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Chapter 521: Black Dragon Heaven: Keep Them Here for the Brothers' Feast

Seeing that Manjushri Bodhisattva finally got to the point, Guanyin Bodhisattva nodded, speaking helplessly, "That's right, they are targeting us."

"We have a good personal relationship with the Peacock Great Ming King. If we don't go this time, I fear he will accuse us of colluding with the Peacock Great Ming King and acting against our fellow sect members, and then take us down."

"If we don't go, we are bound to be made an example of."

This strategy from the Medicine King Buddha is an open conspiracy.

He had Lady Ming King issue an edict in the name of the World Honored.

Guanyin Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, and Manjushri Bodhisattva received the edict. If they act according to it, they will turn hostile with the Peacock Great Ming King, and there might even be danger.

If they don't go, it would show they still had connections with the Peacock Great Ming King. At that time, the Medicine King Buddha could rightly get rid of them.

"Alas!" Manjushri Bodhisattva sighed heavily, saying in a heavy tone, "It seems we can't avoid going."

After listening to the analysis of Guanyin Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva, the hot-tempered Manjushri Bodhisattva roared, "What a Medicine King Buddha, and that Lady Ming King, how they bully people excessively!"

"I say, we might as well betray the sect."

"This rubbish sect isn't worth staying in. It's better to join the Great Ming King and be at ease."

Hearing this, Guanyin Bodhisattva's mouth twitched a few times, and then he quickly rushed up and covered Manjushri Bodhisattva's mouth.

"You can't talk recklessly; you mustn't talk recklessly!" Guanyin Bodhisattva said hurriedly, covering Manjushri Bodhisattva's mouth.

After hearing Manjushri Bodhisattva speak of betraying the sect, Manjushri Bodhisattva also showed a black line on his face.

Manjushri Bodhisattva thought, you're such a reckless fellow! You dare to say anything.

The Peacock Great Ming King could betray the sect and still retreat unscathed because he has strength second only to the World Honored.

We three, how can we compare to the Peacock Great Ming King!

Those radicals in the sect can't deal with the Peacock Great Ming King, but they can deal with us.

If we dare to betray the sect, we might be killed and made an example of if we betray today.

"You can say such things in front of us two, but no more!"

"If outsiders hear it, just your words alone are enough to cost you your life!" Manjushri Bodhisattva said angrily.

Manjushri Bodhisattva is indeed a reckless fellow, but he's no fool.

At this moment, he also realized what he just said was thoughtless.

It's a typical case of speaking without thinking.

Manjushri Bodhisattva's mouth twitched a few times, awkwardly saying, "I just said it, speaking without reserve."

"Now that the edict is in our hands, what exactly should we do?"

With the edict passed down, they seemed to have no other choice. At this moment, both Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva turned their eyes towards Guanyin Bodhisattva.

The meaning was clear, to let Guanyin Bodhisattva make a decision.

After pondering for a long time, Guanyin Bodhisattva finally spoke slowly, "We must go take care of this; there's no avoiding it."

"However, going doesn't mean it must be accomplished."

"Going shows our attitude; as for whether it can be accomplished, we can't be blamed."

"I can handle things with the Peacock Great Ming King."

"But you must be cautious over there, under no circumstances provoke that Black Dragon Heaven, and also don't show any malice."

"When you see Black Dragon Heaven, just conduct the usual inquiry with those questions. Regardless of Black Dragon Heaven's answers, true or false, leave immediately after asking."

Guanyin Bodhisattva, being a clever person, knew that since the edict was issued, there was no shirking this matter.

Since it couldn't be shirked, they could at least avoid putting in full effort.

After Guanyin Bodhisattva offered his plan, both Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva nodded repeatedly, agreeing, "If that's the case, then let's do it."

With a strategy in place, Guanyin Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, and Manjushri Bodhisattva each began to take action.

Guanyin Bodhisattva went to the Peacock Great Ming King's dojo, while Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva headed to the Silent Sea.

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At the bottom of the Silent Sea.

Black Dragon Heaven was sitting there, looking leisurely.

Liuyu Heaven paced back and forth in front of him.

"Liuyu Heaven, can you stop freaking wandering around like a headless fly?" Black Dragon Heaven said, looking at Liuyu Heaven in front of him with disdain.

Liuyu Heaven, this coward, has a terrible psychological quality. Ever since getting close to the Great Auspicious Buddha, he's been in a state of fear.

"No!"

"Are you guys out of your minds? You do bad deeds but don't run, waiting for someone to come to you!"

"Let's run; if we run now, there's still time!" At this moment, Liuyu Heaven only wanted to flee.

In Liuyu Heaven's view, Black Dragon Heaven was truly bold, tricking the Great Auspicious Buddha and still not leaving.

What is he waiting for, waiting to die?

"With your psychological quality, how can you achieve great things!" Black Dragon Heaven lectured Liuyu Heaven solemnly.

Liuyu Heaven, with a mournful face, said irritably, "I don't want to achieve great things; I just want to live. If I'm dead, what great things could I achieve?"

Black Dragon Heaven patted Liuyu Heaven's shoulder, saying, "Don't be afraid, we've taken care of the Great Auspicious Buddha. Whoever the World Honored One Sect sends, we can handle."

"Watch me lead you in a frenzy of killing. I'll be responsible for the killing; you just need to be responsible for laughing brilliantly."

As Black Dragon Heaven was comforting Liuyu Heaven, Lou Jingou, who was in charge of guarding the Silent Sea, came in to report, "Lord Black Dragon Heaven, two more monks are here outside."

"The two monks that came this time, although they are also Tier Two, are not at the Tier Two Peak."

"I think if the brothers set up the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings Array, we can keep the two of them here."

Another two monks came. Without a doubt, they must be from the World Honored One Sect.

These two monks were most likely here to probe the whereabouts of the Great Auspicious Buddha.

After listening to Lou Jingou, Black Dragon Heaven rubbed his chin.

Even though the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings are only at the Tier Three Peak, their array can amplify their strength exponentially.

The Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings set up the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings Array, and with him, dealing with two Tier Twos shouldn't be a problem.

Bear in mind, Black Dragon Heaven and his Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings beneath him are essentially Gourmands.

If they can capture these two Tier Two experts and share them, everybody's strength would greatly enhance.

"Do you mean to leave these two behind for the brothers to feast on?" Black Dragon Heaven asked in a deep voice.

Lou Jingou bluntly replied, "Since we arrived in this world, the brothers have never tasted experts, and their strength hasn't improved."

"These two are just right."

Chapter 522: Avalokitesvara Discovers the Truth

Black Dragon Heaven and his Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings are all at the Tier Three Peak level.

Feeding on those of the same level, or weaker, generally offers little benefit in terms of strength enhancement.

If they want to quickly boost their power, they must devour those stronger than themselves.

Tier Two Peak powerhouses are the strongest combat force in this world, certainly beyond their ability to handle.

Today, the two Tier Two arrivals happened to be ones they could deal with.

After some consideration, Black Dragon Heaven thought he might as well take advantage of the opportunity.

This is an excellent chance to enhance strength.

With this in mind, Black Dragon Heaven instructed Lou Jingou: "First, bring those two inside, then lead the brothers into ambush positions!"

"When I smash the cup as a signal, we'll use the Twenty-Eight Celestial Formation to slay them."

Seeing his idea approved by Black Dragon Heaven, Lou Jingou exclaimed excitedly, "Alright, I'll go prepare immediately."

Just as Lou Jingou was about to leave, Black Dragon Heaven suddenly called out to him, asking: "By the way, what are the names of the two monks outside?"

"Did they report their names?"

Lou Jingou recalled for a moment, then answered: "They did!"

"One's named Manjushri Bodhisattva, the other's named Manjushri Bodhisattva."

After Lou Jingou's words, Liuyu Heaven was bewildered.

"Fight?"

"Fight again?"

"These are a bunch of damned war maniacs!" Liuyu Heaven thought to himself at that moment.

War maniacs?

Well, you can't deny it; Liuyu Heaven's description was quite fitting.

Because, the dean's purpose in creating the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings and Black Dragon Heaven was indeed to wage war.

To carry this war against the enigmatic forces into the Mysterious World, into the World Honored's territory.

War is the reason for the existence of the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings and Black Dragon Heaven.

