

Apocalypse 611

Chapter 611: Four Symbols Heaven-Sealing Grand Array

"Kid, you've got some real skill!"

"No wonder you could inherit from the Human King!"

"In that case, if I give it my all, it won't be bullying the weak!" Xi Emperor shouted towards Lin Yuan.

From Xi Emperor's words, it was clear that he now regarded Lin Yuan as an opponent of equal rank.

Upon hearing Xi Emperor's words, Lin Yuan's heart couldn't help but tremble a bit.

"Without exerting all his strength, he's already far superior to the Kshatriyas, Brahma and the others."

"If he goes all out, wouldn't he regard them as ants?" Lin Yuan thought to himself.

As the words fell, Xi Emperor no longer held back and continued to cast his spells.

In the clay waterfall, the speed at which the invisible giant hand kneaded stepped up.

Under the kneading of this invisible hand, successive clay tigers, clay tortoises, and clay birds soared into the sky.

After flying out of the clay waterfall, the clay tiger, clay tortoise, and clay bird instantly transformed into flesh and blood.

They were none other than the Divine Beasts: White Tiger, Black Tortoise, and Vermillion Bird.

Adding the majestic Azure Dragon previously created, the Four Symbols Divine Beasts were now completed.

Crafting the Four Symbols Divine Beasts by hand?

This ability, in terms of shock value, is no less impressive than hand-crafting a nuclear bomb.

"The Four Symbols Sealing Array!"

"Kid, I'm going to seal you here for three years as a warning to others." Xi Emperor said, as he began to manipulate the Four Symbols Divine Beasts to form the array.

Until now, Xi Emperor hadn't truly aimed to kill.

He considered Lin Yuan a talent, wanting to bring him into Wa Huang's Palace like the Peacock Great Ming King and have him serve its cause.

He intended to seal Lin Yuan to keep him away from the battle nine days later, avoiding Lin Yuan's death at the hands of the World Honored.

Sealing Lin Yuan for three years would temper his spirit, and after three years, the seal would be lifted, returning him to Wa Huang's Palace.

Xi Emperor understood the World Honored well enough.

Unlike the Human King, the World Honored didn't seek conflict with the Four Great Primordial Spirits; his goal was to match and stand equal to them.

By sealing Lin Yuan, preventing him from participating in the battle nine days later, he intended to take Lin Yuan away in three years, and the World Honored would likely honor Wa Huang's reputation.

Seal me for three years?

Not even three months, three weeks; Lin Yuan couldn't accept it.

The most Lin Yuan could tolerate was being sealed by Xi Emperor for three days.

But, who seals whom, is still undetermined!

With the Human King Sword and Human King Armor in hand, even if Xi Emperor invoked the Four Symbols Sealing Array, Lin Yuan was utterly fearless.

Admittedly, Xi Emperor's Four Symbols Sealing Array was indeed formidable.

Lin Yuan had previously fought the Azure Dragon alone, dominating it completely, leaving the dragon powerless.

Yet, when the Vermillion Bird, Black Tortoise, and White Tiger appeared, Lin Yuan was pushed back to square one.

At this moment, Lin Yuan found himself at a disadvantage once again.

The gigantic Black Tortoise appeared overhead, alone being as massive as a small mountain.

The giant tortoise raised its foot, stepping towards Lin Yuan, much like an elephant crushing an ant.

The enormous foot descended towards Lin Yuan, with a pressure akin to Mount Tai's peak; the sensation threatened to choke even the air.

However, Lin Yuan was entirely undaunted. Slightly closing his eyes, the Human King Sword in his hand lit up with a glowing greenish hue.

Immediately, Lin Yuan transformed into a beam of cyan light, rushing at the Black Tortoise's foot.

"Boom!"

The cyan sword light emitted by the Bronze Sword grew increasingly bright. As the sword light pierced the massive foot of the Black Tortoise, it left a gaping hole.

"Roar!"

"Roar! Roar!"

The Black Tortoise looked skyward, letting out angry roars.

Astounding indeed was Xi Emperor's clay-crafted Four Symbols Divine Beasts. Not only did their structure resemble that of living creatures, but they also experienced pain and sensation.

After Lin Yuan injured the Black Tortoise with the sword, the Azure Dragon, White Tiger, and Vermillion Bird all joined the fray.

The Azure Dragon stood in the east, the White Tiger in the west, the Vermillion Bird in the south, and the Black Tortoise in the north.

As the Four Symbols Divine Beasts attacked in unison, the sealing array pressed down towards Lin Yuan.

Wave after wave of powerful energy surged, with Lin Yuan straining to withstand the Four Symbols Divine Beasts' attack, inevitably feeling a bit overextended.

After battling for a long time, Lin Yuan trapped within the Four Symbols Sealing Array revealed a pale face.

It was a sign of exhaustion; under continuous attack from the Four Symbols Divine Beasts, Lin Yuan was running out of steam.

Xi Emperor differed from any opponent Lin Yuan had faced; he was stronger than all Lin Yuan had previously encountered.

Moreover, his methods were diverse and unfathomable.

"What to do?"

"Elder Bai, make a call!"

"We can't just watch Lin Yuan get beat!"

