Black Dragon Heaven said to Great Auspicious Buddha, "Then, during the banquet, we can talk, slowly talk!"

Chapter 513: Fallen Into the Trap

The old saying goes well: one doesn't hit a smiling face.

Moreover, the Great Auspicious Buddha has come to serve as a mediator; naturally, Black Dragon Heaven can't disregard his face.

"Alright!"

"Then let's discuss over the banquet!" Helplessly, the Great Auspicious Buddha agreed.

Upon hearing the Great Auspicious Buddha agree, Black Dragon Heaven could not help but breathe a sigh of relief.

As long as the Great Auspicious Buddha stays, his plan is halfway successful.

At this moment, Elder Bai and Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder led Lin Yuan and the others to restrain their presence and stealthily enter the Silent Sea, heading towards Black Dragon Heaven's Undersea Dragon Palace.

As for the Golden-Winged Roc and Black Bear Spirit, they were left on the shore to keep watch.

In case of any unusual situation, they could rush to support immediately.

Inside the Undersea Dragon Palace.

During the banquet, Black Dragon Heaven and Great Auspicious Buddha exchanged cups.

Not forgetting the serious matter, between the drinks, Great Auspicious Buddha mentioned the details of Black Dragon Heaven's allegiance.

To everything the Great Auspicious Buddha said, Black Dragon Heaven agreed, for he had no intention of joining; he was merely feigning cooperation.

Soon, Elder Bai and others would arrive to take down the Great Auspicious Buddha.

Anything Black Dragon Heaven agreed to now meant nothing.

While Black Dragon Heaven and Great Auspicious Buddha were pretending, Elder Bai's voice echoed in his mind: "We have arrived. I asked Liuyu Heaven to send a specially prepared wine; trick Great Auspicious Buddha into drinking it."

"It would naturally be best to take him down quietly."

After all, both are Tier Two Peak Experts; once a fight breaks out, complications will increase.

The wine Liuyu Heaven sent was meticulously concocted; the poison in it is colorless and tasteless, capable of disabling a Tier Two Peak Expert within three breaths.

Don't underestimate these mere three breaths; when experts clash, victory or defeat is decided in moments.

Three breaths are more than enough for Elder Bai and his group to eliminate Great Auspicious Buddha countless times.

Soon, Liuyu Heaven delivered the specially prepared wine.

Feeling uneasy, Liuyu Heaven placed the wine near Black Dragon Heaven and promptly turned to leave.

"Oh dear!"

"This wine is finished!" Black Dragon Heaven shook the empty wine pot, picked up the new one sent by Liuyu Heaven, and filled it for both himself and Great Auspicious Buddha.

Experts often have a certain intuition for danger, known as foreboding.

After Black Dragon Heaven poured the new wine, Great Auspicious Buddha's heart suddenly jolted with an inexplicable sense of crisis.

His brows furrowed, eyes flashed with brilliance, and he thought, "Could there be a problem with this wine?"

However, at this moment, Black Dragon Heaven already raised his cup, saying to Great Auspicious Buddha: "From now on, we shall work together for the World Honored! Your Great Auspicious Buddha's prowess far exceeds mine. In the future, I ask for your guidance!"

After lifting his cup, Great Auspicious Buddha hesitated to raise his.

His intuition told him there was an issue with this wine, and drinking it would be a mistake.

"Damn it!"

"Could he have discovered? This is bad..." Seeing Great Auspicious Buddha unmoving, Black Dragon Heaven felt uneasy, holding the cup with slight embarrassment.

At this moment, Black Dragon Heaven's mind raced.

After considering, Black Dragon Heaven assumed Great Auspicious Buddha couldn't pinpoint the issue.

If he truly identified the poison, he should have acted and apprehended him by now.

Since he hadn't acted or moved, it only indicated suspicion at most.

Now, more than ever, Black Dragon Heaven had to continue this charade.

Otherwise, it would only increase Great Auspicious Buddha's doubts.

With this in mind, Black Dragon Heaven raised his cup high and said, "I'll drink first as a form of respect."

After these words, Black Dragon Heaven tilted his head back and drank the cup down.

This drink could immobilize a Tier Two Peak Expert within three breaths.

Black Dragon Heaven, merely at Tier Three Peak, would be unable to use any ability for at least ten breaths.

Fortunately, he didn't need to take any action now, hence didn't expose himself.

Great Auspicious Buddha: "???"

Originally, Great Auspicious Buddha suspected the wine had issues, but Black Dragon Heaven drank it with no abnormality.

This indicated there was no problem with the wine.

"Did I overthink?" Great Auspicious Buddha thought to himself.

Feeling he was overly cautious, Great Auspicious Buddha picked up his cup, ready to drink.

However, just as the cup was nearing his lips, Great Auspicious Buddha's heart skipped.

The looming sense of crisis intensified.

It felt like a voice inside him was shouting, "Don't drink this wine," "Don't drink this wine."

Although he didn't know where the problem lay, out of caution, Great Auspicious Buddha put the cup down again.

At this moment, the sense of crisis grew even stronger, and he thought, this place is unsuitable for a long stay; I must leave.

Since there was no indication that Black Dragon Heaven had issues, Great Auspicious Buddha couldn't directly confront him.

"Suddenly recalled a batch of Treasure Pill in the dojo is about to be ready."

"I cannot linger here long; Black Dragon Heaven, let's proceed according to our agreement. On the day you join the sect, I shall host a feast to welcome you!" Leaving this message, Great Auspicious Buddha turned to leave.

Black Dragon Heaven: "???"

Black Dragon Heaven thought, this cunning fellow is really sly and cautious!

"Elder Bai, what do we do?"

"This guy wants to escape!" Black Dragon Heaven communicated to Elder Bai.

Elder Bai had been at the Undersea Dragon Palace for quite a while. Though he hadn't directly intervened, he wasn't idle.

Once he arrived at Black Dragon Heaven's Undersea Dragon Palace, Elder Bai began arranging a formation, to prevent the Chongming Bird from escaping.

"The array is set; he cannot escape even with wings!" Elder Bai's voice resonated in Black Dragon Heaven's mind.

Black Dragon Heaven: "???"

Black Dragon Heaven thought, the original form is a Chongming Bird with wings, no need for extra wings.

"I leave this to you!" Black Dragon Heaven communicated secretly, quickly retreating to a safe location.

Great Auspicious Buddha saw Black Dragon Heaven retreat inexplicably, heightening his ominous premonition, he prepared to use an escape technique.

Yet before he could execute it, he saw a barrier rise around the Undersea Dragon Palace.

Great Auspicious Buddha had seen this formation before; it was that old tortoise Elder Bai's array.

"Bad!"

"Cannot get away!"