Seeing Liuyu Heaven lost in thought, Black Dragon Heaven nudged him, asking: "Do you know Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva?"

Liuyu Heaven nodded his head, replying: "Of course I do."

"Both are veteran Bodhisattvas, at least at Tier Two Mid-stage, possibly Tier Two Late-stage."

"Do you have any chance of victory? Don't end up catching no fox and get yourself into trouble."

Confirming the levels of Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva from Liuyu Heaven's mouth, Black Dragon Heaven confidently stated: "This is my territory. On my turf, unless they're at Tier Two Peak, I can take on anyone who comes."

Seeing Black Dragon Heaven's full confidence, Liuyu Heaven realized he couldn't stop him.

"Right!"

"I'd better find a place to hide now!"

"Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva have seen me. If they recognize me, it might risk exposing your identity." Liuyu Heaven said.

Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva, unlike Great Auspicious Buddha.

Great Auspicious Buddha's newly joined World Honored One Sect, unfamiliar with Liuyu Heaven.

Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva belong to the old guard of Bodhisattvas and are acquainted with Liuyu Heaven.

Moreover, it's well known within the sect that Liuyu Heaven has defected to Lin Yuan, becoming a traitor.

If they find Liuyu Heaven now, by Black Dragon Heaven's side, the link to Lin Yuan and Black Dragon Heaven might be made.

Black Dragon Heaven waved his hand, signaling to Liuyu Heaven: "Alright, go hide."

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Just as Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva arrived at Silent Sea, Guanyin Bodhisattva had already reached Peacock Great Ming King's sanctuary.

Being a friend of Peacock Great Ming King, Guanyin Bodhisattva wasn't stopped by the guard Kaiming Beast, but was warmly welcomed.

"May I ask, Bodhisattva, what brings you here?" Kaiming Beast asked Guanyin Bodhisattva.

Guanyin Bodhisattva did not hide anything, directly stating: "I have some business with your master."

"Looking for my master?"

"Bodhisattva, you might not be aware; my master isn't on the mountain." Kaiming Beast answered truthfully.

Guanyin Bodhisattva, a newly ascended Tier Two Peak expert, especially known for understanding people's hearts—could easily tell whether Kaiming Beast was lying.

From Kaiming Beast's demeanor, it was clear Peacock Great Ming King wasn't lying.

"Could it be he hasn't returned from dealing with Great Auspicious Buddha?" Guanyin Bodhisattva speculated to himself.

With this thought, Guanyin Bodhisattva tentatively asked: "When did your master leave?"

Kaiming Beast, without thinking, naturally replied: "It was the very day my master left the sect, sending the young master to another world, and then he departed the mountain gate."

Peacock Great Ming King had already left earlier?

If so, it wouldn't match with the timing when something happened to Great Auspicious Buddha.

With this realization, Guanyin Bodhisattva further asked: "Do you know where your master went?"

"My master asked not to speak of it to outsiders, but, Bodhisattva, you're not considered an outsider."

"My master went into the Void in search of opportunities!" Kaiming Beast, not hiding from the master's friend.

Peacock Great Ming King left for the Void seeking opportunities on the day of leaving the sect, and has yet to return.

If that's the case, then it absolutely wasn't Peacock Great Ming King who targeted Great Auspicious Buddha.

If it wasn't Peacock Great Ming King, then it could only be....

Black Dragon Heaven!

Realizing this, Guanyin Bodhisattva slapped his thigh in shock: "Darn it, Black Dragon Heaven is up to something."

"Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva are in danger."

With this thought, Guanyin Bodhisattva immediately got up to take his leave, preparing to head to Silent Sea to rescue Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

These two were Guanyin Bodhisattva's friends, and he could not possibly stand by as friends face danger, remaining unmoved.

Just as Guanyin Bodhisattva was about to leave, the front Void rippled, a crack tore open, and Peacock Great Ming King stepped out.

Showing traces of injury, though not serious.

After Kong Mengmeng was rescued by Lin Yuan from the Void, she informed Peacock Great Ming King about the events within the Void.

Peacock Great Ming King sought ways to enhance his own strength but found no opportunities.

Learning from Kong Mengmeng that odd things within the Void, upon touching her, would transform into her likeness, possessing her power.

Peacock Great Ming King had an epiphany on how to boost strength.

Strength enhancement, when broken down, is about defeating the current self, becoming stronger as a result.

However, it's impossible to physically fight oneself.

Thus, Peacock Great Ming King entered the Void, deliberately allowing those odd entities to touch him, enabling them to possess his power.

Finally, he embarked on life-and-death battles against those odd entities having his power.

In these days, Peacock Great Ming King within the Void crack has defeated "countless" versions of himself.

Chapter 523: Pienji and Manjushri in Danger, the Peacock Great Ming King Descends

The Peacock Great Ming King, within the rift in the void, defeated countless versions of "himself."

After several days of continuous battle, the strength of the Peacock Great Ming King had noticeably improved.

At the same time, he also felt somewhat exhausted.

Hence, this time the Peacock Great Ming King tore through space and returned to his own domain, intending to rest for several days.

Just as the Peacock Great Ming King came back, he saw Guanyin Bodhisattva preparing to leave.

Guanyin Bodhisattva was a friend of the Peacock Great Ming King. With his friend seeking him out, how could the Peacock Great Ming King not fulfill his duty as a host?

"Guanyin, why are you in such a hurry?"

"Come, come, come, it's been a while, why not have a few drinks?" The Peacock Great Ming King stepped forward and grabbed the departing Guanyin Bodhisattva.

Guanyin Bodhisattva: "?????"

Guanyin Bodhisattva looked bewildered, thinking about having a couple of drinks?

I have no time for that with you! If I delay any longer, we might just end up at Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva's feast, right?

After all, the Peacock Great Ming King had already left the Sect, and Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva went to Black Dragon Heaven to inquire, also for Sect matters.

Therefore, Guanyin Bodhisattva didn't bother the Peacock Great Ming King for help.

He didn't say much but urgently stated, "Today is not possible, we'll talk about drinking another day, I have urgent matters."

Peacock Great Ming King: "?????"

This time, it was the Peacock Great Ming King's turn to be confused.

The Peacock Great Ming King thought, you have urgent matters and you come to me?

The thing is, I arrived, and you're about to leave; what does this mean?

"What urgent matter do you have??"

"Drinking, drinking, put aside all urgent matters, no matter how big they are, nothing is more important than us drinking." The Peacock Great Ming King said, holding onto Guanyin Bodhisattva.

By this point, Guanyin Bodhisattva realized that unless he explained himself fully, the Peacock Great Ming King wouldn't let him go.

At this juncture, Guanyin Bodhisattva couldn't hide anything anymore.

If he didn't speak, the Peacock Great Ming King wouldn't let him leave, and every minute they delayed increased the danger for Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Guanyin Bodhisattva, helpless, could only speak honestly: "Great Ming King, I truly have no time to drink with you today."

"Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva are likely in trouble. If I am late, it won't be drinks but a feast."

Guanyin Bodhisattva was a friend of the Peacock Great Ming King, and Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva were also his friends.

Hearing this tone from Guanyin Bodhisattva, it suggested life-threatening danger for Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva!

Thus, the Peacock Great Ming King hurriedly asked, "What happened to Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva."

"The situation is like this...."

Guanyin Bodhisattva did not hide anything and detailed the events that occurred recently.

Since the Peacock Great Ming King, after leaving the Sect, had gone into the void rift for cultivation, he was unaware of the Black Dragon Heaven incident.

What he also didn't know was that Black Dragon Heaven was a manifestation of Lin Yuan.

"Are you saying that during the days I was away, a Black Dragon Heaven appeared in the Silent Sea?"

"After Great Auspicious Buddha went to see Black Dragon Heaven, he disappeared. Now, Medicine King Buddha has sent Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva to see this Black Dragon Heaven."

"Damn it, that old bastard with wild ambitions is deliberately sending Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva to their deaths!" The Peacock Great Ming King couldn't help but curse.

Actually, the Peacock Great Ming King knew well enough.

Why, with so many in the Sect, didn't Medicine King Buddha send others, but specifically send Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva?

Precisely because Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva were close to him.

In other words, Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva were also dragged down by him.

"Alas!" Guanyin Bodhisattva sighed heavily and said, "Let's not talk much about it now, I must go to rescue them both."

"I'm afraid of unforeseen circumstances if I'm late."