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At this moment, others at the perimeter began speaking, looking towards Elder Bai.

The current situation was that Xi Emperor, using the Four Symbols Sealing Array, had trapped Lin Yuan. The Four Symbols Divine Beasts were pummeling Lin Yuan.

Yet Elder Bai, leading the others, had formed an array that trapped Xi Emperor.

Even though Elder Bai's array hadn't acted yet, it had only trapped Xi Emperor.

Elder Bai hesitated to remove the array.

If they removed the array, Xi Emperor could tear through the Void at any moment.

If he sought to escape, stopping him could prove too late.

Maintaining the array meant watching Lin Yuan take a beating.

Removing the array could allow Xi Emperor to flee.

Elder Bai found himself in a dilemma.

Ultimately, the root was their lack of strength.

If they possessed Lin Yuan's might, such concerns wouldn't arise.

At this juncture, even trapped within the Four Symbols Array, Lin Yuan heard the exchanges among Elder Bai and the others.

As Lin Yuan fended off the Four Symbols Divine Beasts' assault, he shouted towards Elder Bai and the others: "Elder Bai, don't mind me!"

"I can manage; you must keep him trapped, don't let him escape!"

"If he flees, we might as well forget rescuing Peacock Great Ming King."

Though Lin Yuan currently found himself at a disadvantage, thanks to the protection from the Human King Armor, his injuries weren't severe.

Moreover, the Human King Sword continued imparting the experiences of the Human King's swordsmanship.

Lin Yuan could sense his strength constantly improving.

Though still far from defeating the Four Symbols Divine Beasts completely, he hadn't lost hope.

Inspired by Lin Yuan's words, Elder Bai made his decision: unless Lin Yuan truly couldn't hold out, they would refrain from dismantling the array to assist.

Otherwise, the array must stay, trapping Xi Emperor.

"Stay vigilant, keep an eye on Xi Emperor."

"Place trust in Lin Yuan; he'll certainly win. Once the tide turns, Xi Emperor will attempt to flee."

"Once he tries to escape, that's our chance to act!"

"When we act, let's ensure Xi Emperor doesn't escape." Elder Bai instructed the others sternly.

With Lin Yuan and Elder Bai voicing their resolve, the others naturally held their silence.

While Elder Bai couldn't directly intervene to help, he kept his gaze fixed intently on the Four Symbols Sealing Array.

Chapter 612: Transforming into a Qilin, Completing the Five Elements Cycle

As the saying goes, "The bystanders see more clearly than those involved."

Lin Yuan was trapped inside the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array and couldn't immediately find a way to break the formation.

Elder Bai, being outside the array, might be able to spot the flaw in the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array first.

Elder Bai has lived countless years and has been diligently studying the way of arrays over the years.

In terms of arrays, Elder Bai can definitely be regarded as a master of arrays.

Based on Elder Bai's understanding of arrays, any array must have a method to break it.

Once you find a way to break the formation, it becomes twice as effective with half the effort to do so.

After the battle had lasted for about ten minutes, Elder Bai seemed to have found the flaw in the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array.

"Lin Yuan, water overcomes fire, fire overcomes metal, metal overcomes wood, wood overcomes earth, and earth overcomes water."

"Lin Yuan, attack with earth attribute energy to form a Five Elements Cycle, which can break the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array!" Elder Bai's voice echoed around.

It must be said, in the way of arrays, Elder Bai indeed has achievements.

In just a few minutes, Elder Bai actually found a way to handle the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array.

Upon hearing Elder Bai's words, Xi Huang couldn't help but be startled.

Both Elder Bai and Xi Huang are masters of arrays.

Given that they are both array masters, Xi Huang naturally knows that Elder Bai's words aren't mere nonsense.

The method Elder Bai mentioned is indeed a way to break the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array.

Xi Huang thought, "Are there more talents?"

Thinking of this, Xi Huang looked towards Elder Bai, making up his mind: "This person cannot die either; find an opportunity to bring him to Wa Huang's Palace as well."

"For such a talent, whether he dies in the hands of the World Honored or becomes a puppet of the World Honored, it would be too much of a pity."

Xi Huang never expected that in the small Anti-Buddha Alliance emerged talented figures like the Peacock Great Ming King, Lin Yuan, and Elder Bai.

As long as he gathers all these talents into Wa Huang's Palace, by then, Wa Huang's Palace would be brimming with talent.

Compared to Wa Huang, who is a hands-off manager, Xi Huang can be said to be wholeheartedly dedicated to Wa Huang's Palace.

He constantly remembers recruiting talent for Wa Huang's Palace.

Lin Yuan is a person who listens to advice.

Elder Bai had already told him the way to break the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array, so how could he not listen?

Attack using earth attribute energy—indeed, Lin Yuan excels in this.

Lin Yuan resided in the Underworld, whose supreme god is Lady Houtu.

Therefore, Lin Yuan is quite adept at the earth attribute method of attack.

Among the Four Symbols, the Azure Dragon represents wood, the White Tiger represents metal, the Vermilion Bird represents fire, and the Black Tortoise represents water.

Among the Five Elements, the only missing divine beast is the earth attribute.

And the divine beast that can represent the earth attribute is the Qilin.