"This Black Dragon Heaven and that old tortoise are cohorts!" Great Auspicious Buddha sensed trouble.

Sure enough, the next moment Elder Bai and Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder appeared.

"Should I address you as Chongming Bird or Great Auspicious Buddha?"

"Leaving before all guests have arrived— isn't that somewhat impolite?" Elder Bai said with a subtle smile.

Chapter 514: Capturing the Chongming Bird Alive

When Elder Bai and the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder appeared, the Chongming Bird knew that today's situation couldn't be resolved peacefully.

Without a word, the Chongming Bird thrust his hand forward, unleashing a surge of immense energy.

The Chongming Bird's attack was fierce; he intended to use this blow to repel Elder Bai and the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, and then escape.

Watching the Chongming Bird's retreating figure, Elder Bai remained unflustered, watching quietly with a faint smile.

However, just as the Chongming Bird was about to escape from the Silent Sea Bottom, a large net appeared out of nowhere above the sea surface.

The net descended like a collapsing mountain, covering the Chongming Bird and forcing him back.

"Heh!" Elder Bai sneered, saying to the Chongming Bird, "Chongming Bird, you really thought I was just playing earlier?"

"With my carefully arranged array, you think it's easy to escape?"

The Chongming Bird's expression was grim as he shouted coldly, "Bai, I'm now the Great Auspicious Buddha under the World Honored. Have you considered the consequences of attacking me?"

Upon hearing this, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder sneered dismissively, "We don't fear the World Honored, why would we fear your threats?"

"You should be grateful that it's us here today and not the Peacock Great Ming King. If the Peacock Great Ming King were here, you'd find neither life nor death an option."

At this moment, the Chongming Bird was truly panicked; his so-called Great Auspicious Buddha status couldn't intimidate Elder Bai and the others at all.

In fact, by now, the Chongming Bird understood that Elder Bai and company appeared just for him.

At this moment, the Chongming Bird's only hope was that the commotion from his fight with Elder Bai would alert the sect's Buddhas to come to his aid.

If not, the outcome could be dire.

However, the Silent Sea naturally shielded from energy fluctuations, so to get their combat energy fluctuations out, they needed to fight as close to the surface as possible.

At this moment, the Chongming Bird had a general plan in mind.

Against two opponents, the Chongming Bird stood little chance, so he chose to strike first.

As the Chongming Bird raised his hand, dozens of monstrous creatures resembling both fish and bird emerged from the Silent Sea, rushing towards Elder Bai and the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder to bite and tear.

The monsters simulated from the Silent Sea's water by the Chongming Bird were Kun.

In the sea, they are fish; in the sky, they are birds; on a basketball court, they would play basketball.

As the Kun attacked, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder remained calm, manifesting her true Nine-Tailed Fox form behind her.

The nine tails of the Nine-Tailed Fox, like whips, continuously lashed the Kun.

Each hit shattered a Kun.

Elder Bai wasn't idle either; he formed seals with his hands, activating the pre-placed formation.

Above the Undersea Dragon Palace, formations emerged, manifesting giant thunder swords that slashed towards the Chongming Bird.

Faced with the onslaught of thunder swords, the Chongming Bird dodged left and right, avoiding Elder Bai's attacks.

"Bai, you're bold to attack me here! Even though the Silent Sea can shield energy fluctuations, it can't completely hide the battle of Tier Two Peak."

"Over time, our combat will surely be detected, and by then, you'll have nowhere to run."

"Be wise and let me go, and we'll stay out of each other's way," the Chongming Bird gritted his teeth and said.

The Chongming Bird was truly anxious; not to mention facing two, he wasn't a match for either opponent.

Against two, defeat was certain.

The longer the fight, the more he fell into disadvantage.

Hearing the Chongming Bird's words, Elder Bai hesitated, seemingly contemplating whether to let him go.

However, moments later, Elder Bai smiled and said, "Indeed, thanks for reminding me that the Silent Sea can't completely shield the aftermath of Tier Two Peak battles!"

After saying this, Elder Bai addressed Black Dragon Heaven, "Black Dragon Heaven, have your men drill on the sea surface, real combat practice."

"Especially those twenty-eight Tier Three Peaks, let them engage in pair combat, create as much energy fluctuation as possible."

The Silent Sea can't completely obscure Tier Two Peak battle aftermath, allowing some energy to leak out?

Alright then, Elder Bai directly instructed Black Dragon Heaven's men to drill on the Silent Sea's surface, generating a great deal of combat energy.

This way, even if the World Honored's people passed by, they'd assume these combat energies were leaked from the sea surface drills.

Elder Bai's move effectively cut off the Chongming Bird's escape route!

The Chongming Bird seemed to be at a dead end, with little chance of turning the tables.

"Understood, I'll order my subordinates to drill on the sea surface immediately!" Black Dragon Heaven responded from afar.

Elder Bai's move meant that they could engage the Chongming Bird in a protracted battle.

With the sea surface drills as cover, the Chongming Bird would find it hard to wait for reinforcement.

"Black Dragon Heaven, what exactly did Bai offer you? Why are you helping him?"

"Whatever he offered, we can double it!" the Chongming Bird continued to struggle.

Unfortunately, the Chongming Bird didn't know that Black Dragon Heaven was Lin Yuan's avatar, and no matter what benefits he promised, Black Dragon Heaven wouldn't help them.

By now, Elder Bai wouldn't give the Chongming Bird a chance to struggle anymore; he and the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder launched a fierce attack from front and back.

At this moment, Black Dragon Heaven shouted from afar, "I'll tell you what Bai offered me before you die."

Elder Bai formed seals with his hands, activating the pre-placed formation to restrict the Chongming Bird's movement. Suddenly, the surrounding gravity increased, making him feel as if submerged in the Ruishui River.

Beside him, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder manifested the true form of the Nine-Tailed Fox, launching a fierce attack on the Chongming Bird.

Elder Bai focused on restricting the Chongming Bird's movements, while the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder focused on attacking; their cooperation was seamless.

As the battle continued, the Chongming Bird found it increasingly difficult to hold on.

The Fox tails of the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder lashed like whips, shattering the water beasts one after another that the Chongming Bird had manifested.

At one point, the Fox tails even struck the Chongming Bird's body, leaving visible marks on his skin.

With the joint efforts of the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder and Elder Bai, the Chongming Bird had no chance of victory; as time went on, his injuries only worsened.

After about half an hour, the Chongming Bird was severely injured, and Elder Bai's formation completely trapped him.

The surrounding seawater was condensed by the formation into a cage, imprisoning the Chongming Bird inside, with formation-forged chains clasping his clavicle, preventing any struggle.

Clamped by the clavicle, the Chongming Bird's physical body and divine soul were thoroughly confined.