Saying this, Guanyin Bodhisattva was about to leave again.

"Let's go!"

"I'll go with you!" The Peacock Great Ming King declared immediately without hesitation.

Hearing this, Guanyin Bodhisattva was stunned and said, "You have already left the Sect, you are no longer its member, there's no need for you to take this risk with me."

"What are you saying??"

"Although I've left the Sect, no longer a member, I am still your friend."

"If a friend is in trouble, it's one thing if I don't know, but knowing now, how can I stand by?" The Peacock Great Ming King declared loudly.

The Peacock Great Ming King was a man of principles, and besides, the Peacock Great Ming King felt that Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva were dragged down by him, which was why they were assigned such a dangerous task.

Therefore, he was determined to stand and help.

Since the Peacock Great Ming King was adamant about helping, Guanyin Bodhisattva did not act coy.

After all, the Peacock Great Ming King was the highest combat force under the World Honored.

With the assistance of the Peacock Great Ming King, regardless of what danger Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva encountered,

No matter what schemes Black Dragon Heaven had, he feared nothing.

Thus, Guanyin Bodhisattva and the Peacock Great Ming King wasted no time and headed straight for Silent Sea.

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Meanwhile.

On the Silent Sea side, Black Dragon Heaven stuck to his old tricks.

You want an inquiry; I'm willing to speak, but we must discuss over a banquet.

Black Dragon Heaven had a banquet prepared, insisting on having Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva stay for drinks.

Originally, Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva intended to conduct routine inquiries, ask a few questions, and then leave.

However, without staying for drinks, Black Dragon Heaven wouldn't say anything, leaving them unable to get closer and thus unable to report back.

Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva exchanged glances, communicating in secret.

"Manjushri Bodhisattva, what should we do, should we stay or not?" Manjushri Bodhisattva asked.

Manjushri Bodhisattva bit his lip and said, "Leaving like this, we can't report back!"

"This Black Dragon Heaven doesn't seem to have malicious intentions; let's stay and see what he wants?"

"If we stay, won't we fall into his trap?" Manjushri Bodhisattva asked.

Manjushri Bodhisattva thought for a while and replied, "If he truly wanted to keep us, even if we decide to leave now, he would act."

"It seems that Black Dragon Heaven is only Tier Three Peak; he doesn't have the capability to retain Great Auspicious Buddha."

"I think the disappearance of Great Auspicious Buddha might genuinely have nothing to do with him."

"We only need to ask if he has seen Great Auspicious Buddha."

After a period of discussion between Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva, they decided to stay.

Black Dragon Heaven saw them exchange glances without speaking, knowing they were secretly communicating and discussing strategies.

However, Black Dragon Heaven didn't mind; if they wanted to discuss, let them discuss.

He waited to see what conclusions they could reach through their discussions.

Chapter 524: Brothers Bound by Deep Feelings

"Since fellow Black Dragon Heaven warmly invites us, we two shouldn't refuse."

"However, we can't handle too much alcohol, so we'll drink less," Manjushri Bodhisattva said.

Lin Yuan thought, drinking less doesn't matter, as long as they're willing to drink.

The poisoned wine prepared last time for the Great Auspicious Buddha hasn't been used up, perfect for Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

After all, these two are Tier Two experts.

Though not at Tier Two Peak yet, they still belong to Tier Two.

While Black Dragon Heaven and his twenty-eight Celestial Kings could form the Twenty-Eight Stars Array and likely defeat Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

However, if he could trick them into drinking the poisoned wine, it would be much easier.

Black Dragon Heaven schemed privately, inviting Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva to the banquet.

Once they were seated, Black Dragon Heaven stuck to his old routine.

First, he poured normal wine for them, then, after they had drunk a few cups, swiftly switched to the poisoned wine.

This time, Black Dragon Heaven was well-prepared.

Last time he had to switch wine jugs; this time he didn't even need to change the jug.

Black Dragon Heaven directly refined a magical wine jug with a compartment, one half holding normal wine, the other half poisoned wine.

The same jug could pour out poisoned wine or good wine depending on Black Dragon Heaven's intentions.

Black Dragon Heaven first poured himself a cup of good wine and then poured poisoned wine for Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

After pouring the poisoned wine, Black Dragon Heaven naturally encouraged them to drink.

Manjushri Bodhisattva, a straightforward person, took the cup and immediately drank it.

As soon as the wine entered, Manjushri Bodhisattva felt something was wrong, his entire power was sealed.

"Bang!" Manjushri Bodhisattva slammed the table, shouting, "This wine is poisoned, don't drink it!"

Manjushri Bodhisattva was more refined, and his drinking movements were slow.

After Manjushri Bodhisattva drank, Manjushri Bodhisattva's cup was just at his lips.

Hearing Manjushri Bodhisattva's shout, he quickly threw the cup away.

Seeing this scene, Black Dragon Heaven thought, this effect is too efficient, not so good after all!

Their drinking timing didn't match, and the medication effect was too fast, causing only one to be affected.

Moreover, considering the poisoned wine reveals the gap between Tier Two Peak and normal Tier Two experts.

When poisoned wine was previously used, the Great Auspicious Buddha sensed through intuition there was a problem with the wine and wasn't affected.

But Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva both fell for it.

Though Manjushri Bodhisattva didn't drink the poisoned wine due to Manjushri Bodhisattva's reminder.

If not for the reminder, Manjushri Bodhisattva would have been affected for sure.

Even though only one was poisoned, it was sufficient.

The twenty-eight Celestial Kings forming the Stars Array, plus Black Dragon Heaven himself, made Manjushri Bodhisattva no match.

Moreover, he had to take care of Manjushri Bodhisattva, now a burden.

"Boom!" Black Dragon Heaven flipped the table, shouting, "If you can't drink, don't drink!"

"Children, keep them here for me."

Suddenly, the formation by the twenty-eight Celestial Kings enveloped the surroundings.

Seeing this, Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva felt chills down their spines.

Realizing the power radiating from the Stars Array, they knew escaping would be difficult.

This was a shipwreck in a ditch.

Under the Twenty-Eight Stars Array, Manjushri Bodhisattva helped Manjushri Bodhisattva stand.

Feeling the power from the Stars Array, Manjushri Bodhisattva pushed Manjushri Bodhisattva away, shouting, "Go, don't worry about me!"

Even the strongest would be temporarily sealed upon drinking the poisoned wine used by Black Dragon Heaven.

For mere Tier Two like Manjushri Bodhisattva, his mana would be sealed for a significant time.

In the current situation, that time was enough for him to die countless times.

Seeing this situation, Manjushri Bodhisattva knew Manjushri Bodhisattva had a thirty percent chance to escape alone.

If he took him alongside, their escape chance would be zero.

Therefore, he mustn't become a burden for Manjushri Bodhisattva.

After Manjushri Bodhisattva was pushed aside, he quickly released mana, transforming it into rope to bind Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Then he carried Manjushri Bodhisattva on his back.

"Good brother, lifetime!"

"Live or die together, I won't leave you!" Manjushri Bodhisattva said firmly.

Black Dragon Heaven: "?????"

Seeing the bond of life and death between Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva, Black Dragon Heaven thought, "Something's odd!"

"Looking at you two, this doesn't seem like mere friendship!"

"Honestly, did you really both come from the city?"

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Meanwhile, the Stars Array by the twenty-eight Celestial Kings had begun attacking them.

One after another, energy giant beasts emerged from the array.

These energy beasts, each unique, represented the legendary Twenty-Eight Constellations.

Aquarius Dragon, Taurus Dragon, Lyra Fox, Leo Tiger...

These energy beasts had immense power and attacked Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva fiercely from all sides.

In this situation, Manjushri Bodhisattva couldn't be careless, immediately deploying his two most powerful magical treasures.

Manjushri Bodhisattva's right hand wielded a treasure sword blazing with fierce flames, in his left hand a lotus emitting a faint green glow.

The flame on the sword was incredibly powerful, a true killing tool.

The lotus emitted a faint emerald light, which, besides defense, also had healing effects.

The sword for attack, the lotus for defense, the Stars Array by the twenty-eight Celestial Kings couldn't easily overpower Manjushri Bodhisattva quickly.

At this moment, Elder Bai, Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, Lin Yuan, and others were hiding on the other side of Silent Sea.

Black Dragon Heaven was Lin Yuan's avatar, sharing a direct perspective with him.