As long as Lin Yuan incarnates into a Qilin, he can form a Five Elements Cycle; with the Five Elements generating and overcoming each other, the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array would naturally be broken.

When Elder Bai spoke of breaking the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array, Xi Huang did not panic.

Because knowing the solution is one thing, actually breaking it is another.

It's like knowing the answer to a question but not knowing the solution process—you still can't get full marks.

Elder Bai pointed out the method to break the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array; implementing this process depends on Lin Yuan's insight.

Without a doubt, Lin Yuan's insight exceeded Xi Huang's expectations.

"Transform into earth, incarnate into Qilin!"

Lin Yuan's voice rang out, and suddenly, behind him, appeared a large earthen yellow Qilin ghostly figure.

Then, dust around them rose up, forming the body of this earthen Qilin.

Xi Huang could mold Four Symbols Divine Beasts from mud, so Lin Yuan gathering dust to form an earthen Qilin is reasonable as well.

With the appearance of the earthen Qilin, Xi Huang's expression changed involuntarily.

He had thought Lin Yuan had good insight and could quickly think of an effective solution.

Unexpectedly, Lin Yuan's insight was so profound that he summoned the earth Qilin in moments.

"Oh no!"

"My array is going to be broken!" Xi Huang thought to himself.

With the earth Qilin's appearance, it precisely filled the missing earth attribute; gold, wood, water, fire, and earth, all Five Elements were complete, forming a cycle.

At this point, the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array couldn't be called the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array anymore; it should be called the Five Elements Sealing Heaven Array.

Once the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array transformed into the Five Elements Sealing Heaven Array, it became much easier for Lin Yuan to break the array.

"Roar!"

The earth Qilin suddenly let out a roar, and then the Five Elements energy within the array began to become chaotic.

Lin Yuan controlled the earth Qilin, causing chaos in the Five Elements Sealing Heaven Array.

With the Five Elements Sealing Heaven Array's energy in chaos, the distinct energies of gold, wood, water, fire, and earth collided with each other.

The Five Elements Sealing Heaven Array couldn't be maintained, and the Azure Dragon, Vermilion Bird, Black Tortoise, and White Tiger turned into mud dragons, mud birds, mud turtles, and mud tigers at a speed visible to the naked eye.

The Five Elements Sealing Heaven Array was broken.

"Impressive!"

"Indeed talented, your talent is not below that of the Peacock Great Ming King!"

"In the great battle nine days from now, I will ask Wa Huang to preserve your life."

"I will take my leave now, see you next time at Wa Huang's Palace." Xi Huang looked at Lin Yuan with appreciation and said.

Although his Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array was broken by Lin Yuan, and Xi Huang was now at a disadvantage,

at this time, Xi Huang was certainly no match for Lin Yuan.

However, Xi Huang was still confident in his ability to retreat safely.

It should be known that Xi Huang is a master of arrays.

On Xi Huang's person, there was a teleportation array that allowed immediate transport back to Wa Huang's Palace.

Tearing through the void to return was too slow, and Lin Yuan could intervene in time.

But using a teleportation array was very fast, and in a brief pause, Lin Yuan couldn't stop it in time.

Without saying a word, Xi Huang took out a jade pendant from his bosom and crushed it; then, a white light appeared in the void, about to lead Xi Huang away.

Lin Yuan wanted to swing his sword, but was already unable to stop it.

However, just as the white light was about to guide Xi Huang away, a dipper-shaped blue light appeared above the sky.

The dipper-shaped blue light directly struck the white light, and in an instant, the white light dispersed.

Xi Huang, who was about to be led away by the white light, fell from the air.

In the surrounding air, Elder Bai and others sat cross-legged with closed eyes, casting spells.

All of them emitted a dim blue light, appearing like stars from a distance.

"Small Zhou Tian Star Dou Array?"

"Northern Dipper Demon Breaker?" Xi Huang clearly saw the array used by Elder Bai and the method that just broke his teleportation array.

The Small Zhou Tian Star Dou Array is far more sophisticated than the Four Symbols Sealing Heaven Array just used by Xi Huang.

It is said that the Small Zhou Tian Star Dou Array was a simplified version of the legendary array Zhou Tian Star Dou Array.

Although its power could not compare to the Zhou Tian Star Dou Array, the requirements for setting up the array were much simpler.

Chapter 613: Trapping Xi Huang, Demanding a Hostage from Wa Huang

Zhou Tian Star Dou Great Array requires a full 365 Tier Two Peak Powerhouses to be deployed.

However, even if you combine all the Tier Two Peak Experts from the Mysterious World, there aren't 365 of them.

It is said that only in the ancient times, before the Mysterious World and the Real World were separated, could the Zhou Tian Star Dou be deployed.

Since the Mysterious World and the Real World split into two, it has been impossible to gather the 365 Tier Two Peak Powerhouses needed to deploy the Zhou Tian Star Dou Great Array.

The true Zhou Tian Star Dou Great Array disappeared without a trace, and at some unknown time, a Little Zhou Tian Star Dou Great Array improved from the original appeared.

Being an Array master, Elder Bai had never witnessed the Zhou Tian Star Dou Great Array.