At this moment, the Chongming Bird was utterly helpless.

Chapter 515: The Secret of the Eight Treasures Reincarnation Pool

Elder Bai only severely injured and trapped the Chongming Bird, but did not take its life.

Seeing this, Lin Yuan approached and asked Elder Bai, "Elder Bai, won't you take its life?"

Elder Bai shook his head slightly and said gravely, "He can only be trapped, not killed."

"He has entered the World Honored's Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool. We cannot kill him; even if he dies, he will be reborn in the Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool."

Lin Yuan: "???"

Chongming Bird: "???"

After hearing Elder Bai's words, Lin Yuan was utterly bewildered.

Not only Lin Yuan was bewildered, but Chongming Bird was also utterly confused.

After death, would he be reborn in the Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool?

If that's the case, wouldn't he be an immortal existence?

Thinking of this, Chongming Bird's heart was filled with wild joy.

If this really was the case, he wouldn't need to fear Elder Bai and the others anymore. At worst, he would just die, but he'd be reborn again in the Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool.

But, is Elder Bai speaking the truth?

Does the World Honored's Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool really have such an effect?

If the Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool truly has this capability, then why didn't the World Honored tell them when they first entered the pool?

"Hahaha!"

"Hahaha!"

"Rebirth?"

"The Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool actually has the effect of rebirth, so I am immortal!"

"You, Bai, I do not fear you. If you dare, just kill me!" Chongming Bird laughed maniacally.

Seeing Chongming Bird in this frenzied state, Elder Bai's face showed a hint of disdain.

"Foolish!" Elder Bai said coldly.

Chongming Bird: "???"

Chongming Bird thought, with the Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool having the effect of rebirth, what isn't worth being happy about?

Why be called foolish for being happy about this?

"You, Bai, what do you mean?" Chongming Bird glared at Elder Bai and asked, clearly discontented.

Elder Bai's small and bright eyes stared intently at Chongming Bird for a long time before saying flatly, "Do you think there is such a thing as a free lunch in this world?"

Chongming Bird: "???"

With these words, Chongming Bird fell into deep thought.

Was Elder Bai suggesting that the matter of the Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool was too good to be true?

Could it be that rebirth after death with the aid of the Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool comes with a price?

But if one has already died, what price could be greater than death?

Chongming Bird wore a puzzled expression, unable to comprehend.

He wished to understand, yet found himself unable to.

Then Elder Bai's voice rang in Chongming Bird's ear, "Do you want to know?"

At this moment, Chongming Bird was filled with curiosity.

He suspected that using the World Honored's Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool for rebirth would surely come with drawbacks.

Otherwise, when they entered the Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool, the World Honored would have informed them.

Responding to Elder Bai's voice by his ear, Chongming Bird instinctively said, "I want..."

Yet upon saying "want", Chongming Bird feared falling into Elder Bai's trap, quickly correcting himself, "Whether you say it or not, I won't believe you anyway."

At this moment, Chongming Bird desperately wanted to hear some secrets from Elder Bai.

However, he dared not fully trust Elder Bai's secrets.

Seeing Chongming Bird's demeanor, Elder Bai guessed his thoughts.

Elder Bai calmly said, "Let me do you a favor and reveal the truth, whether you believe it or not is up to you."

"However, you should understand that you are now merely a prisoner, so I have no reason to deceive you."

Saying this, Elder Bai began slowly, "The World Honored's Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool, rather than being a pool of rebirth, is more accurately an Eight Treasure Alchemy Furnace."

"Yet, the World Honored is not making the usual pills. The World Honored is creating Human Pills."

Upon hearing the two words "Human Pill", Chongming Bird's hair stood on end, he shivered, and cold sweat coated his forehead.

Suddenly, Chongming Bird seemed to realize something.

At this moment, Chongming Bird could no longer hold back, he urgently asked, "What is this Human Pill, you Bai, stop beating around the bush, just say it straight."

Seeing Chongming Bird's anxious manner, Elder Bai showed a hint of amusement, saying lightly, "From your reaction, you're not entirely foolish."

"You should have guessed it; the Human Pill I refer to is none other than you."

"Everyone who first enters the Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool is marked by the World Honored. Each time you die and are reborn in the Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool, this mark deepens."

Upon hearing this, Chongming Bird interrupted Elder Bai, retorting, "If that's the case, can't we just avoid dying, thereby slowly erasing this mark?"

Hearing this, Elder Bai was momentarily at a loss on how to assess Chongming Bird.

Not knowing whether to call him clever or foolish.

"The World Honored's mark cannot simply be erased because you wish it."

"That mark is hidden deep within your soul; it's difficult enough to find, let alone erase it."

"Once you entered the Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool, your fate was no longer in your control!"

"Immortal? Do you really think you can choose not to die simply because you wish it?"

"Right now, it's only because the World Honored finds you useful and has not deemed it necessary to control you."

"Should the World Honored seek enlightenment and require energy to offset depletion, you will become his optimal Human Pill."

"Have you ever wondered why the Peacock Great Ming King did not enter, nor did Wu Nengsheng in the past?"

"The World Honored did not invite them because he knew they would discern the true nature of the Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool. Inviting you all was because the World Honored was confident you wouldn't recognize the flaws of the pool." Elder Bai stated firmly.

After Elder Bai said this, Chongming Bird was drenched with cold sweat!

Human Pill!

He never imagined they were actually the World Honored's Human Pills.

In essence, they are merely reserve nourishment for the World Honored!

They were fortunate to enter the Eight Treasure Rebirth Pool, repairing their damaged foundations with pride.

Unbeknownst to them, they were the biggest fools!

"Alas!" Chongming Bird sighed heavily, saying helplessly, "Death is inevitable, whether sooner or later, perhaps this is destiny."

Understanding the truth, Chongming Bird no longer sought to resist.

Evading Kong Xuan, couldn't escape Elder Bai, and even if he managed to evade Elder Bai, the ultimate boss World Honored lay ahead.

It seemed no matter what, his path led to imminent demise.

Chapter 516: Imprisoning the Chongming Bird

Thinking of this, the Chongming Bird decided not to struggle anymore.

He simply laid flat, adopting an attitude of "do whatever you want, kill or cut, I'm at your mercy."

From now on, the Chongming Bird was just a salted fish.

Lin Yuan looked at the defeated Chongming Bird, and seemed to have no solution either.

"Elder Bai, how should we handle him?" Lin Yuan asked Elder Bai.

First of all, the Chongming Bird can't be killed, because if he's killed, he would just be resurrected in the World Honored One's Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool.

In this way, killing him would be like killing him in vain.

Secondly, he can't be released.

Releasing him would be equivalent to catching him for nothing.

Can't kill, can't release.

