

Apocalypse 531

Chapter 531: The Four Buddhas Set Out Together

Guanyin Bodhisattva gritted his teeth, wanting to forcibly take Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva away.

Upon thinking it over, he feared that even if he made a move, they wouldn't be able to leave!

In front of him were five experts of the same realm, and he was not the Peacock Great Ming King; he couldn't do what the Peacock Great Ming King did.

The only good news now is that although Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva are detained, their lives are not in danger.

The World Honored has set a rule in the sect that fellow disciples cannot kill each other.

Moreover, now the Medicine King Buddha cannot be sure if Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva have been deceived by Black Dragon Heaven.

Or if they have colluded with Black Dragon Heaven and betrayed the sect.

Hence, the Medicine King Buddha dared not order the killing of Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva, and could only detain them for now.

Moreover, Guanyin Bodhisattva is still here, isn't he?

Even if the Medicine King Buddha wanted to act, he would have to consider Guanyin Bodhisattva.

Guanyin Bodhisattva is also a Tier Two Peak expert. If he really wanted to kill Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva, even knowing he was no match, Guanyin Bodhisattva would still make a move.

Detaining them could both avoid internal conflict and solve the problem. Why not do it?

Detain them for now, and how to dispose of Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva in the future would still have to be decided by the World Honored in person.

The Medicine King Buddha glanced at Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva, and said in a flat tone, "Since you are willing to surrender without a fight, just wait obediently in the Buddha Prison for the World Honored's decision."

After saying this, the Medicine King Buddha formed two Buddha Seals and injected them into Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

These two Buddha Seals were to seal the mana of Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva did not resist, allowing Medicine King Buddha to seal their mana.

After sealing the mana of Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva, the Medicine King Buddha called two novice monks from outside and ordered them to escort Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva to the Buddha Prison.

Guanyin Bodhisattva could only watch helplessly as Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva were taken away, powerless to intervene.

With Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva locked in the Buddha Prison, there was no one left in the hall who could share a pot with Guanyin Bodhisattva.

"Everyone, I bid you farewell!" Guanyin Bodhisattva cupped his hands toward the Buddhas in the hall and turned away in anger.

"Hmph!" Seeing Guanyin Bodhisattva leave in anger, Lady Ming King snorted coldly and said, "This Guanyin, thinking himself aloof, has just reached Tier Two Peak and doesn't know what he's so proud about."

Back then, when Lady Ming King had just taken the orders from the World Honored to lead the sect, she personally visited to win over Guanyin Bodhisattva.

However, Guanyin Bodhisattva refused her outright under the pretext of being in seclusion, without even seeing her.

As they say, better to offend a villain than a woman.

It was this incident that made Lady Ming King hold a grudge against Guanyin Bodhisattva.

"Guanyin, Manjushri, Manjushri, and the Peacock Great Ming King, their relationship is quite unusual!"

"Although Guanyin seems fine on the surface, he still cannot be trusted fully!" the Medicine King Buddha murmured.

Hearing that the Medicine King Buddha seemed to want to act against Guanyin Bodhisattva, Lady Ming King's eyes immediately lit up.

"Medicine King Buddha, what are you planning?" Lady Ming King asked excitedly.

The Medicine King Buddha contemplated for a moment and said, "Just send someone to keep an eye on Guanyin Bodhisattva!"

"As long as he doesn't make any strange moves, don't act against him for now."

"The urgent matter now is to execute the World Honored's decree, to obliterate Silent Sea and kill Black Dragon Heaven."

"We don't need to clash with Guanyin Bodhisattva at this moment."

After saying that, the Medicine King Buddha, without waiting for Lady Ming King's agreement, directly summoned a burly man glowing with golden light.

This man was the Medicine King Buddha's Tier Three expert, Duomu Arhat.

As the name suggests, Duomu Arhat has many eyes and sharp sight.

On his head, there were four eyes arranged in two rows.

Where normal people have eyebrows, he had no eyebrows, but instead two eyes.

Besides the four eyes on his head, he also had eyes on the palms of his hands and the soles of his feet.

Duomu Arhat claimed that the eyes on his feet watched the earth, the eyes on his hands watched the sky, and the eyes on his head observed the world.

"Duomu Arhat, from today, you are responsible for constantly monitoring Guanyin Bodhisattva."

"If he ever escapes your surveillance, you must notify me immediately!" The Medicine King Buddha commanded.

Duomu Arhat nodded, "Understood, I will definitely keep a close watch on Guanyin Bodhisattva."

Upon accepting the task, Duomu Arhat seemed to think of something and hurriedly asked, "If Guanyin Bodhisattva discovers me monitoring him and questions me, how should I respond?"

Duomu Arhat is Tier Three, whereas Guanyin Bodhisattva is Tier Two Peak. Although Duomu Arhat excels in surveillance, he cannot avoid being discovered by Guanyin Bodhisattva.

If discovered, Duomu Arhat might suffer greatly at the hands of Guanyin Bodhisattva.

"If he questions you, just tell him that now is a critical moment, and everyone in the sect is being monitored."

"If he has any questions, let him come to me!" the Medicine King Buddha said coldly.

The Medicine King Buddha did not intend to hide his surveillance of Guanyin Bodhisattva; he was doing it openly.

This time, Guanyin Bodhisattva's mission was different from that of Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Guanyin Bodhisattva went to meet the Peacock Great Ming King, and nothing went wrong with his mission, so the Medicine King Buddha had no reason to act against him.

Had there been any legitimate reason today, the Medicine King Buddha would have sent Guanyin Bodhisattva to the Buddha Prison as well.

Being monitored openly is already giving Guanyin Bodhisattva considerable respect from the Medicine King Buddha.

With the Medicine King Buddha backing him, Duomu Arhat felt more confident.

After Duomu Arhat took his leave, the Medicine King Buddha was heard asking, "This task of obliterating Silent Sea and killing Black Dragon Heaven is an urgent mission decreed by the World Honored and must not be taken lightly."

"This task must be done not only beautifully but also swiftly."

"Gather all the deployable power of the sect, Infinite Buddha, Dingguang Buddha, Great Auspicious Buddha, Pingbo Dinghai Buddha, you three go together!"

"I will stay behind to oversee, monitoring all directions. If you need support, I will coordinate with the hidden Buddhas to provide you with assistance instantly."

Lady Ming King was merely the nominal controller of the sect; she was too inexperienced to manage such a large sect.

When there was a task at hand, the Medicine King Buddha directly took command of the sect and began distributing missions.

The Medicine King Buddha believed that with four Tier Two Peak experts taking action, eliminating Silent Sea and killing Black Dragon Heaven should be effortless.

With the World Honored's decree in place, no one dared to refuse this mission.

"Yes!"

"Alright!" Infinite Buddha and Dingguang Buddha expressed their agreement successively.

As for Bai Ze and Xiang Liu, they dared not disagree either, nodding repeatedly in agreement.

Chapter 532: Lady Ming King Seeks to Take Her Father's Place in Battle

The Medicine King Buddha bypassed Lady Ming King and directly issued combat orders, which made Lady Ming King feel slightly uncomfortable.

Although she felt a bit uneasy, Lady Ming King was also helpless.

After all, in the absence of the World Honored, Lady Ming King had to rely on the Medicine King Buddha, a Tier Two Peak Expert, as her backing.

In any case, she certainly couldn't offend the Medicine King Buddha.

Lady Ming King thought, if we fight like this, then the credit for command will go to the Medicine King Buddha, and the credit for combat will go to the Infinite Buddha, Dingguang Buddha, Great Wisdom Buddha, Pingbo Dinghai Buddha, and the others.

By that time, the credit for defeating the Silent Sea and killing Black Dragon Heaven would belong to everyone present, except for me!

Upon realizing this, Lady Ming King had a sudden inspiration and said, "Medicine King Buddha, I plan to go to war on behalf of my father and personally march to the Silent Sea to annihilate Black Dragon Heaven."

This trip by Lady Ming King was essentially just a formality, serving no real purpose.

Everyone present understood Lady Ming King's intentions, so no one spoke, awaiting the Medicine King Buddha's response to her.

The children of the leadership wanting to earn distinctions; it wasn't their place as subordinates to object.

Now, it was up to the Medicine King Buddha, the deputy, to make a decision.

The Medicine King Buddha understood Lady Ming King's intentions, knowing she wanted to achieve some merit to show to the World Honored.

The Medicine King Buddha pondered for a moment, considering that this time four Tier Two Peak Powerhouses had been dispatched on the surface, along with the entire sect's forces.