However, even the Little Zhou Tian Star Dou Great Array was enough to astonish Elder Bai.

This Little Zhou Tian Star Dou Great Array requires thirteen Tier Two Peak Experts to jointly set it up.

These thirteen Tier Two Peak Experts are the Northern Dipper and Southern Dipper in the Little Zhou Tian Star Dou Great Array.

The bluish star glow that just stopped Xi Huang from leaving was merely from the seven Tier Two Peak Experts of the Northern Dipper.

The six Tier Two Peak Experts of the Southern Dipper have not yet acted!

"Indeed, Xi Huang possesses extraordinary insight!"

"That's right, this Array is indeed the Little Zhou Tian Star Dou Great Array!" Elder Bai replied.

Xi Huang looked at the Little Zhou Tian Star Dou Great Array and then at Lin Yuan, who was on alert outside the Array.

At this moment, he had made up his mind!

Xi Huang knew that he was out of luck today.

The teleportation jade pendant he just used, he only had one.

After the last resort, the teleportation jade pendant, was broken, Xi Huang was out of tricks.

He couldn't fight against Lin Yuan, who was wearing the Human King Armor and wielding the Human King Sword.

And he couldn't run, as his teleportation jade pendant was broken by the Little Zhou Tian Star Dou Great Array set by Elder Bai.

For a moment, Xi Huang's expression was somewhat unsightly.

Today, he had indeed met with unexpected trouble!

At this point, Xi Huang was very wise.

Xi Huang knew that being trapped in the Zhou Tian Star Dou Great Array, and with Lin Yuan, whom he couldn't defeat, outside the Array,

there was no need for him to resist any longer.

Now, any resistance on his part would be futile and only lead to self-humiliation.

"Lin Yuan, make your terms clear!"

"Tell me, what exactly do you want to do?" Xi Huang looked at Lin Yuan, trying to discern his intentions.

Lin Yuan was straightforward and didn't beat around the bush: "What do I want? Xi Huang, you should know very well."

"I have no other demand, as long as Wa Huang releases the Peacock Great Ming King, then, Xi Huang, you can leave at any time!"

Lin Yuan's meaning was clear, it was a one-for-one exchange.

Using Xi Huang to exchange for the Peacock Great Ming King.

However, the Peacock Great Ming King was a crucial piece for Wa Huang.

Xi Huang couldn't ruin Wa Huang's grand plan for his own sake.

Therefore, even though Lin Yuan stated it clearly, Xi Huang still pretended to be ignorant: "The Peacock Great Ming King has already made an agreement with Wa Huang, he will return after the battle in nine days!"

Seeing Xi Huang feign ignorance, Lin Yuan became furious!

"Xi Huang, you know what I mean!"

"I don't want to wait for nine days, I want it now!"

"Use you to exchange for the Peacock Great Ming King!" Lin Yuan said coldly.

Xi Huang pretended to be silly, so Lin Yuan had to point it out.

With the conversation at this point, there was no point in Xi Huang pretending any longer.

However, before Xi Huang could speak again,

a projection of a woman appeared above the East Sea.

This woman exuded an aura of majesty and elegance, wearing a divine robe, giving off the bearing of a noble queen.

"Lin Yuan, is this how you treat your guests?"

"Xi Huang came to deliver a message of peace for the Peacock Great Ming King?"

"Technically, he owes you a debt of gratitude, and this is how you treat your benefactor?" the regal woman's projection rebuked.

This woman appeared lofty and superior, looking down on all beings.

Undoubtedly, this was Wa Huang, one of the Four Great Primordial Spirits.

Previously, when the Buddha, one of the Four Great Primordial Spirits, projected himself to plead for the Brahma,

Lin Yuan showed no deference to the Buddha and slew the Brahma in front of him.

Being of the same stature as the Four Great Primordial Spirits, Lin Yuan would show Wa Huang no deference either.

"Guest etiquette?"

"Ridiculous, do you regard yourselves as guests? In my eyes, you are ruthless invaders."

"As for being 'benefactors,' are you joking?"

"You detained our people, sent a message, and you call yourselves benefactors?"

"Strike a blow, give a sweet date to appease, do you truly take us for three-year-old children?"

"You are Wa Huang, aren't you? I warn you, if you wish to act dishonorably, do so, but don't expect to be revered!" Lin Yuan said coldly.

Regarding the so-called Four Great Primordial Spirits, Lin Yuan wasn't afraid at all.

Although they were powerful, Lin Yuan was not their equal.

But they couldn't enter this world; as long as they couldn't enter, they were paper tigers, unworthy of concern.

Wa Huang: "???"

Wa Huang was infuriated by Lin Yuan's rebuttal.

"Insolence!"

"Young man, how insolent you are!"

"Aren't you afraid I could join forces with the World Honored One and slay you?" Wa Huang threatened.

Currently, Wa Huang was still considered neutral and hadn't aligned with the Buddha, Demon Lord, or World Honored One.

However, Lin Yuan's words did spark the idea of teaming up with the World Honored One in Wa Huang's mind.

"I've already offended the Demon Lord and Buddha!"

"Another one like you, Wa Huang, doesn't matter, if you wish to ally with the World Honored One, then go ahead!" Lin Yuan replied indifferently.