Then, it seems like the only option left is to imprison him.

"Temporarily imprison him!"

"If you want to kill him, you need to find a way to erase the World Honored's imprint first before taking action!" Elder Bai said casually.

If he is to be imprisoned, the question then is, where to imprison him?

Lin Yuan pondered for a moment, then asked, "Where to imprison him?"

"Imprisoning him in the Silent Sea seems inappropriate, right?"

After all, the Chongming Bird is the Great Auspicious Buddha of the World Honored One Sect. If he doesn't return for a long time, it will definitely draw the attention of others in the sect.

By then, it's unavoidable that someone will be sent to look for him.

If the Chongming Bird is found in the Silent Sea, the whole thing would be exposed, tantamount to self-incrimination.

As Lin Yuan was contemplating where to imprison the Chongming Bird, the World Honored pointed at him and said, "Imprison him in your Small World."

"Your Small World can just isolate the World Honored's imprint."

This...

Imprisoning him in his own Small World, Lin Yuan had no objections.

His only concern was that if the Chongming Bird managed to break free, he might smash Lin Yuan's Small World and escape.

"I don't have any objections."

"But, Elder Bai, please make sure to bind him securely, don't let this son of a gun escape, otherwise it would be a big trouble!" Lin Yuan told Elder Bai.

Elder Bai nodded slightly and responded, "He can't break my array."

Only to see Elder Bai perform a guiding technique, turning the water cage imprisoning the Chongming Bird into a personal water net, tightly binding the Chongming Bird.

The two chains locking the Chongming Bird's shoulder blades also turned into two dragon heads, clamping down tightly on his shoulders.

In short, the Chongming Bird was now even more securely tied up.

Lin Yuan opened the entrance to his Small World, sent the Chongming Bird inside, and then instructed the Yin Mountain Ghost King to keep the Chongming Bird under Yin Mountain, keeping an eye on him at all times, and report to him immediately if there were any disturbances.

After everything was arranged, Lin Yuan closed the entrance to the Small World.

For now, imprisoning the Chongming Bird in Lin Yuan's Small World seemed to be the best method.

Lin Yuan's Small World is a world of its own, hiding the Chongming Bird within, even the World Honored One could not spy on it.

After imprisoning the Chongming Bird, Lin Yuan asked Elder Bai, "Elder Bai, if the people of the World Honored One Sect are all like the Chongming Bird, then can we not kill any of them in the future?"

"No, no!" Elder Bai shook his head slightly and said, "There are not many fools like the Chongming Bird who voluntarily enter the World Honored's Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool!"

"The Tier Two Peak Powerhouses in the World Honored One Sect, like the Peacock Great Ming King, Wu Nengsheng, they, like me, have long known the true effect of the World Honored's Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool."

"And even if some Tier Two Peak Powerhouses don't know the true effect of the Rebirth Pool, they can vaguely guess that it isn't simple, so they wouldn't enter it either."

"Therefore, very few Tier Two Peaks actually enter the Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool, just fools like the Chongming Bird who think they're clever."

In reality, the Chongming Bird, Bai Ze, and Xiang Liu entered the Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool because they had no other choice at that time.

At that time, they were badly injured by the Peacock Great Ming King, and in order to repair their foundations, they were willing to do anything.

With the Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool path laid before them, they didn't think much of it.

After hearing Elder Bai's words, Lin Yuan continued asking, "Then, what about those below Tier Two?"

"Are there many of those below Tier Two entering the Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool?"

Elder Bai shook his head and said, "Not everyone is worthy of becoming the World Honored One's Human Pill."

"The energy possessed by a Tier Three Human Pill is a drop in the ocean for the World Honored. Normally, there shouldn't be any Tier Three able to enter the Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool."

After obtaining this information from Elder Bai, Lin Yuan roughly understood what the story was with the Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool.

Elder Bai summoned Black Dragon Heaven back and instructed, "Black Dragon Heaven, restore everything here to its original state, and temporarily do not leave this place."

"Return everything to its original state, and if anyone from the World Honored One Sect comes asking, just say you haven't seen the Great Auspicious Buddha."

"Understood!" Black Dragon Heaven replied.

Lin Yuan tentatively asked, "Will this work?"

Elder Bai nodded, answering, "There shouldn't be much of a problem, we should be able to bluff our way through."

"The Great Auspicious Buddha is, at the very least, a Tier Two Peak Powerhouse. The power displayed by Black Dragon Heaven couldn't possibly silently capture the Great Auspicious Buddha."

"Just insist that you've never seen him, and now with the mysterious disappearance of the Great Auspicious Buddha, those Tier Two Peak experts in the World Honored One Sect should be feeling uneasy."

"By then, even if they want to take action against Black Dragon Heaven, those Tier Two Powerhouses might not dare to act recklessly."

"As for those below Tier Two...."

Before Elder Bai could finish speaking, Black Dragon Heaven interjected, "Anyone below Tier Two who comes, I'll kill one, if two come, I'll kill a pair."

It's important to know that in the entire Silent Sea, aside from Black Dragon Heaven who is Tier Three Peak, there are also the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings, a total of twenty-eight Tier Three Peaks.

Simply put, as long as Tier Two doesn't make a move, the power of Black Dragon Heaven can roam freely in the Silent Sea.

As long as the Tier Two from the World Honored One Sect don't take action, no matter how many come from below Tier Two, they won't be enough for Black Dragon Heaven to deal with.

It's worth noting that they also possess the attribute of Gourmands, and Black Dragon Heaven along with his Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings only gets stronger the more they fight.

Elder Bai nodded and said, "We'll continue to conceal our presence and hide on the other side of the Silent Sea."

"This Silent Sea is at your disposal; as long as the Tier Two Powerhouses of the World Honored One Sect don't make a move, we won't act either."

"If any of the Tier Two Powerhouses from the World Honored One Sect do make a move, we will surely assist."

With Elder Bai's remarks, Black Dragon Heaven felt even more confident.

"Rest assured, Elder Bai, I will certainly seal the Silent Sea!" Black Dragon Heaven declared resolutely.

After Elder Bai instructed Black Dragon Heaven on some precautions, he departed with Lin Yuan and the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder.

Just as Elder Bai left, Black Dragon Heaven began arranging to restore the chaotic Undersea Dragon Palace to its original state.

After a round of restoration, no one could tell that there had been a battle here.

Chapter 517: Checking the Life Lamp

The sanctuary at Dingxu Mountain.

Dingxu Mountain, located on the territory of the World Honored One, is considered a blessed and auspicious land.

Bai Ze, Xiang Liu, and Chongming Bird came to seek refuge and were respectively appointed as the Great Wisdom Buddha, the Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha, and the Great Auspicious Buddha.