With such strength, eliminating a Silent Sea was more than sufficient and Lady Ming King was not likely in any danger.

"Since Lady Ming King is willing to go to war on behalf of her father, it couldn't be better; it can also boost morale!" The Medicine King Buddha readily agreed.

Meanwhile, on Guanyin Bodhisattva's side, he returned to his sanctuary with an uneasy feeling.

At this moment, Guanyin Bodhisattva felt overwhelmed.

Their plan for the Silent Sea journey was originally seamless.

No matter what questions the Medicine King Buddha asked, they could easily handle them.

They never imagined that at the crucial moment, a decree from the World Honored would arrive.

With the decree of the World Honored, the Medicine King Buddha confirmed that Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushree Bodhisattva had issues, and without asking, he imprisoned them in the Buddha Prison.

With the Medicine King not asking further questions, the explanations Guanyin Bodhisattva and his group had prepared became useless.

"Why did the World Honored issue such a decree at this time?"

"Could it be that the World Honored has already glimpsed everything about the Silent Sea?"

"If he has understood everything, why doesn't the World Honored act to resolve the hidden danger?"

"There's only one possibility, that the World Honored is currently at a critical moment of seclusion, unable to spare the effort."

"Once the World Honored successfully proves the Tao, nothing in this world can be hidden from him, including what happened at the Silent Sea."

"We know where the Great Auspicious Buddha is, and failing to report it, we might be considered traitors!"

"On the day the World Honored proves the Tao, the Peacock Great Ming King will surely die, and I'm afraid Manjushree and Manjushri might not escape either."

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Guanyin Bodhisattva sat cross-legged, thoughts swirling, various ideas intertwining constantly.

For a moment, Guanyin Bodhisattva found it difficult to make a decision.

Their close relationship with the Peacock Great Ming King was already a source of displeasure for the World Honored.

This time, they accidentally learned the details of the Great Auspicious Buddha's disappearance, but they had sworn an oath not to speak of it.

Once the World Honored proves the Tao, this matter can't be concealed anymore, and by then, how will they explain it to the World Honored?

"Could it be?"

"Do we have no other option but to defect? To prevent the World Honored from proving the Tao and to maintain the current balance?" Guanyin Bodhisattva thought to himself, gritting his teeth.

Guanyin Bodhisattva actually felt no loyalty to the sect.

The reason for joining the sect was simply to find shelter under the great tree.

Though without loyalty to the sect, he also couldn't be considered a faithful follower of the World Honored.

But unless necessary, he still did not wish to defect.

The risks of defecting were too great, and a single mistake would lead to an irreparable situation.

However, now that Manjushree Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva had been imprisoned in the Buddha Prison, it seemed they had no other way but to defect.

"I must find a way to rescue Manjushree Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva, then seek the Peacock Great Ming King."

"As long as the World Honored doesn't succeed in proving the Tao, the Peacock Great Ming King can protect us!"

"If the World Honored proves the Tao, then all is over!" Guanyin Bodhisattva thought to himself.

At this point, Guanyin Bodhisattva seemed to have no other choice.

With this in mind, Guanyin Bodhisattva prepared to leave the sanctuary to confer with the Peacock Great Ming King.

However, just as he was about to leave the sanctuary, he suddenly felt an ominous sensation.

This feeling was like an intuition warning him that if he left the sanctuary, something bad would definitely happen.

With this in mind, Guanyin Bodhisattva spread his consciousness around to survey the vicinity of the sanctuary.

Quickly, Guanyin Bodhisattva discovered Duomu Arhat keeping a watchful eye on him.

"It's Duomu, that guy. How dare he surveil me?" Guanyin Bodhisattva muttered in confusion to himself.

Yet, a moment later, he understood the situation.

Duomu Arhat, a mere Tier Three Arhat, was far inferior to him in terms of power and status.

By no means should he dare to surveil Guanyin Bodhisattva.

But now, he was indeed spying on Guanyin Bodhisattva, and it was an entirely open surveillance.

"It must be the Medicine King Buddha who instructed him to do this!"

"That bastard!" Guanyin Bodhisattva felt a surge of anger rise within him.

Even a clay Buddha would have some fire, let alone Guanyin Bodhisattva, an esteemed Tier Two Peak Powerhouse.

Guanyin Bodhisattva was just about to apprehend Duomu Arhat, but then reconsidered, realizing he couldn't act against Duomu Arhat at this time.

Since the Medicine King Buddha ordered Duomu Arhat to monitor him, if he acted against Duomu Arhat, wouldn't it suggest he had a guilty conscience?

By then, the Medicine King Buddha might resort to even tighter surveillance.

Now that he was aware of Duomu Arhat's surveillance, handling it became much easier.

"I must find a way to avoid Duomu Arhat's watch and contact the Peacock Great Ming King for help!" Guanyin Bodhisattva thought internally.

With a plan in mind, Guanyin Bodhisattva knew there was no urgency in acting immediately.

At present, as Duomu Arhat had just begun his surveillance, he would be on high alert.

In a few days, once Duomu Arhat had been monitoring him for some time without discovering anything unusual, his alertness would inevitably decrease.

It was at that point that Guanyin Bodhisattva planned to take action.

With this thought, Guanyin Bodhisattva decided to remain still, adapting to changing situations.

Chapter 533: Full Army Assault on the Silent Sea

"Dong!"

"Dong! Dong!"

The initially urgent then slow bell sound echoed throughout the World Honored One Sect.

The bell of the sect rings with different frequencies depending on the matter at hand.

To summon everyone to worship the Buddha, there's a specific frequency for that.

To summon everyone to listen to the scriptures, there's a specific frequency for that.

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And now, the bell sound is that which only rings when the sect must mobilize all followers for a life-and-death battle.

With the ringing of the bell, the novice monks, travelers, Dharma Guardian Deities, Ming Kings, Vajras, Arhats, Bodhisattvas within the sect...

Except for the Tier Two Peak Buddhas, everyone in the sect gathered toward the main hall.

The Tier Two Peak Buddhas are like partners of the World Honored, existing to be called upon but not commanded.

This bell sound to summon the followers couldn't command them; it would require the World Honored to personally issue an edict.

As time passed, more and more followers gathered in the main hall.

Only the middle and upper-level followers had the qualification to enter the main hall.

As for the ordinary followers, they could only stand in rank outside the main hall based on their status.

As the number one sect in the Mysterious World, it truly lives up to its name.

Despite experiencing multiple calamities such as the chaos caused by Wu Nengsheng and the City of Sin, which greatly reduced the sect's strength,

today, after the gathering of followers, they were still vast and unending.

Lady Ming King felt very proud upon witnessing this scene.

Lady Ming King thought: "With our sect's strength, the mere Silent Sea and Black Dragon Heaven are nothing."

"With so many followers, even if each threw a stone, we could fill the damned Silent Sea."

After a full three hundred and sixty-five bell rings, all the followers had gathered here.

At this moment, the Medicine King Buddha, seated in the high seat, said to Lady Ming King, "Go!"

"Say a few words to mobilize them."

Lady Ming King understood the Medicine King Buddha's intentions, immediately raised her hand, and the edict imbued with the World Honored's will shot skyward.

It broke through the main hall and soared into the sky.

The edict grew larger with the wind, eventually becoming a giant decree, dozens of meters long, gleaming with golden Buddha's Radiance.

There, on the edict, the same words remained.

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

After presenting the World Honored's edict to ensure all followers could see, Lady Ming King declared in a loud voice: "This is the edict of the World Honored..."

Just as Lady Ming King began to speak, before her words were finished, a sound like mountains and seas erupted.

"We adhere to the World Honored's edict."

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The cries rose one after another, and one could see the faces of these followers full of devotion.

In the sect, the weaker the followers, the more devout their faith in the World Honored.

Conversely, as one's strength increased, their faith in the World Honored would gradually wane.

Some Tier Two, Tier Two Peak powerhouses had no faith in the World Honored whatsoever and began to focus on themselves.

Let alone faith in the World Honored, like Wu Nengsheng of the past or the current Peacock Great Ming King, they even opposed the World Honored.

From this, it's apparent why ancient emperors preferred to govern through policies of ignorance.

The more ignorant the people, the easier they are to manage; once enlightened, they become harder to control.

As she watched these devout followers, willing to die for the sect and the World Honored, Lady Ming King felt an almost perverse sense of achievement and control.