"Elder Bai, the fight below has started!"

"One down, one remaining!" Lin Yuan briefly reported the situation to Elder Bai.

Understanding the situation, Elder Bai breathed a sigh of relief, saying, "With only one left, it's stable!"

"We don't need to intervene in this fight, just guard here and prevent reinforcements from reaching the battlefield."

Elder Bai supported Black Dragon Heaven's attack on Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

He positioned Black Dragon Heaven here for this purpose.

Moreover, the current situation was exactly what Elder Bai anticipated.

Let the World Honored Sect experts mysteriously disappear one by one.

Though they suspected Black Dragon Heaven, they had no solid evidence.

As such, they dared not rashly escalate into full war.

This granted Black Dragon Heaven time to develop.

Chapter 525: Black Dragon Heaven Battles Manjushri Bodhisattva

"Zheng!"

"Zheng, zheng!"

The continuous sound of sword clashing rang out as Manjushri Bodhisattva swung the Flame Treasure Sword in his hand. As the flames howled, the advancing energy beasts were cleaved to pieces by his sword.

The sweeping flame sword energy shattered the energy-composed beasts like Gold Dragon, Fire Tiger, and Wood Horned Jiao into pieces, exploding inch by inch.

Manjushri Bodhisattva was at the late Tier Two stage, and possessing both the Flame Treasure Sword and the Qinglian Flower, an offensive and defensive artifact, meant that the star array formed by the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings couldn't easily capture him in a short time.

However, the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings were smart as well. Forming the star array, they were in no rush to launch a fierce attack, but instead used energy attacks to continuously deplete Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Within the star array, the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings could quickly recover their internal energy and attack in turns.

Nonetheless, the same could not be said for Manjushri Bodhisattva, who was constantly under attack and bearing the burden of Manjushri Bodhisattva.

If the depletion continued, Manjushri Bodhisattva would soon be unable to hold on.

With Manjushri Bodhisattva on his back, Manjushri Bodhisattva defended against the onslaught of the star array while searching for an escape route.

His brow furrowed, and the unease in his heart intensified.

This star array composed by the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings was no ordinary array!

It could be said to be flawless; Manjushri Bodhisattva couldn't discern any weaknesses.

Most importantly, within this array, Manjushri Bodhisattva seemed to see traces of the World Honored.

Manjushri Bodhisattva had the illusion, suspecting that this array was created by the World Honored.

"Impossible, absolutely impossible!"

"If it were an array created by the World Honored, how could it be used against us?"

"Besides, there is no record of this array in the sect's scriptures." Manjushri Bodhisattva persuaded himself, discarding these unrealistic thoughts.

"Put me down!"

"With me, we can't escape."

"Go yourself, one day you can avenge me!" Manjushri Bodhisattva shouted from Manjushri Bodhisattva's back.

Manjushri Bodhisattva had lost his mana and was bound by Manjushri Bodhisattva. Unable to break free, he could only try to convince him with words.

"Enough, I will never leave you behind!"

"Believe me, we can escape!"

"If we truly cannot escape, then we die together here, and in the next life, we'll still be brothers!" Manjushri Bodhisattva asserted with unyielding certainty.

Manjushri Bodhisattva was a reckless man, adhering to the belief that if he couldn't live well, neither should others.

Therefore, Manjushri Bodhisattva pointed at Black Dragon Heaven and said, "If we can't escape, then let's fight him."

"Forget the star array, just target him and beat him up. Drag that bastard down with us."

When being attacked by a group, what should you do?

If you throw a punch at each person, no one gets hurt.

The correct answer is to ignore the others and focus your assault on one person.

Upon hearing Manjushri Bodhisattva's words, Manjushri Bodhisattva was struck with an epiphany.

Indeed!

Capture the leader first, instead of merely fleeing, aim to take down Black Dragon Heaven first.

Once Black Dragon Heaven is captured, using him as leverage would surely make them cautious.

Though Manjushri Bodhisattva was reckless, in this situation, his approach was rather effective.

Carrying Manjushri Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva lightly tapped the ground and flew towards Black Dragon Heaven.

Seeing this, Black Dragon Heaven frowned, thinking, damn, he's coming for me.

Despite being at the late Tier Two stage, higher than Black Dragon Heaven's realm, Manjushri Bodhisattva was now attacking with resentment.

Sensing danger, Black Dragon Heaven grasped his hand and a pitch-black halberd appeared in his hand.

Following this, Black Dragon Heaven swung the halberd, and a pitch-black energy dragon lunged towards Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Swinging the Flame Treasure Sword, Manjushri Bodhisattva generated a giant flaming bird from the flame.

This flaming bird was Garuda.

Garuda fed on dragons, said to consume at least nine dragons daily.

Descending fiercely, the flaming Garuda clasped its claws onto the pitch-black energy dragon, the flaming talons seemingly capable of restraining the dragon's strength.

Soon, the energy dragon summoned by Black Dragon Heaven was torn into pieces by Garuda.

Black Dragon Heaven: "?????"

Witnessing this scene, Black Dragon Heaven muttered under his breath, "Damn it, attacking first really makes you vulnerable."

This was the same in duel.

In duels, the one who strikes first often finds themselves at a disadvantage.

Having vanquished the energy dragon, the flame Garuda continued its assault on Black Dragon Heaven.

Black Dragon Heaven mused, So, it's birds?

Playing with birds, huh?

Alright, I'll bring out the most formidable bird.

Injecting the energy frantically into the pitch-black halberd, Black Dragon Heaven slashed out, revealing an enormous, vibrantly colored Peacock in the Void.

A five-colored Peacock?

Indeed, Black Dragon Heaven conjured the form of the Peacock Great Ming King using energy.

In this mysterious world, among bird-kind, none might top the Peacock Great Ming King in strength.

Manjushri Bodhisattva: "????"

Manjushri Bodhisattva gazed blankly; Black Dragon Heaven's move touched on areas beyond his understanding.

Not only did Black Dragon Heaven form the Peacock Great Ming King's body, but it was vivid and lifelike.

Logically, achieving this required profound understanding of the Peacock Great Ming King!

"Could it be? Has he met the Peacock Great Ming King and knows him well?" A thought suddenly struck Manjushri Bodhisattva's mind.

Nevertheless, there was no time for further contemplation now.

For the energy form of the Peacock Great Ming King had already engaged Manjushri Bodhisattva's flame Garuda.

As expected, the flame Garuda soon fell into a disadvantage, dissolving into energy.

The energy embodiment of the Peacock Great Ming King struck Manjushri Bodhisattva, triggering a powerful explosion.

Thankfully, Manjushri Bodhisattva wielded the Qinglian Flower for defense. As the Peacock Great Ming King's energy form collided with him, the Qinglian Flower emitted bursts of golden light, forming a golden tower which shielded Manjushri Bodhisattva within.

However, defending against this strike placed an evident strain on the Qinglian Flower.

The once vibrant Qinglian Flower appeared slightly withered after blocking the blow.

After this initial exchange, Manjushri Bodhisattva gauged Black Dragon Heaven's skill.

Despite being at Tier Three Peak, Black Dragon Heaven was remarkably stronger than most Tier Three Peak individuals.

Possessing strength akin to early Tier Two.

Moments ago, Manjushri Bodhisattva was merely testing him, but now he was ready to launch a desperate assault on Black Dragon Heaven.

Capturing Black Dragon Heaven was their only chance for survival.

Chapter 526: The Arrival of the Peacock Great Ming King, A Major Blunder

After probing into the depths of Black Dragon Heaven, Manjushri Bodhisattva was ready to risk everything.

With a swift move, Manjushri Bodhisattva approached Black Dragon Heaven closely.

At their level, all means of attack had returned to simplicity.

Put simply, all those flashy laws and Power of Rules had already been integrated into their beings.

With a wave of the hand, it carried the Power of Laws, the Power of Rules.

Their physical bodies were their strongest foundation.

This is also why powerful beings like Peacock Great Ming King, Bai Ze, and Xiang Liu resort to using their true forms when pushed to the limit.

Because their most powerful reliance was their true form.

Manjushri Bodhisattva advanced, and with a swing of his Treasure Sword, countless sharp sword beams struck towards Black Dragon Heaven.

Although it seemed Black Dragon Heaven had the upper hand when dueling with Manjushri Bodhisattva earlier,

it was merely a trick, catching Manjushri Bodhisattva off guard.