Since they had been granted such titles, a sanctuary naturally followed.

The three are already good friends and, having offended the Peacock Great Ming King, they feel safer banding together.

Thus, Dingxu Mountain became the sanctuary for Bai Ze, Xiang Liu, and Chongming Bird.

After the meeting dispersed that day, Chongming Bird went to rally Black Dragon Heaven, while Bai Ze and Xiang Liu returned to the sanctuary to cultivate.

In the blink of an eye, three days had passed without Chongming Bird's return.

This made Bai Ze and Xiang Liu a bit worried.

Something was not right about this matter.

Black Dragon Heaven's power was merely at Tier Three Peak, and no matter what, Chongming Bird's mission shouldn't have taken three days.

Black Dragon Heaven surely could not have detained Chongming Bird.

Could it be that Black Dragon Heaven arranged an enticing 'dragon service' for Chongming Bird, making him reluctant to leave?

But even if such a service was arranged, after three continuous days, one would expect Chongming Bird to be exhausted and return!

"Fellow Daoist Bai Ze, why has Chongming Bird not yet returned!"

"Could something have gone wrong?" Xiang Liu asked, puzzled.

Bai Ze also appeared puzzled after hearing Xiang Liu's words.

After a brief contemplation, Bai Ze said seriously, "Allow me to divine!"

As a divine beast with knowledge of the heavens and the earth, Bai Ze was highly skilled in the art of divination.

Put simply, among the world's experts, in terms of divination arts, Bai Ze ranks third.

Both Elder Bai and the World Honored One could be considered tied for first in divination skills.

Hence, Bai Ze reasonably took the third place.

After Bai Ze performed the art of divination, he was soon drenched in sweat.

Unable to calculate!

Totally unable to calculate!

In Bai Ze's divination figures, Chongming Bird was neither alive nor dead, his location unknown, as if vanished into thin air.

Seeing Bai Ze drenched in sweat, Xiang Liu felt something was wrong and tentatively asked, "Is he dead?"

Bai Ze remained silent and shook his head.

So Xiang Liu tentatively asked again, "Is he still alive?"

Bai Ze still remained silent and continued to shake his head.

Then, Xiang Liu asked, "Where is Chongming Bird?"

Bai Ze replied with a solemn expression, "I don't know, can't calculate, it's as if he disappeared from this world."

Currently, Chongming Bird was trapped in Lin Yuan's small world.

And in this world, Lin Yuan was a blank space.

Let alone Bai Ze, even the World Honored One could not calculate Lin Yuan's matters.

"This..."

"Neither dead nor known whereabouts—what on earth is going on?" Xiang Liu said seriously.

Xiang Liu was anxious, and Bai Ze was equally worried.

Bai Ze, Xiang Liu, and Chongming Bird were a trio, and with Chongming Bird encountering an unexplained situation,

there's no guarantee that one of them, either Bai Ze or Xiang Liu, would not be next.

They were like insects tied together on the same string—if one got into trouble, the others wouldn't fare well either.

After some thought, Bai Ze said seriously, "The current priority is to determine whether Chongming Bird is dead or alive."

"As long as Chongming Bird is alive, there's still room to maneuver."

"If Chongming Bird is dead, the situation becomes tricky."

Given the high probability of Chongming Bird being in trouble, Xiang Liu was truly anxious.

He urgently asked, "If you're unable to determine from divination whether Chongming Bird is dead or alive, how can we ascertain it?"

A glint flashed in Bai Ze's eyes as he answered, "The Life Lamp!"

"When we joined the World Honored One Sect, we all ignited our own Life Lamps."

"We should go to Lady Ming King to check whether Chongming Bird's Life Lamp is extinguished or still alight, which would confirm his status."

Everyone in the World Honored One Sect lights a Life Lamp upon joining.

Even Peacock Great Ming King is no exception.

Of course, this Life Lamp serves no other purpose except to confirm one's death.

Not just the World Honored One Sect, but essentially all sects in the Mysterious World illuminate Life Lamps for their followers.

After hearing Bai Ze's suggestion, Xiang Liu recalled the matter of the Life Lamp.

The Life Lamp was something absolutely reliable.

"Let's go quickly and find Lady Ming King!" Xiang Liu pulled Bai Ze along, appearing very anxious.

Bai Ze intended to find Lady Ming King, and Lady Ming King was also prepared to seek out Bai Ze.

Bai Ze and Xiang Liu hurriedly arrived before Lady Ming King, and before they could speak, Lady Ming King asked first, "Has the Great Auspicious Buddha returned?"

"Three days have passed since the Great Auspicious Buddha went to rally Black Dragon Heaven, yet there has been no report back."

Originally, Lady Ming King thought that after Chongming Bird went to rally Black Dragon Heaven, he returned to the sanctuary first.

Therefore, she proactively inquired about Chongming Bird's situation from Bai Ze.

With a solemn expression, Bai Ze immediately responded, "Lady Ming King, it is precisely regarding this matter that we have come."

"The Great Auspicious Buddha has been absent for three days since his departure. I cast a divination for the Great Auspicious Buddha, and the figures reveal he is neither alive nor dead, nor known whereabouts."

Hearing this, Lady Ming King's heart sank.

The Great Auspicious Buddha neither alive nor dead, of unknown whereabouts.

This was certainly abnormal!

After all, the Great Auspicious Buddha had a clear mission objective!

Thus, Lady Ming King hastily asked with a grave expression, "Great Wisdom Buddha, what is the purpose of your visit this time?"

Lady Ming King had not initially thought Bai Ze came to check the Life Lamp.

After all, Lady Ming King, being a woman, might panic a bit when faced with certain matters, which is understandable.

Bai Ze quickly stated his purpose, "Lady Ming King, our visit is to check the Life Lamp of the Great Auspicious Buddha."

"If the Life Lamp is extinguished, it means the Great Auspicious Buddha has met a tragic end; if the Life Lamp is still alight, then the Great Auspicious Buddha is in danger."

After hearing Bai Ze's purpose, Lady Ming King nodded repeatedly and agreed, "That makes sense. You two, come with me to see the Life Lamp!"

After speaking, Lady Ming King stood up and led Bai Ze and Xiang Liu towards the back mountain.

On the back mountain at the World Honored One Sect headquarters, there is a pavilion named the Life Lamp Pavilion.

The Life Lamps of everyone in the sect are housed therein.

The pavilion is also regularly patrolled and inspected by novice monks.

If a Life Lamp goes out, the novice monk would immediately inform Lady Ming King.

Currently, no novice monk has notified Lady Ming King, so she believes the Great Auspicious Buddha's Life Lamp is still alight.

However, to be sure, she decided to personally escort Bai Ze and Xiang Liu to the Life Lamp Pavilion to check, for assurance.