Soon, Lady Ming King's voice reverberated continuously across the mountains.

"The Silent Sea has always been the inherent territory of our sect."

"An inherent territory must not be violated. What is this mediocre Black Dragon Heaven, an unknown wild dragon from nowhere, gathering a group of forces to try and occupy the Silent Sea?"

"What do you say, can we agree to this?" Lady Ming King rallied, seeking to stir the anger of the followers,

so that they would bravely fight the enemy.

"No, we cannot!"

"We cannot!" the followers shouted in unison.

Lady Ming King continued: "Eradicate the Silent Sea, kill Black Dragon Heaven, this is the World Honored's direct command."

"Ladies and gentlemen, do well, the World Honored will not treat any worthy minister poorly. Those who perform well may even have hope of entering the Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool to cleanse their essence and wash their marrow."

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Afterward, Lady Ming King went on a bout of brainwashing, with grand promises, persuading the crowd to the point where they howled excitedly, as if they were energized.

After boosting morale, the next step was the allocation of forces and tactical planning.

Actually, given their overwhelming absolute advantage, no tactics were necessary.

Just relying on their superior numbers and masters, they could crush the opposition outright.

However, if it was a straightforward crush, how could Lady Ming King showcase her military genius?

So, the deployment and dispatching of troops were indispensable.

Without this step, how would Lady Ming King claim credit?

In reality, regarding troop deployment, Lady Ming King was somewhat of a half-baked strategist.

Back when the Unmoving Ming King was alive, it was he who expanded the sect's territories.

Lady Ming King, having stayed by the Unmoving Ming King's side, learned some strategies just as one learns by watching others play mahjong.

Lady Ming King divided all followers into five groups: Dingguang Buddha and Infinite Buddha each led one group, responsible for the east and west offensives.

The Great Wisdom Buddha and Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha each led one group, responsible for the south and north offensives.

As for Lady Ming King herself, she led one group, stationed in the central army, ready to support any side as needed.

Lady Ming King's arrangement was quite ordinary.

But in any case, they had the advantage on all fronts; they wouldn't lose no matter how they fought.

In every aspect, the Black Dragon Heaven of the Silent Sea was no match for the entire World Honored One Sect.

If the Black Dragon Heaven of the Silent Sea could overthrow the entire World Honored One Sect, then the sect wouldn't deserve to be the number one sect in the Mysterious World.

The purpose of the Black Dragon Heaven of the Silent Sea is to drain the living forces of the World Honored One Sect; it was never meant to win.

But knowing they would lose, the battle must still be fought.

One can only hope that this battle at the Silent Sea will force the World Honored to reveal more cards.

At the same time, it could allow Elder Bai and others to discern the true strength of the World Honored.

It's important to know, those watching the World Honored closely are not only Elder Bai and his group.

Once the true strength of the World Honored is revealed, it won't be just one Black Dragon Heaven falling; thousands will rise.

After formulating the tactics, Lady Ming King raised her arm and shouted: "All forces, launch, straight to the Silent Sea."

With Lady Ming King's command, an overwhelming force marched toward the Silent Sea, exuding a murderous aura that formed a tangible black cloud.

Chapter 534: Avalokiteshvara's Scheme, Drunken Blunder of the Many-Eyed

Outside the arena of Guanyin Bodhisattva, Duomu Arhat was employing his Divine Power, using his multitude of eyes to fixate unyieldingly on Guanyin Bodhisattva.

The Medicine King Buddha had commanded him to keep a close watch on Guanyin Bodhisattva, and if Guanyin Bodhisattva managed to escape, he would be held accountable.

This time, all the followers were gathered to raid the Silent Sea, and the Medicine King Buddha had specifically ordered that he need not go.

"It's good to have specialties!"

"While you all risk your lives, I'm here enjoying myself!" muttered Duomu Arhat as he kept surveillance over Guanyin Bodhisattva.

At this time, Guanyin Bodhisattva naturally heard the bell summoning the congregation too.

However, as a secondary Peak level, Guanyin Bodhisattva had no need to respond to it.

Duomu Vajra blinked, and in the next moment upon reopening his eyes, he suddenly found that Guanyin Bodhisattva had vanished from his sight.

"Ah!"

"Where's Guanyin?" Duomu Arhat shivered in fear, ready to expand his search area.

If Guanyin managed to escape, he'd be in deep trouble.

When that time comes, the Medicine King Buddha would certainly throw him into Buddha Prison, and he'd face anal punishment.

As for what this anal punishment entails, those who know, know.

While Duomu Arhat was feeling tense, he suddenly felt someone patting his shoulder.

He turned abruptly to see that it was none other than Guanyin Bodhisattva doing the patting.

"Whew!" Duomu Arhat couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.

As long as Guanyin Bodhisattva hadn't fled, he could still deliver his duties.

Actually, just now, while Duomu Arhat was momentarily distracted, Guanyin Bodhisattva had the chance to escape.

But after reconsidering repeatedly, Guanyin Bodhisattva had chosen not to flee.

Guanyin Bodhisattva knew that if he fled, Duomu Arhat would undoubtedly utilize his Divine Abilities to seek him immediately.

Though Guanyin Bodhisattva's strength and realm exceeded that of Duomu Arhat substantially.

However, searching and surveillance were Duomu Arhat's expertise, and Guanyin Bodhisattva wasn't sure he could evade his tracking.

Even if Guanyin Bodhisattva luckily evaded Duomu Arhat's search, Duomu Arhat would definitely alert Medicine King Buddha of his disappearance immediately.

Once Medicine King Buddha learned of his disappearance, Guanyin Bodhisattva's plans would still be thwarted.

It should be known that Guanyin Bodhisattva not only intends to leave himself, but also aims to rescue Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva from Buddha Prison.

If Guanyin Bodhisattva wanted to leave by himself, he could depart at any time; the difficulty lies in rescuing Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva from the heavily guarded Buddha Prison.

This task was something Guanyin Bodhisattva couldn't accomplish alone; he needed to seek the aid of his friend, Peacock Great Ming King.

"Duomu, didn't you hear the bell calling the followers?"

"Why haven't you left?" Guanyin Bodhisattva asked knowingly.

Upon hearing Guanyin Bodhisattva's question, Duomu Arhat scratched his head and answered awkwardly: "I..."

"I have other tasks."

"Hmph!" Guanyin Bodhisattva snorted coldly and asked irritably: "Other tasks, what tasks?"

This question truly puzzled Duomu Arhat.

Though Duomu Arhat was a man of the Medicine King Buddha, given the stark disparity between his status and Guanyin Bodhisattva, he also didn't want to completely offend Guanyin Bodhisattva.

If he told Guanyin Bodhisattva his task was to monitor him, wouldn't that be confronting him?

Some things can be done but shouldn't be revealed openly.

Duomu Arhat smiled awkwardly: "Secret tasks, Medicine King Buddha forbids us from speaking."

"Bodhisattva, please don't trouble us. We minor folks have no other choice, right?"

Duomu Arhat's words were like requesting leniency from Guanyin Bodhisattva.

His words implied that while the big shots clash, minor people can only act as puppets.

"Even if you don't say it, I already know your secret task."

"The Medicine King Buddha instructed you to watch over me, right?"

"Hmph, suspecting us as traitors, the Medicine King Buddha also doesn't consider, if we were traitors, would we return here?" Guanyin Bodhisattva snorted coldly.

Upon hearing Guanyin Bodhisattva's words, Duomu Arhat unexpectedly found some empathy with him.

Duomu Arhat thought, that's true!

If Guanyin Bodhisattva and his group were traitors, wouldn't they simply not come back at all?

What sense was there in being a traitor and then walking into a trap?

Just as Duomu Arhat pondered this, Guanyin Bodhisattva's voice rang out: "Since Medicine King Buddha instructed you to watch over me, I won't make things difficult for you!"

"Come with me then!"

Duomu Arhat: "???"

Duomu Arhat was stunned, then asked: "Bodhisattva, what do you mean by this?"

"It's dull to be alone, inviting you over for discussions on scriptures to dispel boredom," Guanyin Bodhisattva said.

With these words, Duomu Arhat looked shocked.

Discuss scriptures?

Discussing scriptures was something usually done between fellow daoists.

Was Duomu Arhat worthy to be Guanyin Bodhisattva's fellow daoist?

To put it simply, a few words from Guanyin Bodhisattva about the scriptures could bring him tremendous benefits.

"Bodhisattva! Are you serious?" Duomu Arhat cautiously inquired.