Facing Lin Yuan, Wa Huang was almost driven to break her composure.

Failing to rescue Xi Huang, Wa Huang was herself enraged.

Seeing this, Xi Huang said to Wa Huang's projection: "Sister, stay out of this!"

"The Peacock Great Ming King is still in Wa Huang's Palace, they won't harm me, let's just consider it as a hostage exchange."

"Nine days from now, when the World Honored One proves the Dao, everything will become clear."

"Let's discuss everything after the nine days!"

Releasing the Peacock Great Ming King was something Wa Huang certainly didn't want to do.

After all, this piece used to vie for the power of faith was the most suitable.

Wa Huang felt it would be difficult to find a piece more suitable than the Peacock Great Ming King.

After Xi Huang's advice, Wa Huang's projection slowly disappeared.

Bound by an oath from years past, Wa Huang could not personally descend.

Merely a projection, it played no practical role.

Moreover, Lin Yuan showed her no respect at all.

Staying longer would only be self-humiliating, with no point in it.

After Wa Huang vanished, Xi Huang surrendered without resistance: "Since you wish for me to stay a few days, Lin Yuan, I shall remain for a while."

"You, young man, surely won't seek revenge?"

Chapter 614: Wa Huang Sees Red

Xi Huang was candid, no longer making futile resistance, letting Lin Yuan impose layers of restrictions within his body.

"Xi Huang, you're overthinking it. As long as the Peacock Great Ming King is safe, you'll naturally be safe too!" Lin Yuan performed the restrictions while responding.

"Sigh!" Xi Huang sighed and said, "What's the point?"

"Even if you trap me, it's only for nine days at most."

"The result won't change."

Lin Yuan understood what Xi Huang meant. Xi Huang's words clearly showed he didn't believe in Lin Yuan and his group's chances.

In Xi Huang's view, during the war in nine days, the World Honored would surely win.

By then, if Lin Yuan and his group lose, nothing will change.

However, Xi Huang was also determined.

Xi Huang decided to repay grievance with virtue. No matter how Lin Yuan treated him now, when the time came, he would find a way to save Lin Yuan's life and bring him to Wa Huang's Palace.

Lin Yuan's aptitude was undeniable; Xi Huang thought to himself, staying by Lin Yuan's side these few days would be a good opportunity to see his character and nature.

Lin Yuan looked at Xi Huang and asked, "So, in Xi Huang's view, do we have no chance of winning?"

"Heh heh!" Hearing Lin Yuan's question, Xi Huang sneered twice and asked, "Where is your chance of winning?"

"With so many people, you were sweating all over just to capture me. What's more, nine days later, it's a life-and-death battle between you and the World Honored."

The Four Great Primordial Spirits are said to be Level One, while Xi Huang is considered half-step Level One.

As for the World Honored, his strength is unknown.

He's definitely weaker than the Four Great Primordial Spirits but stronger than Xi Huang.

Because Xi Huang has a long way to go to reach Level One, while nine days later, the World Honored is about to advance to Level One.

The World Honored during the battle in nine days will be just one step away from Level One.

If he wins, he's Level One; if he loses, it's a complete defeat.

Xi Huang's words left Lin Yuan speechless.

Considering Xi Huang's words, it made sense that he wasn't optimistic about Lin Yuan and his group.

Lin Yuan and his people had already used all their means to capture him.

Bear in mind, although their fight was intense, both sides were still restrained.

Neither aimed to kill the other or take their life.

But nine days later, they were to stop the World Honored from attaining enlightenment; the World Honored would definitely fight them desperately.

Even if Xi Huang didn't see them winning, they had to fight this battle.

"Let's wait and see!"

"Nine days later, we may not necessarily lose!" Lin Yuan said to Xi Huang.

Looking at the determined Lin Yuan, Xi Huang seemed infected by his spirit and said, "Very well, I hope you'll create a miracle to shock me."

Over here, Lin Yuan and Xi Huang's relationship was actually quite harmonious.

Since Xi Huang now didn't want to make a swap, then Xi Huang would be detained for a while.

If Lin Yuan lost the battle nine days later, it would all be for naught.

At that time, with Wa Huang's protection for the Peacock Great Ming King, there was a chance of preserving his life.

If Lin Yuan won nine days later,

he could leverage his victory, and with Xi Huang as a hostage, Wa Huang probably wouldn't dare look down on him and would agree to the exchange.

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Compared to the relatively harmonious relationship between Lin Yuan and Xi Huang, Wa Huang in Wa Huang's Palace was furious.

Wa Huang looked at the cross-legged meditating Peacock Great Ming King and shouted angrily, "Is this how your son-in-law conducts business?"

"Did you deliberately let Xi Huang send a message for you so your son-in-law could detain him and exchange him for your freedom?"

"I'm telling you, once you're in my Wa Huang's Palace, getting out won't be easy."

Listening to Wa Huang's rage beside her, the Peacock Great Ming King opened his eyes and said calmly, "You're too narrow-minded."

Wa Huang: "???"

Wa Huang's eyes widened, turning crimson on the spot.

Wa Huang had just been infuriated by his son-in-law, and now by his father-in-law.