When it came to a life-and-death struggle, the difference between a Tier Three Peak and a Tier Two late stage became apparent instantly.

As Manjushri Bodhisattva fought desperately, after about a dozen moves, Black Dragon Heaven started struggling to hold on.

His body was marked by wounds from the Flame Treasure Sword of Manjushri Bodhisattva.

"Cough, cough!"

Hit in the chest by a sword, Black Dragon Heaven coughed violently a couple of times and distanced himself from Manjushri Bodhisattva.

The battle situation was clear; Black Dragon Heaven alone could not defeat Manjushri Bodhisattva.

However, Black Dragon Heaven was never a straightforward person; since he couldn't win in a solo fight, he might as well gang up.

Thinking of this, Black Dragon Heaven shouted towards the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings within the Astral Formation, "Do I keep you bastards just for you to watch the show?"

"Get him for me!"

With Black Dragon Heaven's order, the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings, who had been spectating for him, immediately maneuvered the Astral Formation to press forward.

Although Manjushri Bodhisattva had injured Black Dragon Heaven, he had not managed to capture him.

His plan to capture the leader first had failed. Seeing the Astral Formation approaching, a sense of foreboding arose in his heart.

"Black Dragon Heaven, fight me one-on-one if you dare!"

"Ganging up, what kind of ability is that?" Manjushri Bodhisattva's friend, Manjushri Bodhisattva, roared in indignation, standing up for his friend.

Black Dragon Heaven: "???"

"One-on-one, are you really that great in a fight?"

"What's the use of being good at fighting? The point in a fight is strong power and enough people!"

"You want a one-on-one? It's a one-on-one right now!"

"We are one group, challenging him alone!" Black Dragon Heaven said confidently.

With those words, the Astral Formation composed of the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings was fully activated.

Twenty-eight beams of starlight shone down, as if Mount Tai was pressing down, placing immense restrictions on Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Lin Yuan was best at taking you down when you're ill, and so was Black Dragon Heaven, being Lin Yuan's extension.

As Manjushri Bodhisattva was being restricted by the Astral Formation made up of the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings, Black Dragon Heaven wielded a pitch-black halberd and charged at Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Helplessly, Manjushri Bodhisattva could only hastily raise his Flame Treasure Sword to defend.

"Clang!"

"Clang! Clang!"

The pitch-black halberd clashed with the Flame Treasure Sword, causing Manjushri Bodhisattva to retreat continuously.

Under the cover of twenty-eight starlights, Manjushri Bodhisattva felt as if he was in a quagmire, with every move as slow as in slow motion.

Under Black Dragon Heaven's attacks, there were flaws all over Manjushri Bodhisattva's defenses.

If not for the defense provided by the Green Lotus Flower, Manjushri Bodhisattva's life might have been in grave danger by now.

Though a supreme defensive treasure, the Green Lotus Flower couldn't continuously withstand Black Dragon Heaven's attacks, and it started to wither visibly, with even petals falling off.

When all of the Green Lotus Flower's petals eventually fell off and its stem completely withered, it would become useless.

At that point, it would also be the death of Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Beneath the Silent Sea, Black Dragon Heaven and the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings were besieging Manjushri Bodhisattva.

At this time, it wouldn't take long to completely take down Manjushri Bodhisattva.

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At that moment, Guanyin Bodhisattva and Peacock Great Ming King finally arrived at the Silent Sea.

"Silent Sea!"

"Here it is. I hope Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva are safe," said Guanyin Bodhisattva, looking at the seabed of the Silent Sea.

Peacock Great Ming King comforted, "Rest assured, even if it means turning the Silent Sea upside down, I will ensure we rescue both of them."

With those words from Peacock Great Ming King, Guanyin Bodhisattva felt much more at ease.

The arrival of Peacock Great Ming King and Guanyin Bodhisattva immediately alarmed Elder Bai and others who had been waiting at the shore.

"Why is my father-in-law here?" Lin Yuan asked, puzzled, looking at Peacock Great Ming King over the Silent Sea.

Elder Bai: "????"

Beside him, Elder Bai was also baffled.

Strictly speaking, Elder Bai hadn't known Peacock Great Ming King for long and didn't know much about his personal matters.

Elder Bai wasn't aware that Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva were friends.

If he'd known earlier, Elder Bai wouldn't have allowed Black Dragon Heaven to act, as this meant one family fighting against another!

Since Peacock Great Ming King was here, Elder Bai couldn't keep hiding.

Elder Bai immediately revealed himself and approached Peacock Great Ming King.

Seeing Elder Bai appear, Peacock Great Ming King was startled.

"Oh?"

"Fellow Daoist Bai, why are you here?" Peacock Great Ming King asked, perplexed.

Elder Bai responded, "Great Ming King, why are you here?"

Seeing Elder Bai and Peacock Great Ming King start to chat, Guanyin Bodhisattva anxiously urged from the side, "Great Ming King, this is no time for chatting!"

"Rescue first, reminiscing can wait."

Peacock Great Ming King hurriedly said to Elder Bai, "I have two friends, probably trapped by someone named Black Dragon Heaven here."

"Fellow Daoist Bai, I'll rescue them first, and we can chat later."

Without waiting for Elder Bai's reply, Peacock Great Ming King dove straight into the Silent Sea.

After all, they were racing against time!

Every minute delayed increased the danger for Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Elder Bai: "????"

Two friends, trapped by Black Dragon Heaven.

Understanding this, Elder Bai immediately realized that the two friends Peacock Great Ming King referred to were Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

After figuring this out, Elder Bai quickly followed.

The Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings and Black Dragon Heaven could handle Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

But they were definitely not a match for Peacock Great Ming King.

If Peacock Great Ming King were to kill Black Dragon Heaven, it would cause a big misunderstanding.

Chapter 527: The Flood Washes Over the Dragon King's Temple

The Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings formed a grand constellation array, and above it, the energy bodies of the Twenty-Eight Constellations began to gather.

The Dragon of Metal, the Hornless Draconic Wood, the Fiery Tiger, the Moon Fox of the Heart...

The energy bodies of the Twenty-Eight Constellations continuously emitted various beams of energy.

Twenty-eight beams of energy directly shot toward Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

At this moment, Manjushri Bodhisattva was already at the end of his strength.

Manjushri Bodhisattva summoned his defensive treasure, the Green Lotus, from which a faint green light emanated, temporarily protecting him and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

It was clear that this protective green light was achieved at the expense of the Green Lotus's energy.

The petals of the Green Lotus began to fall one by one, the stem began drying up, and it withered at a visible speed.

Soon, under the stalemate with the twenty-eight energy beams, the Green Lotus completely depleted its energy, turning into a heap of ash.

Witnessing this scene, Manjushri Bodhisattva was greatly shocked.

However, there was no time for him to ponder, as the twenty-eight energy beams, after turning the Green Lotus to ash, once again surged toward Manjushri Bodhisattva.

"This is bad!"

"I'm doomed!" A thought arose in Manjushri Bodhisattva's mind.

Almost instinctively, he raised his Flame Treasure Sword to shield himself.

"Boom!"

The twenty-eight energy beams struck the Flame Treasure Sword, causing Manjushri Bodhisattva's hand holding the sword to tremble slightly.

He clenched his teeth, exerting all his strength to hold onto the sword.

Manjushri Bodhisattva held the Flame Treasure Sword against the twenty-eight energy beams, bearing an unimaginable pressure.

A tremendous force transmitted through the Flame Treasure Sword onto Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Manjushri Bodhisattva's grip cracked, blood trickled down his wrist.

Then, his ten fingers started to twist, and even his arm bones began to deform.

Under the immense force, Manjushri Bodhisattva's body crouched, with blood oozing from the corners of his mouth, eyes, and ears.

Manjushri Bodhisattva endured an immensely powerful force that threatened his life at any moment.

Manjushri Bodhisattva gritted his teeth and persisted, even though his endurance was nearing its limit.

Manjushri Bodhisattva understood that under no circumstances should he let go.

If he did, the entire twenty-eight energy beams would strike him and Manjushri Bodhisattva, turning them to ash like the Green Lotus, completely obliterated.

Manjushri Bodhisattva could still hold on, but his Flame Treasure Sword could not.

After all, the Flame Treasure Sword was an offensive treasure and not skilled in defense.