Guanyin Bodhisattva glanced at him and said: "I am serious, upright and fearless, not worried about being watched."

"Come in!"

This great chance was right before him; Duomu Arhat couldn't refuse.

Besides, discussing scriptures wouldn't affect his surveillance on Guanyin Bodhisattva!

Now with benefits and no delays, why not do it?

Duomu Arhat followed Guanyin Bodhisattva into the arena, and truly, Guanyin Bodhisattva wasn't stingy at all.

This discourse and discussion on scriptures were full of substance, immensely benefiting Duomu Arhat.

Gradually, Duomu Arhat relaxed his vigilance around Guanyin Bodhisattva, considering him a good person.

Guanyin Bodhisattva preached as Duomu Arhat listened attentively.

Initially, it was a plain lecture.

As the lecture progressed, Guanyin Bodhisattva had a child servant deliver fruits, inviting Duomu Arhat to partake.

Duomu Arhat ate without much thought.

Continuing the lecture, Guanyin Bodhisattva instructed the child servant to prepare wine and food, discussing while eating during the banquet.

Duomu Arhat, having been lulled into complete trust with Guanyin Bodhisattva, naturally didn't refuse.

Soon, Duomu Arhat drank too much, collapsed onto the table, and snored blissfully.

Looking at Duomu Arhat sleeping soundly on the table, Guanyin Bodhisattva softly said: "It's said Duomu Arhat is fond of wine, indeed deserving the reputation."

After confirming Duomu Arhat was completely inebriated, Guanyin Bodhisattva summoned the child servant and instructed: "I need to leave for some matters and will return promptly."

"During the time I'm away, every incense-burning interval, make sure to pour a jug of wine into Duomu Arhat's mouth."

This was Guanyin Bodhisattva's strategy; he would intoxicate Duomu Arhat and seize this opportunity to consult with Peacock Great Ming King on a plan.

As long as he returns before Duomu Arhat wakes, it would create the illusion he has been there all along.

Chapter 535: Guanyin Bodhisattva Passes the Message

After arranging everything, Guanyin Bodhisattva quickly left the dojo.

At this moment, Guanyin Bodhisattva was racing against time.

He must find the Peacock Great Ming King and discuss strategies before Duomu Arhat wakes up.

After leaving the dojo, Guanyin Bodhisattva headed straight for the Peacock Great Ming King's dojo.

At this time, Lady Ming King and the others were rallying the sect members, preparing for the battle.

They thought that Guanyin Bodhisattva was being watched by Duomu Arhat, so they didn't realize that Guanyin Bodhisattva had quietly slipped away.

When Guanyin Bodhisattva arrived at the Peacock Great Ming King's dojo, he was still received by the Mountain Guardian Divine Beast, Kaiming Beast.

"Where is your master?" Guanyin Bodhisattva asked urgently upon seeing Kaiming Beast.

Kaiming Beast: "???"

Hearing this question, Kaiming Beast was completely puzzled.

Kaiming Beast thought, wasn't my master going out with you? Why are you asking me?

"Bodhisattva?"

"After going out with you last time, my master has not returned!" Kaiming Beast replied honestly.

Upon hearing this, Guanyin Bodhisattva's heart trembled.

The Peacock Great Ming King hadn't returned, which meant he was likely still in the Silent Sea.

If Guanyin Bodhisattva wanted to find the Peacock Great Ming King, he would have to go to the Silent Sea.

However, Lady Ming King and the others were conducting the final mobilization for the war.

Once the mobilization ended, they would immediately head to Silent Sea.

If Guanyin Bodhisattva went to Silent Sea now, he might get trapped by Lady Ming King and her forces in Silent Sea.

It should be noted that accompanying the expedition were four Tier Two Peak Experts. In their eyes, Guanyin Bodhisattva had nowhere to hide.

Once trapped in Silent Sea, Guanyin Bodhisattva's identity as a traitor would be confirmed.

In fact, since he was already determined to seek the Peacock Great Ming King's help, confirming the traitor identity wasn't a big deal.

Being a traitor doesn't bother Guanyin Bodhisattva.

However, Guanyin Bodhisattva might not mind, but Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva in Buddha Prison would care!

If Guanyin Bodhisattva's traitor identity were confirmed, theirs wouldn't escape either.

Then, the two of them would undoubtedly die.

After a brief consideration, Guanyin Bodhisattva decided to head to Silent Sea to find the Peacock Great Ming King.

Because he knew, apart from that, there was no one else who could help him.

Or rather, no one else had the ability to help him.

He had managed to intoxicate Duomu Arhat, finding an opportunity to slip out, such opportunities wouldn't come again.

Moreover, once Silent Sea was completely surrounded, if the Peacock Great Ming King stayed there to assist and didn't return to the dojo,

Even if Guanyin Bodhisattva thought of a way to intoxicate Duomu Arhat, he would have no chance to meet the Peacock Great Ming King.

While Lady Ming King and the others were still mobilizing forces and hadn't surrounded Silent Sea yet, this was Guanyin Bodhisattva's only chance.

Besides, Guanyin Bodhisattva was a Tier Two Peak Expert, and his speed was swift.

Lady Ming King's army was a mixed bag, with various capabilities among its people, and their marching speed would undoubtedly be slower than Guanyin Bodhisattva's.

As long as Guanyin Bodhisattva seized the time and quickly found the Peacock Great Ming King upon reaching Silent Sea,

he could discuss strategies with the Peacock Great Ming King well before Lady Ming King arrived.

With this in mind, Guanyin Bodhisattva didn't say another word, vanished from the spot, and hurried towards Silent Sea.

Watching Guanyin Bodhisattva disappear, Kaiming Beast exclaimed puzzledly, "Ah!"

"Recently, Guanyin Bodhisattva has been really strange."

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At Silent Sea.

After Guanyin Bodhisattva, Manjushri Bodhisattva, and Manjushri Bodhisattva left, the Peacock Great Ming King had not left.

At this moment, the Peacock Great Ming King was recounting his encounters in the Void to Elder Bai and the others.

In the Void, the virtual monsters capable of mimicking human cultivation were truly astonishing.

The Peacock Great Ming King wanted to leverage Elder Bai's knowledge to analyze what those creatures really were.

Obviously, Elder Bai was also very curious about these monsters in the Void.

"Monsters that can mimic Tier Two Peak power in large numbers, what does this signify?" asked the naive Black Bear Spirit.

Elder Bai, with a serious expression, pondered for a moment and said, "Consider how many Tier Two Peak Experts there are in our world as a whole."

"The presence of a large number of monsters in the Void that can simulate Tier Two Peak power suggests that Tier Two Peak power is not their limit, and not even Tier One is their limit."

"The level of the Void is higher than that of our world!"

"Fortunately, with the existence of world barriers, the Void and our world are distinctly separate. As long as we do not actively enter the Void, the Void does not affect us."

Elder Bai and the others were enthusiastically discussing the topic of the Void.

Suddenly, a surge of energy appeared, and in the next moment, Guanyin Bodhisattva appeared before them.

"Oh?"

"Guanyin Bodhisattva, why are you here?" Elder Bai asked, surprised.

"I came uninvited, please forgive me, everyone."

"There's an urgent matter I need to tell you!" Guanyin Bodhisattva seemed urgent.

Before Elder Bai and the others could reply, Guanyin Bodhisattva quickly recounted everything that had happened after they left, like pouring out beans from a bamboo tube.

"Indeed, the World Honored is formidable; even in seclusion, he sensed the anomaly in Silent Sea."

"The battle is indeed coming, yet it doesn't matter, for this battle is what we seek!" said Elder Bai. He then instructed the Golden-Winged Roc, "Golden-Winged Roc, your speed is fast, go keep an eye."

"As soon as you see Lady Ming King's army arriving, report immediately."

"Alright!" Golden-Winged Roc responded, turning into a golden light and flying away.

After Golden-Winged Roc left, Elder Bai instructed Black Dragon Heaven, "Go muster the troops and horses, prepare for battle!"

"We will only assist in dealing with Tier Two Experts; for those below Tier Two, you must handle it yourself."

Fortunately, Guanyin Bodhisattva came to give them a heads-up, allowing them time to prepare in advance.

Otherwise, they would have been caught off guard by Lady Ming King's attack.

Now, Guanyin Bodhisattva said to Elder Bai, "I want to ask everyone to help rescue Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva."

"Of course, in return, we are willing to defect with the Great Ming King and form an alliance with you."