Encountering this pair of in-law relatives, Wa Huang was extremely vexed.

"What?"

"Did you dare call me narrow-minded?" Wa Huang said through gritted teeth, "Do you believe I could slap you to death?"

The Peacock Great Ming King met Wa Huang's eyes and calmly said, "You wouldn't."

"If you kill me, what about your collection of the Power of Faith? Can your path advance further?"

"To you, your path is more important than your brother's life."

"Nonsense!"

Hearing the Peacock Great Ming King's assessment, Wa Huang howled like a cat with its tail stepped on.

The Peacock Great Ming King was right; in Wa Huang's heart, her path was most important.

She wished to surpass the other three Primordial Spirits; to her, this was definitively more important than Wa Huang's life.

Otherwise, she would agree today to exchange the Peacock Great Ming King for Xi Huang.

Why not exchange?

Because she needed the Power of Faith, and the Peacock Great Ming King was key to collecting it in the future.

As they say, lies don't hurt people, but the truth cuts like a knife.

Wa Huang was enraged because what the Peacock Great Ming King said was true.

"No need to say more!"

"Nine days later, when I return to the battle, I will have Lin Yuan release Xi Huang first!"

"Xi Huang was detained for delivering a message for me; I won't act without principle." With that, the Peacock Great Ming King slowly closed his eyes again.

The Peacock Great Ming King closed his eyes, ceasing to acknowledge Wa Huang.

At this moment, Wa Huang had no more means to deal with the Peacock Great Ming King.

Couldn't beat him, couldn't scold him.

"Hmph!" Wa Huang snorted coldly, turned, and left.

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East Sea.

In Elder Bai's palace.

After the battle with Buddha's four main disciples and the four Demon Kings under the Demon Lord, the Anti-Buddha Alliance suffered heavy losses.

Almost one-third of their members died, not to mention the remaining ones were mostly injured.

Yet, they had only the last nine days left to prepare for battle.

"Everyone, take these remaining nine days to heal well and stay prepared!"

"I need to return to the Real World to find that elder and discuss a strategy!" Lin Yuan said to the members of the Anti-Buddha Alliance.

Guanyin Bodhisattva nearby said, "Fortunately, there's still some Pure Water left that was condensed from the Five Elements Essence borrowed from the Peacock Great Ming King. I'll use Pure Water to help them heal."

"Within nine days, their injuries will surely be healed."

After Guanyin Bodhisattva spoke, Elder Bai nodded and said, "That's good!"

"If that person takes action, our chances of winning will increase."

They knew there was a master in the Real World.

One could say that the Dean in the Real World was a trump card for them against the World Honored.

"Elder Bai, keep an eye on Xi Huang, don't let him run away!"

"In the battle nine days later, if we win, he will be the key to exchanging for the Peacock Great Ming King!" Lin Yuan instructed.

After instructing about the matters here, Lin Yuan returned to the Real World to meet the Dean.

The World Honored has nine days left to attain enlightenment, leaving them with not much time!

Chapter 615: Dean: I'm Doing One Last Thing for You

Real World.

Venerable of the Five Mountains.

Mount Tai.

Atop the pinnacle of Mount Tai, the Dean is enjoying the breeze, sipping tea, utterly leisurely.

Knowing his end is near, the Dean chooses to take one last glance at this world in his final moments.

After the great upheaval, the world is now sparsely populated.

The vitality of heaven and earth is abundant, and the speed of human cultivation is rapidly increasing.

"The Dean is quite at ease!"

"I had a hard time finding you!" Lin Yuan said helplessly, looking at the leisurely Dean.

The Dean poured himself a cup of tea, drank it all in one gulp, and said with a smile, "It's best for a dying man to take a good look at this world and enjoy the breeze."

Hearing the Dean's words, Lin Yuan couldn't help but darken his expression.

Lin Yuan recalled the last time he returned when the Dean had mentioned.

When the World Honored attains Dao, he would sacrifice his life to prevent it.

Now, the Dean brings up the matter again, undoubtedly having made up his mind.

In nine days, when the World Honored attains Dao, will be the Dean's death day.

"Dean, is it absolutely necessary?"

"Humans cannot be without you!" Lin Yuan said with sorrow.

"Hahaha!" Hearing Lin Yuan's words, the Dean suddenly laughed, "You kid certainly boosts this old man's esteem!"

"Who says humans can't be without me! Humans can live without anyone."

"Back then, when the last Human King was framed to death, the inheritance was extinguished, yet humans didn't perish — they continued to this day!"

"Humans could continue without the Human King, let alone without me!"

The Dean was serene, showing no fear of death.

"But... Dean..." Lin Yuan attempted to speak, only to be interrupted.

"You kid, stop being sentimental like a little girl. I'm about to die, why do you care so much!" The Dean showed a look of frustration.

As their eyes met, both Lin Yuan and the Dean fell into silence.

From the Dean's eyes, Lin Yuan saw endless hope.

After a long gaze, both raised their heads to the sky, seemingly affected by the swirling dust.

"Boy!"

"I'm here at Mount Tai specifically waiting for you!"

"Do you know why I've chosen to wait for you here?" the Dean asked Lin Yuan.