At this moment, a crisp "crack, crack" sound was heard, as dense cracks began appearing on the Flame Treasure Sword.

In despair, Manjushri Bodhisattva knew that the shattering of the Flame Treasure Sword would spell the end for him and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

More and more cracks appeared on the Flame Treasure Sword, with an imminent danger of breaking apart.

At this moment, Guanyin Bodhisattva and the Peacock Great Ming King arrived.

Seeing the plight of Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva, the Peacock Great Ming King was immediately enraged.

The Peacock Great Ming King believed that because Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva were close to him, they were assigned such a dangerous task by the Medicine King Buddha.

Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva's plight was caused by him.

The Peacock Great Ming King, known for his loyalty, couldn't stand seeing his friends in such dire straits because of him and was furious.

"What monster dares harm my friends!" The Peacock Great Ming King roared, summoning the Five-Colored Divine Light, sweeping toward the constellation array formed by the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings.

With the sweep of the Five-Colored Divine Light, an overwhelming aura of terror emanated from the brilliant hues.

Who was the Peacock Great Ming King anyway??

As a Tier Two Peak expert, in this realm, by combat strength, only the World Honored was his rival, aside from the Peacock Great Ming King.

Even though the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings could defeat Manjushri Bodhisattva after forming their constellation array, before the Peacock Great Ming King, they were merely insignificant.

Seeing the terror-filled energy of the Five-Colored Divine Light sweeping in, the Twenty-Eight Constellations were overwhelmed and immediately switched from offense to focus on defending against the Peacock Great Ming King's attack.

"Boom!"

With a loud crash, the Five-Colored Divine Light struck the constellation array, and its defense crumbled under the Peacock Great Ming King's attack.

The Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings fell from the sky, landing embarrassedly on the ground.

The Five-Colored Divine Light continued its momentum after shattering the constellation array's defense, sweeping toward the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings.

The Peacock Great Ming King clearly intended to kill the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings and Black Dragon Heaven to avenge his friends.

The Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings, being mere Tier Three Peak, faced certain doom if swept by the Peacock Great Ming King's Five-Colored Divine Light.

Fortunately, Elder Bai, Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, Black Bear Spirit, Golden-Winged Roc arrived just in time.

Just as the Five-Colored Divine Light was about to strike the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings, Elder Bai, Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, Black Bear Spirit, and Golden-Winged Roc acted together.

A white, a green, a yellow, and a gold energy combined to form a massive shield, saving the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings.

After Elder Bai and the others blocked the attack from the Peacock Great Ming King, both sides exchanged confused glances.

"Kong Xuan, what madness is this!" The Golden-Winged Roc was the first to speak, questioning sternly.

From the Golden-Winged Roc's point of view, to attack his own people for a few people from the World Honored One Sect was surely wrong.

In the Peacock Great Ming King's view, Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva were close friends, and he couldn't stand by while they were in danger.

Moreover, the Peacock Great Ming King was unaware that Black Dragon Heaven and the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings were allies.

Today's incident was a big misunderstanding.

The Peacock Great Ming King ignored the Golden-Winged Roc and instead looked at Elder Bai.

He feared he might lose control and beat the Golden-Winged Roc later.

"Fellow Daoist Bai, what's going on?" The Peacock Great Ming King asked Elder Bai.

At this moment, Lin Yuan arrived leisurely.

From the appearance of the Peacock Great Ming King to the response of Elder Bai and the others, rushing to the rescue—all happened in a mere breath.

The Peacock Great Ming King and Elder Bai were Tier Two Peak experts, their speed was immense.

Lin Yuan, merely a Tier Three, couldn't possibly match their speed.

By the time Lin Yuan arrived, the first confrontation had already ended.

Luckily, Elder Bai and the others intervened, saving Black Dragon Heaven and the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings.

Otherwise, the dean's plan would have been foiled by the Peacock Great Ming King.

Seeing Lin Yuan arrive, Elder Bai said to the Peacock Great Ming King: "Let your son-in-law explain!"

Chapter 528: It's All a Misunderstanding

Now that things have developed to this point, the Peacock Great Ming King probably understands what's going on.

The Black Dragon Heaven and the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings of the Silent Sea are very likely our own people.

Elder Bai and the others are probably executing the plan to cut off the World Honored's wings.

By coincidence, the two unfortunate ones, Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva, were delivered to the doorstep and became the targets.

Of course, the Peacock Great Ming King only guessed a rough idea, he definitely couldn't guess the specifics of the situation.

Elder Bai said to let Lin Yuan tell him.

Thus, the Peacock Great Ming King looked at Lin Yuan and said, "Lin Yuan, would you explain what's going on here?"

"This matter! It's a long story!" Lin Yuan said ambiguously.

The Peacock Great Ming King was stunned, then said, "Then take your time, I have time to listen."

At this moment, Lin Yuan looked at Guanyin Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, and Manjushri Bodhisattva next to the Peacock Great Ming King.

Lin Yuan's implication was that with the three of them present, it was inconvenient to speak freely!

The Peacock Great Ming King had betrayed the sect and was also Lin Yuan's father-in-law by marriage, so Lin Yuan naturally trusted him.

However, Lin Yuan didn't trust the Peacock Great Ming King's three friends.

He was worried that if he spoke openly in front of these three, they might leak the information later, which would be terrible.

"Guanyin Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, these three are my close friends."

"Rest assured, I can guarantee they will keep the secret. Furthermore, their faith in the World Honored is not devout, joining the sect was merely for mutual warmth." The Peacock Great Ming King explained.

As friends, the Peacock Great Ming King knew their thoughts well, and indeed, he was the same back then.

At this moment, Guanyin Bodhisattva hurriedly stated, "Knowing too much might not be a good thing; we can shut our senses and not listen to your conversation."

Guanyin Bodhisattva was astute.

At this point, Manjushri Bodhisattva chimed in, "How about we swear by our Dao hearts not to leak this information after listening?"

Manjushri Bodhisattva's curiosity was quite intense; he wanted to know what the Silent Sea was all about.

Guanyin Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva gave Manjushri Bodhisattva a stern look, seemingly saying, "Your curiosity is way too strong."

With the conversation reaching this point and with the guarantee of the Peacock Great Ming King, Lin Yuan no longer held back and fully disclosed the matters of the Silent Sea to the Peacock Great Ming King.

Including, naturally, the information about the Great Auspicious Buddha's intervention.

"So it was them after all!" Upon hearing this, Guanyin Bodhisattva couldn't help but be shocked.

In fact, upon seeing the appearance of Elder Bai, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, the Golden-Winged Roc, and the Black Bear Spirit, four Tier Two Peak experts, Guanyin Bodhisattva had speculated that the advent of the Great Auspicious Buddha was definitely related to them.

After Lin Yuan explained everything, the Peacock Great Ming King couldn't help but sigh, "This is truly a case of the flood washing away the Dragon King's temple; family members fail to recognize each other!"

"Luckily, I arrived in time; otherwise, a great mistake would have been made!"

Lin Yuan: "?????"

Lin Yuan was also at a loss; how was he to know that Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva were friends of the Peacock Great Ming King!

If he had known about this relationship, why would he have bothered to intervene?

"So, uh, Mr. Kong..."

"Do you have any other friends within the sect?"

"If you do, let us know in advance so we can spare them next time." The Golden-Winged Roc said from the side.

The Peacock Great Ming King glanced at the Golden-Winged Roc and said irritably, "No more, just these three."

"Aside from these three, whoever you kill from the sect has nothing to do with me."

"Of course, I can also guarantee, these three will remain neutral and will not attack our people."

Just as the Peacock Great Ming King finished speaking, Guanyin Bodhisattva quickly stated, "That's right, we absolutely won't be your enemies."

"Regarding matters between you and the World Honored, we've always avoided whenever possible, and if unavoidable, we simply get by half-heartedly."

"We were forced to inquire this time, thus we came."

"However, we merely intended to ask questions and didn't plan on taking action."

Upon hearing this, Lin Yuan awkwardly rubbed his nose.

Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva did indeed want to leave after asking, but alas, the Black Dragon Heaven wouldn't permit it!

Lin Yuan shrugged, mimicking a helpless bear, and said, "I'm also helpless, my avatar has its own ideas."

Then, Lin Yuan finally stated, "Since it's a misunderstanding, the three of you may leave, but before departing, please swear not to disclose today's events."