At this point, Guanyin Bodhisattva and the others could only take the plunge.

Anyway, staying in the sect, they were marginalized.

Furthermore, if the World Honored attains enlightenment and learns everything, they would be subjected to reckoning.

Since that's the case, they might as well stick with the Peacock Great Ming King, gambling for a glimmer of hope.

Of course, all this depended on Elder Bai and the others helping to rescue Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Chapter 536: Robbing Buddha Prison Plan

Once Guanyin Bodhisattva spoke, Elder Bai's heart was filled with delight.

The three of them, Guanyin Bodhisattva, were originally from the World Honored One Sect. If they were to join forces and combine their strengths...

Then, it would mean their power increased, and the World Honored One Sect's power decreased.

Under such fluctuation of power, their chances of winning greatly improved.

After the initial excitement, Elder Bai's face showed a tinge of worry.

Guanyin Bodhisattva's willingness to join them was indeed a good thing.

However, facilitating this alliance required something crucial.

And that was to rescue Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

This task was not easy!

Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva are currently confined in the Buddha Prison, and rescuing them means they must rob Buddha Prison.

Buddha Prison is located in the headquarters of the World Honored One Sect, with Medicine King Buddha openly as the sole Tier Two Peak Expert on guard.

Privately, who knows how many other Tier Two Peak Powerhouses are at the post.

Even the Peacock Great Ming King himself would not have much confidence in robbing Buddha Prison on his own.

The only way to rob Buddha Prison is if they all go together.

But then again, the battle at Silent Sea is about to begin.

Lady Ming King has brought four Tier Two Peak Experts, and Elder Bai and the others, just enough to counter these four Tier Two Peak Powerhouses.

If they leave, Silent Sea could not hold for even a moment.

In the end, their forces are too thin; they cannot attend to one without neglecting the other.

"Alas!" Elder Bai sighed heavily and said solemnly, "Rescuing them is not easy!"

As soon as Elder Bai spoke, Guanyin Bodhisattva's face sank.

With Elder Bai saying it's difficult, does it mean they have to let Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva wait for death in Buddha Prison?

Initially, everyone hoped Elder Bai could come up with a strategy.

Upon hearing Elder Bai say the task is tricky, the Peacock Great Ming King's impulsive spirit was stirred.

"Fellow Daoist Bai, here's the plan: you four should take care of Silent Sea."

"When the battle begins here, I will seize the chance to rob Buddha Prison while the Sect headquarters is vacant," said the Peacock Great Ming King.

Elder Bai glanced at the Peacock Great Ming King and earnestly said, "Great Ming King, you're the one most familiar with whether headquarters will be vacant."

The World Honored One Sect is the largest sect in the Mysterious World.

The experts within the sect can't only be as they appear.

These hidden experts usually do not interfere with sect affairs, but if you, Peacock Great Ming King, intrude to rob Buddha Prison, they will not sit idly by.

At that time, the chances of rescuing them would be extremely slim.

Having served as number two in the World Honored One Sect for these years, Peacock Great Ming King surely understands this truth.

Of course he knows, but out of camaraderie, Peacock Great Ming King cannot turn a blind eye to friends in danger.

Therefore, even knowing the odds are slim for robbing Buddha Prison, he still wants to give it a try.

"Wait a moment!" At this time, Lin Yuan suddenly thought of something and quickly said, "I have a way to rescue them!"

Once Lin Yuan had spoken, everyone gazed at him with strange eyes.

Everyone thought, even Tier Two Peak Elder Bai has no solution, what can Lin Yuan, junior as he is, possibly offer?

Elder Bai looked at Lin Yuan and asked, "Lin Yuan, what is your plan?"

Lin Yuan asked, "Elder Bai, do you remember previously when I had you place people in the various temples of the World Honored One Sect?"

Elder Bai was surprised for a moment, then replied, "Of course I remember, those who could devour others and take their appearance."

"Even Tier Two Peak Powerhouses wouldn't notice anything odd."

Lin Yuan referred to the first batch of Gourmands created by the dean, placed in the temples of the World Honored One Sect as insiders.

Currently, these Gourmands are remotely controlled by people from the Real World.

Lin Yuan nodded and said, "This time, when the World Honored One Sect sends people out on a large scale, our insiders among them will act."

"In this battle, when they are injured, the wounded will undoubtedly return to the sect headquarters for treatment, and by then, they can create chaos from within."

"Then, the Peacock Great Ming King and Guanyin Bodhisattva can feign attacking the sect headquarters, drawing out the hidden Tier Two Peak Powerhouses from the sect, while these insiders infiltrate Buddha Prison to rescue them."

"Once these insiders infiltrate Buddha Prison and meet Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva, here's what they can do..."

After Lin Yuan explained his plan, the people were startled and amazed.

No one expected Lin Yuan to come up with such a solution.

Indeed, if executed according to Lin Yuan's plan, there would be at least a seventy to eighty percent chance of rescuing Manjushri Bodhisattva and Manjushri Bodhisattva.

Moreover, it could throw the World Honored One Sect into chaos.

This plan is certainly a two birds with one stone approach!

"A seventy to eighty percent chance of rescue is already substantial!"

"Let's proceed with this plan!" Elder Bai firmly decided.

Currently, Lin Yuan's plan is the best option available.

The Peacock Great Ming King and Guanyin Bodhisattva had no objections to this either.

At this moment, a golden streak soared by, and the Golden-Winged Roc appeared in front of everyone.

"They're here!"

"Lady Ming King is leading her people; given their speed, the time it takes to reach Silent Sea is just one incense stick's duration," the Golden-Winged Roc reported.

Upon hearing Lady Ming King's arrival, Elder Bai turned to Guanyin Bodhisattva and said, "Guanyin Bodhisattva, return to the dojo first to avoid alarming the enemy."

Guanyin Bodhisattva nodded and swiftly vanished.

Following this, Elder Bai instructed the crowd, "Let's also leave Silent Sea and hide on the perimeter."

"When the time comes for inside-out coordination, it will ease our actions."

Black Dragon Heaven and their forces are within Silent Sea, using it for defense.

While Elder Bai and the others must stay on the outskirts of Lady Ming King's troops, closely observing any movements to assist Black Dragon Heaven at a moment's notice.

"Great Ming King, unless absolutely necessary, do not engage!" Elder Bai reminded the Peacock Great Ming King carefully.

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Meanwhile,

Guanyin Bodhisattva had arrived back at the dojo, at this moment, a child was about to pour wine for Duomu Arhat.

Guanyin Bodhisattva took the wine pot from the child, waved to dismiss him.

Then, Guanyin Bodhisattva downed half a pot of wine, splashed the remainder over himself.

Finally, he collapsed onto the table, pretending to be in a deep sleep.

Shortly after, Duomu Arhat groggily awakened.

"Oh dear!"

"Drinking delays matters, drinking delays matters indeed!" Duomu Arhat regretted his behavior, nearly slapping himself but paused when seeing Guanyin Bodhisattva asleep across the table.

"I never thought Guanyin's tolerance for alcohol is worse than mine!" Duomu Arhat secretly chuckled.

Chapter 537: Xiang Liu's True Form

Countless followers of the World Honored One Sect, led by Lady Ming King, surrounded the Silent Sea.

At this moment, the seawater of the Silent Sea surged and churned, forming a Giant City composed of sea water above the surface.

On the walls of the sea water Giant City, Black Dragon Heaven, along with his twenty-eight Celestial Kings, stood boldly on the walls.

Facing enemies several times, even dozens of times their numbers, they were not afraid at all.

Dingguang Buddha, Infinite Buddha, Great Wisdom Buddha, and Pingbo Dinghai Buddha each led their armies, positioning themselves to the front, back, left, and right of the Silent Sea, forming an impenetrable siege.

However, since this battle was commanded by Lady Ming King, without her orders, the four did not recklessly attack.

Lady Ming King personally led the central army, positioned above the Silent Sea, confronting Black Dragon Heaven on the sea water Giant City.

The enemy is numerous, we are few; the enemy is strong, we are weak.

In this situation, we definitely cannot take the initiative to attack; defense must be prioritized.

"Lady Ming King, the Dragon Beastman on the city wall is Black Dragon Heaven!" A strangely looking Arhat with a protruding forehead reminded Lady Ming King.

Lady Ming King looked at Black Dragon Heaven, feeling unsure for a moment.

It was only right that Lady Ming King couldn't discern Black Dragon Heaven's depth; in terms of strength, Black Dragon Heaven was stronger than her, it would be odd if she could see through him.