Chapter 518: The Peacock Great Ming King Takes the Blame

Lady Ming King walked ahead, followed closely by Bai Ze and Xiang Liu, their steps quick and full of urgency.

Soon, Lady Ming King led Bai Ze and Xiang Liu to the pavilion where the Life Lamps were stored.

At the entrance of the pavilion, two Little Monks were chatting.

Upon seeing Lady Ming King arrive with the Great Wisdom Buddha and Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha, they quickly fell silent, standing at the door in a formal and solemn manner.

Upon seeing the Little Monks, Lady Ming King immediately inquired, "Did you patrol the Lamp Pavilion on schedule?"

Hearing this, the two Little Monks quickly replied, "Reporting to Lady Ming King, we dare not neglect, we patrol daily as usual."

Then, one Little Monk continued to inquire, "In the Lamp Pavilion, has any Life Lamp extinguished?"

The two Little Monks exchanged a glance, then shook their heads, "No Life Lamp has extinguished, according to the rules, if any Life Lamp extinguishes, we must report it immediately."

"We dare not conceal anything, in the Lamp Pavilion, no Life Lamp has extinguished."

After receiving a definite answer from the two Little Monks, Lady Ming King glanced at Bai Ze and Xiang Liu behind her.

Bai Ze hesitated briefly, then said to Lady Ming King, "Let's go have a look!"

Bai Ze still wanted to see for himself, otherwise he wouldn't be able to relax.

This Lamp Pavilion isn't involved in any secrets, if Bai Ze wants to see it, let him see it.

Thus, Lady Ming King instructed the Little Monks guarding the Lamp Pavilion, "Open the pavilion doors."

The Little Monk quickly opened the doors of the Lamp Pavilion and said, "Lady Ming King, Great Wisdom Buddha, Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha, please come in."

After inviting Lady Ming King and the two Buddhas inside, the Little Monk thought to himself, "Hmph!

"If you don't believe what we say, you can see for yourself, it's the same."

Lady Ming King led Bai Ze and Xiang Liu to the place where the Life Lamps were stored.

The position where these Life Lamps were stored was indeed very carefully chosen.

In the Sect, the higher the status, the better the position of the Life Lamp, naturally.

Within the World Honored One Sect, Tier Two Peak Experts are limited, so Bai Ze and Xiang Liu easily found the Chongming Bird's Life Lamp.

At this moment, the Chongming Bird's Life Lamp was burning brightly, showing no sign of extinguishing.

Upon seeing the Chongming Bird's Life Lamp still lit, Bai Ze sighed in relief.

The lamp still lit meant that the Chongming Bird was still alive.

Being alive is certainly better than being dead.

As long as there is life, there is hope for recovery.

If the lamp had extinguished, whatever actions taken would be too late.

"The Great Auspicious Buddha's Life Lamp is still lit!" Lady Ming King said with a heavy tone.

Bai Ze nodded, replying, "It seems this way, the Great Auspicious Buddha must have encountered some danger and is trapped."

Upon hearing this, Lady Ming King asked in confusion, "The Great Auspicious Buddha went to pacify Black Dragon Heaven, how could Black Dragon Heaven, only a Tier Three Peak, trap the Great Auspicious Buddha?"

The danger Chongming Bird faced, Bai Ze did not know.

This was also something Bai Ze couldn't understand.

Bai Ze furrowed his brow and said deeply, "This I do not know!"

"Perhaps something dangerous was encountered on the way there."

"Or perhaps there is something strange about Black Dragon Heaven."

After saying this, Bai Ze said to Lady Ming King, "Lady Ming King, the disappearance of the Great Auspicious Buddha is no small matter. There's a high possibility of a conspiracy involved in this."

"I request Lady Ming King to summon the Medicine King Buddha, Infinite Buddha, Dingguang Buddha, and others to discuss this matter."

The disappearance of the Chongming Bird instilled a sense of crisis in Bai Ze.

Or rather, Bai Ze sensed a hint of conspiracy in the disappearance of the Chongming Bird.

Bai Ze felt that the Chongming Bird's disappearance most likely involved a hidden hand targeting them.

If this continued unchecked, they might not survive.

Having pledged allegiance to the World Honored, Bai Ze certainly would not undertake this alone.

He needed the strength of the World Honored One Sect to ensure his and Xiang Liu's safety.

"Is the Peacock Great Ming King responsible?"

"Or the old tortoise named Bai?" Bai Ze contemplated.

After consideration, Bai Ze still felt the likelihood was higher for the Peacock Great Ming King to act.

This was the World Honored's territory, even if the Chongming Bird encountered trouble near the Silent Sea, it was still close to the World Honored's domain.

The old tortoise named Bai likely wouldn't dare act recklessly in World Honored's territory, moreover, they had no deep-seated enmity with Elder Bai, no reason for Elder Bai to take such risks.

Instead, it seemed to be the Peacock Great Ming King; the Peacock Great Ming King has been in the Sect for many years, with many experts having close ties with him.

Being able to make the Chongming Bird disappear without a trace in the territory of the World Honored seems only possible by the Peacock Great Ming King.

Furthermore, they had enmity with the Peacock Great Ming King, giving him every reason to act.

Thinking of the Peacock Great Ming King made Bai Ze shiver with fear.

It's known that the destruction of the Ten Thousand Mountains was entirely due to the Peacock Great Ming King.

In the battle at Ten Thousand Mountains, the Peacock Great Ming King indeed frightened Bai Ze and his allies terribly.

At the mention of the Peacock Great Ming King, Bai Ze and his allies were deeply afraid.

Thus realizing the possibility of the Peacock Great Ming King acting, Bai Ze insisted on involving the Medicine King Buddha and others for enough courage to investigate the matter.

The joining of Bai Ze, Xiang Liu, and Chongming Bird into the Sect as Buddhas was entirely facilitated by Lady Ming King.

The three of them counted as Lady Ming King's achievements.

Therefore, with the Chongming Bird's incident, Lady Ming King couldn't just ignore it.

"Alright!"

"I will immediately summon the Medicine King Buddha and the other Buddhas to discuss this matter!" Lady Ming King readily agreed.

Lady Ming King first dispatched someone to invite the Medicine King Buddha, Dingguang Buddha, Infinite Buddha, then took Bai Ze and Xiang Liu to the grand hall to await.

Soon after, Medicine King Buddha, Dingguang Buddha, and Infinite Buddha arrived one after another.

"Lady Ming King summoned us here, did the Great Auspicious Buddha succeed in pacifying?" Dingguang Buddha asked upon entering the grand hall.

Before Lady Ming King could speak, Infinite Buddha followed up with, "Why don't we see the Great Auspicious Buddha?"