Guanyin Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, and Manjushri Bodhisattva immediately swore according to the agreement.

Subsequently, Guanyin Bodhisattva looked at Lin Yuan and inquired, "Upon our return, if asked by Lady Ming King about this encounter, how should we respond?"

Lin Yuan pondered for a moment and said, "Just say you've asked the Black Dragon Heaven, and he hasn't seen the Great Auspicious Buddha."

"Alright!" Guanyin Bodhisattva acknowledged, then said, "I wish to borrow your place to heal the two of them."

"Otherwise, returning with injuries might make it difficult to convince Lady Ming King."

Lin Yuan nodded and said, "Please, by all means."

Guanyin settled in a spot and began healing Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Manjushri Bodhisattva was poisoned but not injured, and after receiving the antidote from Elder Bai, Manjushri Bodhisattva returned to normal.

Manjushri Bodhisattva was severely injured, and Guanyin Bodhisattva took out a white jade bottle, drawing willow branches dipped in holy water and gently stroking them on Manjushri Bodhisattva's body.

Manjushri Bodhisattva's wounds healed visibly and quickly.

After about the time it takes to burn an incense stick, Guanyin Bodhisattva softly said, "The external injuries are healed, and the internal injuries are seventy to eighty percent better."

"Deceiving Lady Ming King should be no problem, but it might be difficult to fool the Medicine King Buddha."

At this juncture, Guanyin Bodhisattva looked at the Peacock Great Ming King and said, "Friend, I ask for your aid."

With Guanyin Bodhisattva's abilities, he could only help Manjushri Bodhisattva recover to this extent.

The remaining twenty percent of the injuries would require assistance from the Peacock Great Ming King.

The Peacock Great Ming King's Five-Colored Divine Light was the purest form of Five Elements Energy.

Within the Five Elements Energy, both the Wood and Water Attributes were extremely adept at healing.

The Peacock Great Ming King was always righteous towards friends; even if Guanyin Bodhisattva hadn't asked, the Peacock Great Ming King would have aided Manjushri Bodhisattva in recovering from his injuries.

The Peacock Great Ming King waved his hand, and two clusters of thick energy appeared.

One was cyan, the other black.

The cyan energy was Wood Attribute Energy, the black was Water Attribute Energy.

Water nourishes all things and helped Manjushri Bodhisattva swiftly repair his internal injuries.

The Wood Attribute represents growth and vitality, allowing shattered organs to quickly regenerate through its aid.

After the Peacock Great Ming King's intervention, Manjushri Bodhisattva's injuries were soon completely healed.

Chapter 529: World Honored's Decree Arrives

World Honored One Sect.

The Grand Hall.

Lady Ming King, Medicine King Buddha, and other Buddhas were all gathered here.

They were waiting, waiting for Guanyin Bodhisattva and the other two to return and report the situation.

The disappearance of the Chongming Bird, who was the Great Auspicious Buddha of the sect, was no small matter.

If this matter is not clarified, it will remain a hidden danger.

Especially Bai Ze and Xiang Liu, the two were truly in panic!

With Chongming Bird missing, they were afraid that they would be next.

Without understanding why Chongming Bird consistently disappeared, they were unwilling to separate from Medicine King Buddha and the others.

After all, Medicine King Buddha, Infinite Buddha, Dingguang Buddha, they were all veteran Tier Two Peak experts.

Staying together in this grand hall, if any accidents happen, they would have a few helping hands.

Just as Lady Ming King, Medicine King Buddha, and others were waiting for Guanyin Bodhisattva and the others to return.

Suddenly, a dazzling golden light appeared.

And then, a dharma scroll emitting golden Buddha's Radiance appeared out of thin air in the grand hall.

Seeing this scene, Medicine King Buddha and Lady Ming King exchanged a glance, immediately knelt on the ground, and shouted: "We welcome the dharma scroll of the World Honored."

Seeing Lady Ming King and Medicine King Buddha kneel down, Infinite Buddha, Dingguang Buddha, Xiang Liu, and Bai Ze also quickly knelt down.

This dharma scroll had the presence of the World Honored One.

Without a doubt, this was the World Honored issuing them a command.

After about three to five breaths, the golden light disappeared, and the dharma scroll fell into Lady Ming King's hands.

"When my father left this time, he said that in this seclusion, he must successfully attain enlightenment. No enlightenment, no emergence."

"It seems that my father is currently at a critical stage of enlightenment and cannot meet us, thus issuing commands through the dharma scroll." Lady Ming King slowly said.

Medicine King Buddha also speculated that the World Honored was likely at the most crucial stage of closure this time.

In the past, the World Honored would still act with his incarnations, but this time, he didn't even reveal his incarnations to the world.

It seems that the World Honored truly is on the verge of enlightenment.

"Quick, open the dharma scroll and see what commands the World Honored has!" Medicine King Buddha said to Lady Ming King.

Hearing this, Lady Ming King quickly opened the dharma scroll.

On the scroll were written a line of words.

"Annihilate the Silent Sea, kill Black Dragon Heaven."

Seeing this line, Lady Ming King's pupils contracted involuntarily.

She knew that Lady Ming King and the Medicine King Buddha's plan was to recruit Black Dragon Heaven.

Now, the World Honored One's command was completely contrary to their plan.

"Medicine King Buddha, look!" Lady Ming King said as she handed the decree to Medicine King Buddha.

Sure enough, after Medicine King Buddha saw the writing on the decree, his expression also darkened.

Subsequently, Infinite Buddha, Dingguang Buddha, and others passed the decree around for viewing.

After reading the decree, Medicine King Buddha slowly said: "The World Honored One's command cannot be wrong, it seems, our thinking was wrong!"

"This Black Dragon Heaven must have something strange, we must at all costs annihilate the Silent Sea and kill Black Dragon Heaven."

The World Honored One has supreme authority within the sect, and his decree must be executed unconditionally.

Lady Ming King nodded and also said: "Since my father issued the decree even in seclusion, ordering us to annihilate Silent Sea and eliminate Black Dragon Heaven."

"It is evident that this is a very important matter and cannot be taken lightly."

"In this battle, we shall no longer hold back, let us use the entire sect's strength!"

While Lady Ming King and Medicine King Buddha were conversing, a little monk walked in from outside.

The little monk reported: "To Lady Ming King, to all the Buddhas present, the three Bodhisattvas have returned to report."

Upon hearing this, Medicine King Buddha's eyes gleamed, unexpectedly, all three of them had returned.

"Just in time!"

"I was just going to see what they have found about Black Dragon Heaven, to know the enemy and oneself is to win a hundred battles." Medicine King Buddha said in a deep voice.

As soon as Medicine King Buddha's words fell, Lady Ming King ordered the little monk: "Let the three of them come in."

Soon, Guanyin Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, and Manjushri Bodhisattva walked in from outside.

As Guanyin Bodhisattva stepped into the hall, his heart involuntarily sank, giving birth to a sense of foreboding.

This feeling was a unique intuition of a Tier Two Peak expert.

Last time, when Black Dragon Heaven attempted to poison the Great Auspicious Buddha with toxic wine, the Great Auspicious Buddha's intuition was what prevented him from drinking it.

Even though Guanyin Bodhisattva felt uneasy, he had already stepped into the grand hall, and it was too late to turn back now.

Standing before five Buddhas, five Tier Two Peak experts, he couldn't escape.

Even if he could run, Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva definitely couldn't escape.

Therefore, Guanyin Bodhisattva had no choice but to brace himself and walk into the grand hall.

"Lady Ming King, Medicine King Buddha, we three have come to report!" Guanyin said towards Medicine King Buddha and Lady Ming King above.

Lady Ming King and Medicine King Buddha exchanged a look, with Medicine King Buddha asking: "Guanyin Bodhisattva, I sent you to meet Peacock Great Ming King, have you found out whether it's him who attacked Great Auspicious Buddha?"

"I went to Peacock Great Ming King's dojo, but I did not see him."

"However, I believe it wasn't the work of Peacock Great Ming King." Guanyin Bodhisattva replied.

Upon hearing this, Medicine King Buddha immediately retorted angrily: "Absurd, Guanyin, listen to yourself, what are you saying?"

"First you say you didn't see Peacock Great Ming King, then you say it's not him. If he is not in the dojo, isn't that exactly what indicates that he did it?"