Lady Ming King asked the Arhat beside her: "Guangzhi Arhat, who do you think should attack first??"

Lady Ming King was leading the central army, which was not easy to mobilize.

Moreover, Lady Ming King was there to gain merits, not to risk her life; such risky tasks certainly couldn't be done by her.

Therefore, the party to launch the first attack could only be selected from the four directions: east, west, south, and north.

This was a task that might offend people; after all, the party attacking first could face great casualties, and they might even let those who attack later reap the benefits.

Guangzhi Arhat glanced at Lady Ming King, thinking that she really had him do the dirty work of offending someone, while she herself avoided it!

Guangzhi Arhat couldn't afford to offend Lady Ming King; since she told him to speak, he had no choice but to comply.

Among Dingguang Buddha, Infinite Buddha, Great Wisdom Buddha, and Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha, he had to offend one, but who should it be?

This Guangzhi Arhat had a protruding forehead, a bigger head than others, and more devious than most.

After contemplating for just two or three seconds, Guangzhi Arhat came up with a solution.

First of all, Infinite Buddha and Dingguang Buddha definitely could not be offended.

These two were old sect members, with many friends, disciples, and followers; offending them would definitely mean trouble in the future.

These two could only be flattered, not offended.

Since Infinite Buddha and Dingguang Buddha, the old sect members, could not be offended.

Then, he could only offend Great Wisdom Buddha and Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha, the two newcomers.

Although these two were also Buddhas, they were newcomers without much foundation and influence in the sect.

Offending these two wouldn't cause much trouble.

Moreover, since they were new, they might not necessarily retaliate.

Between Great Wisdom Buddha and Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha, who should be chosen?

Great Wisdom Buddha was cunning, so it was better not to offend him if possible.

Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha was a rash man, so it had to be him.

Thinking of this, Guangzhi Arhat suggested: "After careful consideration, I believe Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha is most suitable to attack first."

After hearing Guangzhi Arhat's suggestion, Lady Ming King pursued further: "Why Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha?"

Guangzhi Arhat: "???"

Guangzhi Arhat thought, I helped you offend some people since you don't want to do it yourself, and now you're questioning me? Do whatever you want!

Rank oppression!

Guangzhi Arhat, though frustrated internally, dared not express it openly.

His eyes turned, his mind quickly spinning, and soon he came up with an explanation: "Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha's true form is Xiang Liu, proficient in using black water, and where there is water is his domain."

"Furthermore, as Xiang Liu, known as Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha, this battlefield on Silent Sea is the perfect stage for his skills."

Guangzhi Arhat's explanation was improvised but logical and credible.

Lady Ming King lacked decision-making ability.

Upon hearing the reasonable explanation from Guangzhi Arhat, she immediately sent an order for Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha to attack first.

North battlefield.

This was the territory managed by Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha, also known as Xiang Liu.

Xiang Liu was a rash man, lacking cunning.

Since joining the World Honored One Sect, he hadn't achieved anything; he prepared himself to establish great merit in this battle.

Just then, Guangzhi Arhat arrived before Xiang Liu.

"Guangzhi Arhat has arrived?"

"Does Lady Ming King have any orders?" Xiang Liu inquired.

Guangzhi Arhat got straight to the point: "Lady Ming King has ordered Pingbo Dinghai Buddha to lead your troops and launch an attack from the north first."

"Once you break through, the encirclement can be complete from all directions."

Upon hearing this order, Xiang Liu assured by patting his chest: "Black Dragon Heaven is nothing; I just need to slightly strike and can easily resolve him."

"Please tell Lady Ming King not to trouble other Buddhas; I can personally break into Silent Sea and capture Black Dragon Heaven alive."

"Present Black Dragon Heaven to Lady Ming King, allowing her to personally decapitate his head."

Xiang Liu thought to himself, Lady Ming King was the daughter of the World Honored; if he couldn't curry favor with the World Honored, he would curry favor with his daughter.

Guangzhi Arhat came to relay the message; regardless of whether Xiang Liu was truthful or bragging, it wasn't his concern.

"I've delivered the order, I'll go back and report now."

"Please, Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha, commence your attack promptly." Guangzhi Arhat left a word, then turned to leave.

Once Guangzhi Arhat departed, Xiang Liu led his followers to press forward altogether.

Xiang Liu didn't understand military tactics; his approach was straightforward: send all forces directly to crush and achieve a decisive outcome.

Above the Silent Sea, on the sea water Giant City, Xiang Liu revealed his true form.

Xiang Liu's true form was a nine-headed giant serpent, surrounded entirely by black water, stretching over a thousand meters.

In mythological legends, when Great Yu controlled the floods, he encountered Xiang Liu causing chaos.

Enraged, Great Yu severed one of Xiang Liu's heads; Xiang Liu was unable to defeat Great Yu, so he fled the Huaxia land.

After escaping Huaxia, Xiang Liu reached Fusang, becoming Yamata no Orochi.

Of course, this is the real world's legend about Xiang Liu, unrelated to the Xiang Liu before them.

Xiang Liu revealed his true form, manipulating the black water.

The black water surrounding him was the essence of water he refined.

This essence was like a magnet, capable of influencing other water bodies.

Chapter 538: Golden Roc Battles Xiang Liu

Xiang Liu is a Tier Two Peak Expert!

As soon as he made a move, under the guidance of the black water, the Giant City formed by the seawater from the Silent Sea began to twist and warp.

At this moment, Black Dragon Heaven and the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings are already doing their best to stabilize the Giant City.

However, even if their powers are combined, they temporarily cannot match Xiang Liu of Tier Two Peak.

If no other Tier Two Peak expert intervenes, this Giant City is likely to collapse.

The Giant City on the Silent Sea is not ordinary; it is formed by the Star Array of Black Dragon Heaven and the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings.

This Giant City can withstand energy attacks below Tier Two, and even Tier Two (excluding Tier Two Peak) energy attacks can be resisted temporarily.

This means that anyone below Tier Two wanting to attack this Giant City can only besiege it like ancient soldiers.

Seeing the Giant City about to collapse, Black Dragon Heaven thought to himself, "Why hasn't Elder Bai made a move yet?"

"This Elder Bai, is he reliable or not."

The Elder Bai mentioned by Black Dragon Heaven is naturally Elder Bai himself.

Elder Bai had promised Black Dragon Heaven that anything under Tier Two would be handled by Black Dragon Heaven, while anything above would be handled by Elder Bai.

This battle at the Silent Sea is crucial.

This battle can be lost, but the World Honored One Sect must be severely depleted of its living forces.

So, Elder Bai certainly won't ignore it.

Seeing that Black Dragon Heaven is about to be overwhelmed, Elder Bai instructed the Golden-Winged Roc, "Quick, go deal with Xiang Liu."

"Understood!" The Golden-Winged Roc disappeared upon responding.

Xiang Liu's true form is, after all, a snake.

And the Golden-Winged Roc's true form belongs to the bird category.

Birds are the natural enemies of snakes, so the Golden-Winged Roc dealing with Xiang Liu is a specialized task.

It must be said, the strategy of Elder Bai, like a wise general riding horses of different quality against one another, is played brilliantly.

"Jieh jieh jieh!" A laugh emanates from above the Silent Sea, as Xiang Liu devours the elders of the Soul Hall.

Seeing the Giant City about to collapse, Xiang Liu is naturally very pleased.

"To think a mere Black Dragon Heaven dares to oppose the World Honored One. Truly they have no idea what death means!" Xiang Liu thought to himself.

However, just as Xiang Liu was feeling triumphant, he suddenly sensed a cold gleam growing on his back.

It was a harrowing feeling, and in an instant, the scales on his back bristled.

Bear in mind, Xiang Liu has no fewer than nine heads, observing and hearing in all directions.

Indeed, in the sky directly above, he noticed a golden speck.

The golden speck descended closer and closer, and Xiang Liu realized what it was.

The Golden-Winged Roc.

Xiang Liu and the Golden-Winged Roc were old acquaintances.

No, more accurately, they were old adversaries.

Therefore, Xiang Liu naturally recognized the Golden-Winged Roc at first glance.

"No wonder a mere Black Dragon Heaven dares to oppose the World Honored One."

"It turns out they have the backing of those with the surname Bai."

"Looks like the Chongming Bird is likely also in their hands," Xiang Liu mused.