After Infinite Buddha finished speaking, Lady Ming King intervened, "Everyone, the Great Auspicious Buddha, I'm afraid something has happened."

Then Lady Ming King recounted the entire story truthfully.

After listening to the story, Medicine King Buddha and the others had grim expressions.

The identity of the Great Auspicious Buddha was recognized by the World Honored, now, someone has acted against a Buddha under the World Honored's command, this is a slap to the World Honored's face, a slap to the Sect's face!

Medicine King Buddha pondered for a moment, then asked Bai Ze and Xiang Liu, "You two have been with the Great Auspicious Buddha day in and day out. What are your thoughts on this matter?"

Chapter 519: Buddha Conference

Upon hearing the words of the Medicine King Buddha, Bai Ze fell into deep thought.

After pondering for a moment, Bai Ze slowly spoke, "Is it possible that it was done by the Peacock Great Ming King?"

"The Great Auspicious Buddha went to persuade the Black Dragon Heaven to surrender. With the appearance of the Great Auspicious Buddha, there are only two possible places: our own territory or the Silent Sea."

"We all know the situation in the Silent Sea, it's a strategic buffer zone, and before Black Dragon Heaven occupied the Silent Sea, there weren't any powerful figures there."

"As for the strength of Black Dragon Heaven, we are all clear, I don't believe Black Dragon Heaven has the ability to trap the Great Auspicious Buddha."

"If it's not Black Dragon Heaven, then it can only be the Peacock Great Ming King."

"Let's not forget, the Peacock Great Ming King's dojo hasn't been moved, it's still within our territory."

"Furthermore, the Peacock Great Ming King holds a grudge against us. He has both the reason and the motive to act against the Great Auspicious Buddha."

After saying this, Bai Ze didn't forget to add, "Of course, these are just my speculations, without any substantial evidence."

No evidence, it's indeed not good to speak recklessly.

However, in the absence of evidence, we have to first identify a suspect to then search for evidence, right?

After Bai Ze finished his speculations, he glanced around at the Medicine King Buddha, the Infinite Buddha, the Dingguang Buddha, and others.

Bai Ze's intention was also clear; after I've spoken, it's your turn.

As the saying goes, a brick is thrown to attract jade.

Bai Ze has thrown this brick; whether they can attract jade depends on the others.

Seeing that no one spoke after Bai Ze finished, Lady Ming King couldn't bear it anymore.

Lady Ming King thought to herself, I called you all here not for you to play the silent-is-golden game.

"Everyone, we are all among our own people here, and people I can trust."

"Now, there's no need to hold back, everyone speak your mind freely," Lady Ming King said with a gloomy expression.

After Lady Ming King finished speaking, the Medicine King Buddha also chimed in, "The Peacock Great Ming King has already betrayed the sect, and is no longer one of us."

"There's no need for anyone to hold back, just say what's on your mind."

Having said this much, it would be somewhat unreasonable to continue remaining silent.

Moreover, the small group gathered here has no ties with the Peacock Great Ming King, and are even at odds with him.

As expected, once the Medicine King Buddha finished speaking, the Infinite Buddha said, "The speculation of the Great Wisdom Buddha does make a lot of sense."

"Looking at it, there really aren't many who can make the Great Auspicious Buddha vanish without a trace."

"At the very least, we present here don't have that ability. Hence, the person who acted must be stronger than any of us here."

"The Peacock Great Ming King has this strength, and his dojo is the closest to us, making him indeed the most likely suspect."

The Infinite Buddha's words were indeed correct.

The Chongming Bird is a Tier Two Peak Powerhouse, and they too are Tier Two Peak Powerhouses. Even if the Medicine King Buddha, Infinite Buddha, and Dingguang Buddha are stronger than the Chongming Bird, the difference is limited.

If the three of them were to act against the Chongming Bird, it would certainly be a fierce battle.

At the very least, they absolutely cannot make the Chongming Bird disappear without any commotion.

To achieve this requires overwhelming strength.

After some discussion, the group really did start to suspect the Peacock Great Ming King.

This blame, the Peacock Great Ming King has to bear, whether he did it or not.

Lady Ming King already disliked the Peacock Great Ming King, and now, after hearing everyone's speculation, she believed it even more.

At this moment, Lady Ming King was already convinced in her heart that the Peacock Great Ming King was behind it.

Thinking of this, Lady Ming King immediately shouted angrily, "This Peacock Great Ming King is truly too excessive."

"Everyone, follow me to the Peacock Great Ming King's dojo to demand our people."

When Lady Ming King said this, the Buddhas present fell into silence again.

The Infinite Buddha and the Dingguang Buddha exchanged a glance, thinking to themselves, you really can't tell the difference between Xiaowang and Peak, going to demand people from the Peacock Great Ming King, what are you thinking?

What kind of temperament does the Peacock Great Ming King have, and what is his combat strength?

If you go to him to demand people, if he did it, you're delivering yourself right to his door, and he'd happily keep you there.

If he didn't do it, then you're wronging him, and he certainly won't let you off the hook.

With the five Buddhas present, there might be a chance to overpower the Peacock Great Ming King.

But if the Peacock Great Ming King decides to go all out, it wouldn't be impossible for him to take two or three of them down with him.

The Infinite Buddha awkwardly laughed, "This matter requires careful consideration."

The Infinite Buddha chickened out; this was evident to everyone present.

After all, he had little ties to the Great Auspicious Buddha and wasn't willing to risk his life, which seemed reasonable.

Talking about the Peacock Great Ming King, the Medicine King Buddha was also a bit wary.

The Peacock Great Ming King being forced to betray the sect was his doing.

If he went to the Peacock Great Ming King to hold him accountable, the Peacock Great Ming King might risk his life to take him down.

After some thought, the Medicine King Buddha came up with an idea, "Whether or not this was done by the Peacock Great Ming King, we are still just speculating, without evidence."

"Rashly going to hold the Peacock Great Ming King accountable will not only fail to rescue the Great Auspicious Buddha, but will also exacerbate conflicts."

The Medicine King Buddha could be said to master the art of speech. He, too, feared the Peacock Great Ming King, but he expressed it very tactfully.

"Medicine King Buddha, what do you suggest?" Lady Ming King asked.

Since the Medicine King Buddha brought up the question, he naturally had a solution.

Only to hear the Medicine King Buddha slowly speak, "Guanyin Bodhisattva has a good personal relationship with the Peacock Great Ming King. I suggest sending Guanyin Bodhisattva to meet the Peacock Great Ming King first, to probe the situation."

"If it turns out the Peacock Great Ming King did it, Guanyin Bodhisattva can persuade him to release the person. If the Peacock Great Ming King is determined to oppose us, we can then reconsider our strategy."