Hearing this, Guanyin Bodhisattva explained: "Medicine King Buddha may not know, I asked the mountain guardian divine beast at Peacock Great Ming King's dojo, according to the divine beast, the Great Ming King left to search the Void for breakthrough opportunities on the day he defected from the sect."

"Peacock Great Ming King has not returned so far, so I speculate that this wasn't done by the Great Ming King."

Guanyin Bodhisattva's statements were all pre-arranged with Peacock Great Ming King and Elder Bai.

Everything Guanyin Bodhisattva said was true, only selectively so, which is why Medicine King Buddha didn't detect anything amiss.

"If it wasn't Peacock Great Ming King, then surely the problem lies with Black Dragon Heaven."

"No wonder the World Honored One issued a dharma scroll ordering us to annihilate Silent Sea and kill Black Dragon Heaven!" Medicine King Buddha mused internally, increasingly convinced of the issue with Black Dragon Heaven.

From Guanyin Bodhisattva's words, Medicine King Buddha found no fault, next, it was time to question Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

"Manjushri Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, did you have any findings on this journey?" Medicine King Buddha continued to ask.

Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva exchanged a glance and the articulate Manjushri Bodhisattva was the first to speak: "As for Black Dragon Heaven, he holds no malice towards the sect, anything we inquired, he answered fully without reservation..."

"Regarding the Great Auspicious Buddha, Black Dragon Heaven said he never met him. I surmise that Great Auspicious Buddha met with trouble on his way to Silent Sea."

Chapter 530: Manjusri and Puxian Enter the Buddha Prison

Listening to Manjushri Bodhisattva's narration, the expression on the Medicine King Buddha's face gradually darkened.

Not just the Medicine King Buddha!

Lady Ming King and others wore the same expressions.

Clearly, they were not satisfied with Manjushri Bodhisattva's response.

If they hadn't received the decree from the World Honored, then the words from Manjushri Bodhisattva could still be glossed over.

Unfortunately, the decree from the World Honored arrived before Manjushri Bodhisattva's explanation.

The Medicine King Buddha and the others had just received the World Honored's decree, instructing them to annihilate the Silent Sea and kill the Black Dragon Heaven.

Undoubtedly, the World Honored's decree implied that there was a problem with Black Dragon Heaven.

Now, however, Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva claim there's no issue with Black Dragon Heaven, which makes it difficult for the Medicine King Buddha and the others to believe them.

Especially Bai Ze and Xiang Liu, who were the most furious.

Guanyin Bodhisattva said that after the Peacock Great Ming King betrayed the sect, he left for the Void to seek opportunities.

The disappearance of Chongming Bird had nothing to do with the Peacock Great Ming King, this was a settled matter.

Considering the World Honored's decree, it could be basically concluded that Chongming Bird's disappearance was related to Black Dragon Heaven.

"You are lying!" the hot-tempered Xiang Liu pointed at Manjushri Bodhisattva and shouted angrily.

Hearing this, Manjushri Bodhisattva couldn't help but feel a shock in his heart, but his expression showed no abnormality.

"Hmph!" Manjushri Bodhisattva coldly snorted and said sarcastically, "Since Pingbo Dinghai Buddha doesn't believe our words, why not go and ask personally?"

"Since you claim to calm the waves and pacify the sea, I bet that the mere Black Dragon Heaven of Silent Sea wouldn't dare disrespect you."

Manjushri Bodhisattva thought, if you have the guts, go ahead, we brothers went and barely made it back alive. If you go, there's a high chance you'll never return.

Xiang Liu surely wouldn't dare go; if he dared, there wouldn't be this issue.

Xiang Liu, despite being a Tier Two Peak, was infuriated by the words of Manjushri Bodhisattva, an ordinary Tier Two, in such a mocking tone.

Just as Xiang Liu was about to beat up Manjushri Bodhisattva, Bai Ze stopped him.

Bai Ze, still being more rational, knew that though Manjushri Bodhisattva was no match for Xiang Liu, once Xiang Liu attacked him, Guanyin Bodhisattva would definitely not stand by.

By then, it would turn into a chaotic brawl of Tier Two Peak powerhouses.

There was no need to fight Guanyin Bodhisattva at this moment.

Because Bai Ze could also see that not only were they dissatisfied with Manjushri Bodhisattva's explanation, but the Medicine King Buddha was also dissatisfied.

Since that's the case, there's no need to fight; better to sit back and watch them fight it out.

"In this matter, please let Lady Ming King and the Medicine King Buddha make the decision!" Bai Ze bowed towards the Medicine King Buddha and Lady Ming King.

Faced with the situation, Lady Ming King was at a loss for a decision, she looked at the Medicine King Buddha, meaning to say, "What should we do about this?"

The statements of Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva sharply contrasted with the World Honored's decree.

Without a doubt, they trusted in the World Honored.

It was clear that there were issues with Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

The issues at hand required careful handling.

Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva were not much of a concern, but dealing with Guanyin Bodhisattva was no easy task.

Though newly ascended, being Tier Two Peak, a real fight would throw the sect into chaos.

After some thought, the Medicine King Buddha immediately gave the order: "Guards, imprison Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva in the Buddha Prison and keep them under strict watch."

The Buddha Prison, within the sect, was used for detaining errant followers and enemies captured alive.

Being imprisoned in the Buddha Prison was not a pleasant experience.

Besides, those in control today could very well eliminate them tomorrow!

Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva exchanged a glance, sensing things were amiss.

At this moment, Guanyin Bodhisattva couldn't stand idly by, he stepped forward, inquiring, "Medicine King Buddha, what do you mean by this?"

"We went as you requested, and now the task is complete. By insisting on detaining them, are you trying to eliminate dissent?"

"Medicine King Buddha, if that is your stance, I demand to see the World Honored, I will complain to the World Honored about you!"

Seeing Guanyin Bodhisattva stand up boldly against the Medicine King Buddha,

Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva naturally couldn't let their friend battle alone.

"Medicine King Buddha, you are way too excessive!"

"Do we need to fight you to the death?" Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva also voiced strongly.

The initial intention of the Medicine King Buddha was indeed to eliminate dissenters.

Without the World Honored's decree, the Medicine King Buddha truly had no justification.

However, with the issuance of the decree, the Medicine King Buddha held the righteous stance.

The World Honored's decree claimed an issue with Black Dragon Heaven, yet Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva claimed otherwise.

Not trusting Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva means questioning the World Honored?

The Medicine King Buddha glanced at Lady Ming King, slowly saying, "Since Guanyin Bodhisattva is not convinced, show him the World Honored's decree."

After the Medicine King Buddha's words, Lady Ming King handed the World Honored's decree to Guanyin Bodhisattva.

Upon hearing the words "World Honored's decree," Guanyin Bodhisattva's heart couldn't help but thump.

After receiving the World Honored's decree, Guanyin Bodhisattva opened it to see the bold characters "Annihilate the Silent Sea, Kill Black Dragon Heaven" written on it.

This World Honored decree differed from the earlier one received by Guanyin and others.

The previous World Honored decree was issued by Lady Ming King in the name of the World Honored.

But the decree before him now bore the aura of the World Honored, confirming it was personally issued by him.

As an astute individual, Guanyin Bodhisattva understood that with this decree present, it would be impossible for Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva to prove their innocence.

As for himself, he hadn't gone to the Silent Sea, enabling him to dissociate himself from the issue.

"Guanyin Bodhisattva, do you have anything to say?" Medicine King Buddha asked sternly.

"This..." Guanyin Bodhisattva bit his lip and reluctantly said, "Perhaps Black Dragon Heaven is cunning and deceived both Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva."

"Hmph!"

"Whether they were deceived by Black Dragon Heaven or secretly betrayed the sect, we cannot discern."

"These two must be detained in the Buddha Prison, awaiting the World Honored to make the final decision when he emerges!" said the Medicine King Buddha resolutely.

Manjushri Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, and Guanyin Bodhisattva exchanged glances, knowing well that today's matter seemed irreversible.

Only Manjushri Bodhisattva said, "Fine, we will stay in the Buddha Prison for a while."

"The pure remain pure, and the impure remain impure. We trust the World Honored will vindicate us."

Upon finishing, Manjushri Bodhisattva gave Guanyin Bodhisattva a meaningful look, implying that the matters outside would be entrusted to him.