There was no time for Xiang Liu to think further as the Golden-Winged Roc had already transformed back into its original form, diving down from the sky.

As they say, when enemies meet, they can see red.

Without saying a word, Xiang Liu whipped his tail towards the Golden-Winged Roc in the sky.

In terms of speed, the Golden-Winged Roc was definitely faster.

But in terms of strength, Xiang Liu had the upper hand.

Seeing Xiang Liu swing his tail towards him, the smart Golden-Winged Roc glided sideways to evade the descending tail.

He then maneuvered back to Xiang Liu's snake spine, and with his talons like hooks, he viciously clawed downwards.

With a single swipe, a large section of Xiang Liu's scales was flung away with a "tear" sound, and a large piece of snake flesh was torn off, blood splattering everywhere.

"Ah!"

Xiang Liu cried out in pain.

As soon as they met, in the first trial, Xiang Liu was injured by the Golden-Winged Roc.

This clearly demonstrated that the Golden-Winged Roc effectively countered Xiang Liu.

Xiang Liu and the Golden-Winged Roc were both beasts, and by reason, physical combat was their strong suit, their lethal move.

However, beasts also have natural enemies; snakes are restrained by birds.

Seeing that physical combat was failing to give him an advantage, Xiang Liu resorted to energy attacks.

Surrounded by writhing black water, Xiang Liu's surroundings formed millions of black arrows.

"Whish!"

"Whish! Whish!"

The next moment, a deafening whoosh filled the air as these black arrows shot towards the Golden-Winged Roc.

All things in the world revolve around natural counteraction.

What do birds fear the most?

Birds fear nothing more than arrows.

Hence, Xiang Liu aimed to replicate the classic "shoot the great bird with a bow."

As thousands of arrows rained down, the Golden-Winged Roc remained unperturbed. Out flew inches of golden feathers from his body.

The feathers turned into countless flying swords, infused with the energy of metal, slicing towards the barrage of arrows.

"Clang!"

"Clang! Clang!"

The golden flying swords clashed with the black arrows, producing the ringing sound of metal, causing storms above the Silent Sea due to the violent energies.

After an intense clash, the black arrows and golden swords both shattered, leaving Xiang Liu and the Golden-Winged Roc at a stalemate.

"Continue the assault, I'll take down the Golden-Winged Roc!" Xiang Liu commanded his followers amidst the chaos.

His followers, still advancing on the Giant City, witnessed as Xiang Liu and the Golden-Winged Roc began a new round of battle above the Silent Sea.

Both Xiang Liu and the Golden-Winged Roc were Tier Two Peak powerhouses, with bearable differences in strength.

Even with the Golden-Winged Roc's natural advantage over Xiang Liu, it wasn't possible to quickly decide the battle.

After all, not everyone was like the Peacock Great Ming King, whose strength was nearly invincible at the same level.

In terms of attribute laws, the Golden-Winged Roc mastered the manipulation of metal.

While the Peacock Great Ming King's Five-Colored Divine Light excelled in mastering all five elements to their peak.

The north of the Silent Sea battle grew increasingly intense.

Seeing this, Lady Ming King began to worry.

Originally, Lady Ming King believed that with the full power of the sect, taking down the Silent Sea and eliminating Black Dragon Heaven should be easy.

To her surprise, the battle proved so difficult, even the Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha was at a disadvantage.

"Order an attack from the east, west, and south as well." Lady Ming King shouted in anger.

Leading the army personally this time, she couldn't permit herself to be on the losing side.

Hearing this, Guangzhi Arhat was taken aback.

Guangzhi Arhat thought to himself, there wasn't any military strategy like this!

Who would reveal all their cards just because of a slight disadvantage?

"Lady Ming King, please reconsider!"

"This..."

"This battle requires careful deliberation!" Guangzhi Arhat reminded from the side.

Chapter 539: Attack from Both Sides

The woman, Lady Ming King, is a bit foolish.

But fortunately, she can still be persuaded.

With the advice from Guangzhi Arhat, Lady Ming King realized she couldn't just launch a full-scale attack right away.

She needed to play her cards one at a time, otherwise, if she were to fail, how would she answer to her father, the World Honored?

Since she couldn't attack on three fronts, she would initiate an offensive from one direction and conduct a pincer attack on Black Dragon Heaven.

"Guangzhi Arhat, pass the order to command Great Wisdom Buddha to attack as well."

This time, Lady Ming King did not consult Guangzhi Arhat's opinion but directly commanded Great Wisdom Buddha, which was Bai Ze, to launch an attack from the south.

After sending Guangzhi Arhat to deliver the order, Lady Ming King whispered to herself, "Black Dragon Heaven, I want to see how many allies you have to assist you."

This time, Lady Ming King brought with her four Tier Two Peak Experts.

Currently, she still had Infinite Buddha and Dingguang Buddha, who hadn't been deployed yet.

If the battle turned unfavorable, Lady Ming King could still summon other Buddhas for support.

In Lady Ming King's view, there was no reason for her to lose this battle.

On the southern side of the Silent Sea, Bai Ze was troubled.

Upon seeing the Golden-Winged Roc appear, Bai Ze already knew that behind Black Dragon Heaven, there was support from that old White Elder.

Speaking of Elder Bai, Bai Ze became so angry that his teeth itched.

If Bai Ze hated anything most, it would be the Peacock Great Ming King, followed by no one else but Elder Bai.

Back then, when the Peacock Great Ming King invaded the Ten Thousand Mountains, they mobilized a large force from the Ten Thousand Mountains, and it seemed like they were about to capture the Peacock Great Ming King.

Who would have thought that White Elder would suddenly intervene?

If Elder Bai hadn't chosen to help the Peacock Great Ming King, the Ten Thousand Mountains wouldn't have fallen, and they would still be reigning over the mountains!

They wouldn't have had to join the World Honored and live under someone else's roof.

"You white-headed one!"

"You just won't let it go, I haven't settled with you yet, and you're plotting against us again?"

"Chongming Bird must be in your hands, don't you dare fall into mine, otherwise you'll suffer greatly!"
Bai Ze said through gritted teeth.

Originally, among the old immortals of the Ten Thousand Mountains, Divine Beast Bai Ze was considered relatively gentle in temperament.

However, ever since the fall of the Ten Thousand Mountains, through this series of events, Bai Ze's temperament had begun to twist.

Even to the point of becoming increasingly bloodthirsty, brutal, and venomous...

Bai Ze's dark personality seemed to be growing wildly.

Perhaps, this wasn't Bai Ze's doing.

Instead, it was the side effect of entering the Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool, beginning to manifest slowly.

Soon, Guangzhi Arhat arrived at the area overseen by Great Wisdom Buddha, which was Bai Ze's responsibility.

Upon seeing Guangzhi Arhat approaching, Bai Ze spoke first, before he could explain, "Did Lady Ming King give an order to attack?"

Guangzhi Arhat: "?????"

Guangzhi Arhat thought to himself, no wonder Bai Ze is called Great Wisdom Buddha, he is indeed much smarter than that brute, Pingjiang Dinghai Buddha.

"Indeed!"

"Lady Ming King orders Great Wisdom Buddha to launch an immediate attack." Guangzhi Arhat reported truthfully.

"Good!"

"I'll arrange it promptly!" Bai Ze nodded in agreement.

Bai Ze knew very well that the white-headed ones must be hiding in the shadows.

They had to be forced out into the open to be conveniently captured in one go.

"I want to see, which of you white-headed ones will you send to resolve this?"

"Will you come personally, or send that fox spirit?" Bai Ze murmured softly.

What Elder Bai had available at the Tier Two Peak level consisted of himself, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, the Golden-Winged Roc, and the Black Bear Spirit.

Bai Ze compared their strengths internally; Elder Bai and the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder were stronger than him, the Golden-Winged Roc was of equal strength, while the Black Bear Spirit was weaker.

The Golden-Winged Roc had already been sent to handle Xiang Liu, so only Elder Bai himself and the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder were left to deal with him.

"I want to see who you send to face me!"

"As long as I can hold on, let's see how you deal with Infinite Buddha and Dingguang Buddha!" Bai Ze pondered to himself.

Due to the information brought back by Guanyin Bodhisattva, saying that Peacock Great Ming King was undergoing trials in the Void, Bai Ze did not consider the Peacock Great Ming King.

Next, regardless of whether Elder Bai or the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder would confront him.

The weakest Black Bear Spirit would have to face either Infinite Buddha or Dingguang Buddha, and the Black Bear Spirit was certainly no match for either of them.