Why is the Dean waiting for Lin Yuan at Mount Tai?

Lin Yuan naturally did not know.

"I do not know," Lin Yuan answered honestly.

The Dean slowly began to explain: "Back then, when the Mysterious World and the Real World were still one, the Human King was present and the Underworld still existed."

"Mount Tai was the place connecting the human world and the Underworld."

At this point, the Dean turned the conversation, "Lin Yuan, do you know how the World Honored plans to attain Dao?"

Lin Yuan: "????"

Lin Yuan was momentarily stunned and then answered again, "I don't know."

"Western Heaven Paradise, also known as the Buddha Realm."

"The World Honored wants to transform his small world into a true world."

"As long as his world receives recognition from heaven and earth, he will successfully attain Dao." The Dean explained.

Continuing, the Dean said, "Lin Yuan, the last thing I can do for you is to help you seize this opportunity from the World Honored."

"He has his small world, you have yours."

"He can attain Dao, so can you."

"Small world transforming into a great world, aided by the Three Corpses Cutting Method, I assist you to reach Tier One."

Nine Days.

Lin Yuan and the Dean spent nine days alone atop Mount Tai, and in the blink of an eye, nine days had passed.

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In the Void.

Wa Huang's Palace.

"You must leave now!"

"Remember your oath, regardless of the result, after this battle, you are only a disciple of Wa Huang's Palace!" Wa Huang said to Peacock Great Ming King.

Peacock Great Ming King glanced at Wa Huang, and replied indifferently, "A gentleman's word once given cannot be taken back, I will not break my oath."

Having said this, Peacock Great Ming King turned and left.

"Wait!" Wa Huang called out to Peacock Great Ming King again, hesitantly saying, "My elder brother..."

Without waiting for Wa Huang to finish, Peacock Great Ming King replied, "Rest assured, I will ensure Lin Yuan releases him."

"Given that he was captured while conveying peace on my behalf, I will save him."

Peacock Great Ming King's words made Wa Huang feel somewhat ashamed.

She valued her "Dao" more than her brother Xi Huang's life.

She was less concerned about her brother Xi Huang's situation than Peacock Great Ming King was.

Wa Huang seemed to have a moment of conscience, she flicked her hand, and white, blue, black, red, yellow, five beams of light flew toward Peacock Great Ming King.

Upon catching them, Peacock Great Ming King saw they were five spirit pearls.

These five spirit pearls contained abundant and pure Five Elements Energy.

It could be said that the Five Elements Energy inside is second only to Peacock Great Ming King's Five-Colored Divine Light.

Quite the treasure!

These five spirit pearls, in the Mysterious World, are treasures at least not inferior to those aiding Dao attainment.

Over ninety percent of Tier Two Peak Powerhouses would not acquire a single spirit pearl like this in their lifetime.

And Wa Huang, gave Peacock Great Ming King five of them in succession.

"What does Wa Huang mean by this?" Peacock Great Ming King asked doubtfully.

At this moment, Wa Huang's generosity made Peacock Great Ming King feel unfamiliar.

"You are considered a person of sentiment and loyalty, these five spirit pearls are an early gift for your apprenticeship."

"These five spirit pearls complement your Five-Colored Divine Light well. Merging them into your light will greatly enhance its power." Wa Huang explained.

Such is Wa Huang's power; Peacock Great Ming King's current strength is no secret to her.

The reason for giving Peacock Great Ming King five spirit pearls is due to their high compatibility with him.

Although Peacock Great Ming King isn't fond of Wa Huang, today Wa Huang's actions make it hard for him to fault.

"Thank you!" Peacock Great Ming King bowed to Wa Huang, sincerely expressing gratitude.

Today, the World Honored is about to attain Dao.

The World Honored is akin to an insurmountable peak; facing him, it's best to be as strong as possible.

The five spirit pearls can significantly boost Peacock Great Ming King's power at this critical moment, so there's no reason for him to reject Wa Huang's good intentions.

After accepting the five spirit pearls, Peacock Great Ming King stride out of Wa Huang's Palace.

Outside Wa Huang's Palace, Peacock Great Ming King glanced back, thinking, "In this lifetime, I fear I will never become a disciple of Wa Huang's Palace!"

"This life's obligation can only be repaid in the next!"

Peacock Great Ming King, from start to finish, never intended to become a disciple of Wa Huang's Palace.

His oath was made because, in this battle, he was going all out to fight to the death.

Oaths are constraints for the living; any negative consequence from them can only affect the living.

As long as he dies in battle, as long as his Divine Soul is extinguished, all oaths are nullified.

Chapter 616: The World Honored Attains Enlightenment Today

Mysterious World.

East Sea.

Above the surface of the East Sea, Lin Yuan, Elder Bai, Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, Guanyin Bodhisattva....

All members of the Anti-Buddha Alliance are on the East Sea, looking up at the sky.

The Buddha is attesting to his Dao today.

The pressure from the Golden Buddha in the sky has become increasingly intense.

However, the Buddha has yet to reveal his true form.

When the Buddha reveals his true form, that will be the moment he attests to his Dao.

What Lin Yuan and the others are waiting for now is the moment the Buddha appears.