The Peacock Great Ming King betrayed the sect, but Guanyin Bodhisattva has not.

Guanyin Bodhisattva must still follow their orders.

"Alright, let's go with the Medicine King Buddha's suggestion!" Lady Ming King, after some thought, agreed.

At this time, Bai Ze seemed to have thought of something, and he proactively said, "I think, when we send Guanyin to meet the Peacock Great Ming King, we should also send someone to the Silent Sea to meet Black Dragon Heaven."

"First, to see if Black Dragon Heaven has any issues. Second, by asking Black Dragon Heaven if they've seen the Great Auspicious Buddha, we can determine whether the incident happened before or after the Great Auspicious Buddha met Black Dragon Heaven."

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As Bai Ze spoke, Lady Ming King, Medicine King Buddha, and others fell into deep thought.

Indeed, Bai Ze's suggestion was quite good.

Sending someone to Silent Sea to inquire at Black Dragon Heaven could indeed provide more accurate information about the birth time of the Great Auspicious Buddha.

But the question now is, who should be sent to inquire?

The last time Great Auspicious Buddha went to recruit Black Dragon Heaven, he disappeared without a trace.

Although everyone believes that this matters little concerning Black Dragon Heaven, who dares take this risk?

What if, after going there, they disappear like Great Auspicious Buddha; what then?

Thinking about these, after Bai Ze proposed the suggestion, everyone fell into silence.

Medicine King Buddha, Infinite Buddha, Dingguang Buddha were reluctant to go; Bai Ze and Xiang Liu, naturally didn't want to go either.

In this crucial moment, it was still up to Medicine King Buddha.

"We as sect Buddhas going to inquire at Black Dragon Heaven, it's quite beneath us."

"I suggest sending two Bodhisattvas to inquire at Black Dragon Heaven would suffice!" Turning the conversation here, Medicine King Buddha continued, "I think sending Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva is enough."

As Medicine King Buddha finished, Infinite Buddha and Dingguang Buddha couldn't help but smile knowingly.

Infinite Buddha and Dingguang Buddha thought, in the sect, the most scheming has to be you, Medicine King Buddha!

In the sect, it's well known that Peacock Great Ming King has three friends, Guanyin Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Demon King Buddha first proposed sending Guanyin Bodhisattva to test Peacock Great Ming King, then sending Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva to inquire at Black Dragon Heaven.

This is wanting Guanyin Bodhisattva and Peacock Great Ming King to fall out; if Black Dragon Heaven has any issue, then Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva must also face joint annihilation.

Medicine King Buddha wasn't just forcing Peacock Great Ming King to leave the sect but was also taking the opportunity to intimidate those who were friends with Peacock Great Ming King.

No, this isn't merely intimidation.

This is clearly wanting to cut off Peacock Great Ming King's allies!

It must be said, Medicine King Buddha's idea was indeed crafty.

However, Infinite Buddha and Dingguang Buddha didn't object because they had little relationship with Peacock Great Ming King.

"Medicine King Buddha's words make sense, we have no objections," Infinite Buddha and Dingguang Buddha were the first to express their views.

"We also support!" Bai Ze and Xiang Liu quickly voiced their support.

For Bai Ze and Xiang Liu, as long as they weren't sent, it didn't matter who went.

Since everyone present showed their support, this matter was decided.

Medicine King Buddha said to Lady Ming King, "This matter requires Lady Ming King to issue the decree in World Honored's name to Guanyin Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, and Manjushri Bodhisattva."

For Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva, being Tier Two was significant.

In terms of power, they were still inferior compared to Medicine King Buddha.

However, Guanyin Bodhisattva was different, although labeled as Bodhisattva, she possessed the strength of a Buddha.

Being on the same level as Medicine King Buddha, he wasn't confident he could command Guanyin Bodhisattva.

Thus, the best approach was to have Lady Ming King issue it under World Honored's name.

Once issued, it became an unavoidable decree for Guanyin Bodhisattva and others.

Unless they dared to betray the sect like Peacock Great Ming King.

Lady Ming King was inherently indecisive yet bold.

Medicine King Buddha's instructions were followed without hesitation.

"Okay!"

"I will issue the decree in my father's name immediately," Lady Ming King agreed.

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After Lady Ming King issued the decree in World Honored's name,

Guanyin Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, and Manjushri Bodhisattva soon received it.

Having received it, they gathered at Guanyin Bodhisattva's domain to discuss counterstrategies.

At Guanyin Bodhisattva's domain.

Guanyin Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva sat opposite each other, each holding their decree.

"Fellow comrades, I received a decree from World Honored."

"I received it too!"

"Me as well!" The three Bodhisattvas exchanged glances and announced in unison.

Then, Manjushri Bodhisattva spoke, "The decree I received was to inquire at Black Dragon Heaven about the Great Auspicious Buddha's presence and time of appearance."

As soon as Manjushri Bodhisattva finished, Manjushri Bodhisattva followed, "So was mine."

Only Guanyin Bodhisattva shook her head, saying to the two, "My decree is different than yours."

"Mine is to meet Peacock Great Ming King and probe if he's captured Great Auspicious Buddha."

The Bodhisattvas were undoubtedly intelligent individuals.

From the decree contents, they speculated on the situation.

They exchanged looks, with Guanyin Bodhisattva saying, "It seems Great Auspicious Buddha was intercepted by Peacock Great Ming King on his way to Black Dragon Heaven?"

After Guanyin Bodhisattva spoke, Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva nodded, saying, "This..."

"This surely seems like something Peacock Great Ming King would do."

See?

Not only did Medicine King Buddha suspect Peacock Great Ming King, but even his three friends suspected it.

Thus, it was evident Peacock Great Ming King wasn't unjustly accused.

It's mainly because this act aligns so well with Peacock Great Ming King's style.

In the sect, everyone knew Peacock Great Ming King was known for avenging promptly.

Upon gaining a rough understanding, Manjushri Bodhisattva asked, "Are we going to do this?"

Manjushri Bodhisattva replied immediately, "With the decree issued, we have no choice but to go!"

Hearing this, Manjushri Bodhisattva retorted angrily, "Silly decree, clearly Lady Ming King's nonsense, issuing decrees indiscriminately."

"In the past, this nonsense led to Peacock Great Ming King's departure from the sect."

From their dialogue, it's evident Manjushri Bodhisattva had a more volatile temperament.

At this moment, the strongest, Guanyin Bodhisattva, spoke, "In the sect, there are many formidable people, stronger than us, weaker ones even more plentiful."

"Yet the decree specifically targets us three; do you know what this implies?"

What does it imply?

"Is Lady Ming King, Medicine King Buddha targeting us?" Manjushri Bodhisattva, being sharper, responded first.