Thinking of this, Bai Ze no longer hesitated and immediately launched an attack towards the Silent Sea.

Once Bai Ze made his move, Elder Bai began his arrangements as well.

Peacock Great Ming King could not be moved lightly; he was Elder Bai's key card in robbing the Buddha Prison.

If Peacock Great Ming King revealed himself now, it might affect the subsequent changes.

So, the individuals who could go against Bai Ze were only three.

Now, with the Silent Sea being surrounded on all sides, the enemies had activated the arrangements on the north and south sides, leaving the arrangements on the east and west sides untouched.

Elder Bai needed to remain seated and couldn't act so early.

"I'll go!" The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder volunteered.

Despite being a woman, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder had formidable strength.

In terms of power, Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder was definitely stronger than Bai Ze.

After hearing the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder's proactive offer, Elder Bai contemplated for a moment, then shook his head, "No, you can't go."

The next moment, Elder Bai pointed at the Black Bear Spirit, saying, "You go!"

Black Bear Spirit: "?????"

Black Bear Spirit was utterly baffled, thinking, why is this on me all of a sudden?

Having pointed at himself, expressing disbelief, he confirmed again in surprise, "What, me?"

"What's the matter, are you scared?" asked Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder.

Black Bear Spirit quickly shook his head, explaining, "I'm not afraid, I'm thick-skinned and sturdy; even if I can't beat him, he can't kill me!"

"It's just, I'm afraid I can't handle him. If I lose the battle, will it affect the morale?"

Black Bear Spirit and Golden-Winged Roc were two completely contrasting personalities.

The Golden-Winged Roc was excessively proud, always having a bizarre self-confidence.

While Black Bear Spirit was quite self-aware, even somewhat self-deprecating.

"No worries!"

"It doesn't matter if you can't beat him; as long as you can take hits!"

"Hold on for two hours; even if you lose, I'll credit you with a merit."

"But if you don't last for two hours..." Elder Bai slowly began to speak.

Before Elder Bai could finish, Black Bear Spirit interrupted him, saying, "Two hours is not a problem. My forte is defense; not just two hours, I could hold him for four hours without issue."

Black Bear Spirit confidently assured, having considerable faith in his defensive capabilities.

Chapter 540: Grand Elder Battles Infinite Buddha

As the saying goes, "Old ginger is spicier."

Elder Bai has lived for countless years and is skilled in scheming.

In the art of scheming, apart from the World Honored One, no one can surpass him.

This move by Elder Bai is a classic example of Tian Ji's horse racing strategy.

Simply use the Black Bear Spirit to hold off Bai Ze, and in doing so, the other confrontations won't fall into a disadvantage.

The Black Bear Spirit only needs to stall, waiting for the other team members to secure victory.

Indeed, Bai Ze's strength is somewhat superior to the Black Bear Spirit, but let us not forget, Bai Ze is not a creature known for its strength.

He is stronger than the Black Bear Spirit, but quickly overcoming the Black Bear Spirit isn't that easy either.

When Bai Ze was about to reach the Giant City of Seawater, the Black Bear Spirit jumped out from the side, blocking him.

Seeing that his opponent was the Black Bear Spirit, Bai Ze couldn't help but be surprised.

This was somewhat unexpected for Bai Ze. According to his calculations, it was more likely he would face the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder.

Originally, Bai Ze was prepared for a tough battle.

But upon seeing he was confronting the Black Bear Spirit, he breathed a sigh of relief instead.

Better you than me; facing the weaker means the stronger opponents are left for others.

As both Xiang Liu and Bai Ze were held back, Lady Ming King refrained from launching a third wave of attacks.

The first two waves were presently embroiled in stalemates.

At the Silent Sea, now the scenario is soldier versus soldier, general against general.

In the battle between Xiang Liu and the Golden-Winged Roc, Xiang Liu is at a disadvantage.

In the battle between Bai Ze and the Black Bear Spirit, the Black Bear Spirit is at a disadvantage.

This general against general match is thus tied one to one.

Nevertheless, a fierce battle on the Silent Sea's surface raged on.

Countless followers of the World Honored One Sect were fiercely attacking the Giant City of Seawater.

Owing to the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings Formation set up over the city, all energy attacks were nullified.

It even inhibited the ability to fly.

Thus, the sect's followers could only resort to the most primitive method to attack the city.

This most primitive method was to use seawater to forge siege ladders, battering rams, and like weapons to assault the Giant City of Seawater.

Now, centered around the Giant City of Seawater, the sea within a hundred miles was stained a fiery red by blood.

These sect followers were thoroughly brainwashed; they charged without regard for anything.

Naturally, Black Dragon Heaven suffered heavy casualties as well.

The Black Dragon Heaven and the Twenty-Eight Celestial Kings held out, but the natives from the City of Sin faced grave losses.

As both sides suffered massive casualties, the plan to rob the Buddha Prison progressed somewhat further.

Initially, Lady Ming King suppressed her anxiety, but as neither goal was seized, a sense of pressure mounted within her.

"Order Infinite Buddha, go!"

"I'm determined to see who's behind this Black Dragon Heaven!" Lady Ming King said, seething.

Like boiling a frog in water, pressing bit by bit, eventually those behind Black Dragon Heaven will be forced out.

With the command of Lady Ming King, Infinite Buddha finally moved.

Infinite Buddha, an Elder Buddha of the Buddhist Sect, was not to be underestimated.

Without hesitation, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder charged forward, launching an attack on Infinite Buddha.

The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder was not one for many words; she attacked Infinite Buddha without even announcing herself beforehand.

As the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder's thoughts moved, surrounding seawater began to whirl, even glimmering with Thunder Power.

"Boom."

"Boom, boom."

The next moment, hundreds of fox tails glinting with Thunder Power rose from the ground, swinging towards Infinite Buddha.

"Amitabha Buddha."

Infinite Buddha chanted a Buddha's name, and golden Buddha's Radiance began to emanate from his body, forming a golden shell around him.

Infinite Buddha dwelt inside the golden shell, utterly unruffled.

"Snap."

"Snap, snap."

The hundreds of tails, infused with Thunder Power, like fierce flood dragons and monstrous pythons, lashed and battered at the golden cocoon.

As each tail struck the shell, it quivered and cracks appeared.

Yet, amid the clash of two energies, the tails' energy began depleting, reverting to ordinary seawater.

After the intense collision, only the last of the fox tails summoned by the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder remained.

Likewise, the golden cocoon protecting Infinite Buddha was now riddled with numerous cracks.

"Boom!"

The final tail struck the cocoon, and the clash of energies generated intense energy fluctuations.

Under the raging energy, the tail dissolved into a puddle of seawater, and the cocoon shattered and dissipated into nothingness.

In this initial clash between Qingqiu Mountain and Infinite Buddha, it seemed a draw.

But was it truly so?

At this moment, in the sky, a white hair drifted down.

A single, very small, seemingly insignificant hair.

But Infinite Buddha noticed it.

This strand of white seemed like fox fur?

Infinite Buddha: "????"

Suddenly, Infinite Buddha frowns.

Earlier, those hundreds of tails were composed of seawater, logically, there shouldn't be any fur residue.

But now, before his eyes unmistakably appeared a single strand of white fox fur.

"Not good!" Infinite Buddha inwardly exclaimed, preparing to cast a defensive spell.

Alas, there wasn't enough time.

The sharp cry of a fox sounded, and the white strand transformed into a White Fox, lunging toward Infinite Buddha's face.

"Ah!"

The next instant, Infinite Buddha cried out in agony.

Having no time for defense, the fox already landed on his face, ferociously biting.

Swiftly, with a mighty slap, Infinite Buddha knocked the fox back to its original form, once more becoming a white fox fur strand.

Nevertheless, his face was already gruesomely mauled by the fox's bites.

His cheek was bitten, one ear half torn by the fox's claws, and his face was drenched in blood—a truly horrific sight.

Infinite Buddha tried to cast a spell to heal his facial wounds.

But quickly he realized that remnants of the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder's energy persisted in the injuries—not something easily dispelled.

In resignation, Infinite Buddha could only bear his grotesque state as he faced off against the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder.

"Hmph!" Infinite Buddha snorted, grinding his teeth. "Cunning fox spirit."

Clearly, Infinite Buddha wasn't resigned to being hurt through Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder's trick.

"Hehe!" Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder chuckled, "Fox spirit?"

"Do you not know? For a woman, it's not a bad nickname at all."