Once the Buddha appears, they will give him no time to attest to his Dao, directly launching an attack.

Lin Yuan and the others have yet to see the Buddha appear, but they first saw a five-colored rainbow light.

The five-colored rainbow light landed in front of Lin Yuan and the others, revealing a figure—it was Peacock Great Ming King.

"Great Ming King, you've returned?"

"You've truly returned?"

"Wa Huang really let you come back?"

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Everyone surrounded Peacock Great Ming King, speaking in excitement, one after another.

Previously, although Xi Huang had said Peacock Great Ming King would return for the battle in seven days, no one believed it.

After all, having managed to trap Peacock Great Ming King, how could they possibly let him return?

Unexpectedly, Peacock Great Ming King truly returned.

"It's good you're back!"

"It's good you're back!" Elder Bai also said excitedly.

Originally, it was thought Peacock Great Ming King would miss this battle.

Now that Peacock Great Ming King has returned, this is an unexpected joy!

With Peacock Great Ming King back, their odds of winning this battle have increased a bit.

Peacock Great Ming King said little as he came before Lin Yuan, saying: "Lin Yuan, Xi Huang came to help me deliver a message, you shouldn't have detained him."

"Moreover, Xi Huang has shown kindness to me, no matter the circumstances, he should not be used as a bargaining chip to trade for me!"

"Release him, I, Peacock Great Ming King, must not act unrighteously."

Having returned and spoken as he did, Lin Yuan certainly couldn't keep Xi Huang detained.

Lin Yuan approached Xi Huang, unlocked the restraints on him, saying: "A misunderstanding, Xi Huang, it's all a misunderstanding."

"Now the misunderstanding is cleared, from now on we'll be friends."

Xi Huang: "?????"

Xi Huang had a good temperament, not getting angry or upset despite being 'kidnapped' by Lin Yuan for so long.

Not only was he not angry, he joked half seriously: "Will there even be a future for you?"

"Instead of thinking about the future, think about how to overcome today's obstacle!"

Clearly, Xi Huang still had doubts about them, not believing they could prevent the Buddha's Dao attainment, or defeat him.

Seeing Lin Yuan in prolonged silence, Xi Huang continued: "If you're willing to join Wa Huang's Palace, I can protect you at the crucial moment!"

"It's a favor I believe the Buddha would grant Wa Huang."

Lin Yuan declined Xi Huang's offer, smilingly responding: "I think our chances of victory are actually quite good."

Xi Huang wasn't angry at Lin Yuan's refusal.

As Xi Huang left, he concealed himself, always keeping an eye on the situation here.

At the critical moment, he would step in to save Peacock Great Ming King, Lin Yuan, Elder Bai, these three promising figures.

Should any unforeseen incident occur, and if Lin Yuan, Elder Bai, Peacock Great Ming King perished, it wouldn't be too bad.

Wa Huang's Palace is most adept at crafting figures from clay. Xi Huang carried a treasured item.

This treasure could preserve a person's true spirit even in desperate circumstances.

At that time, preserving the true spirit would allow them to mold a new body.

Meanwhile, Demon Lord, Buddha, Wa Huang, the three of them, were also using spells to observe the situation in the void.

Now, everything is prepared, just awaiting the Buddha's Dao attainment.

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"Crack!"

"Crack, crack!"

Golden lightning bolts continuously flashed across the sky.

Then came the rumbling thunder like the beating of drums, exploding in the sky.

The Golden Buddha in the sky emitted intense pressure.

Under the pressure, all living beings in the mysterious world could no longer control their bodies.

Within the mysterious world, all beings below Tier Two had already knelt on the ground, worshiping the Golden Buddha in the sky.

When the divine beings of the mysterious world knelt down, their expressions changed.

Their eyes became vacant and confused.

Without a doubt, they were influenced and bewitched by the Buddha's power.

"We entreat the Buddha to attain his Dao."

"We entreat the Buddha to attain his Dao, we entreat the Buddha to attain his Dao."

These bewitched beings each knelt and prostrated before the Golden Buddha, their mouths releasing heart-wrenching shouts.

At first glance, the Buddha truly seemed to be the choice of the people.

The power of the Buddha was truly terrifying!

Though he has not yet attested to his Dao, he already possesses the power to enchant all living beings in a world.

The Buddha's ability to enchant was so formidable that not only did ordinary beings succumb to it.

Even members of the Anti-Buddha Alliance on the East Sea found it difficult to bear.

One must understand, the members of the Anti-Buddha Alliance are, at the very minimum, Tier Two, with core members being Tier Two Peak.

Under the pressure exerted by the Golden Buddha in the sky, they too felt a strong oppression.

Their lips quivered, legs trembled, and some even began to bend their knees.

Lin Yuan knew, no matter what, they must not kneel!

Once they knelt, they would be enchanted by the Buddha.

Unless the Buddha perishes, they would forever lose themselves, becoming slaves to the Buddha.

Lin Yuan saw clearly, those whose knees buckled, their eyes lost their clarity, becoming somewhat confused.

"Awaken!"

"Awaken immediately!" Lin Yuan shouted twice, then with a 'clang', he drew the Human King Sword.

As Lin Yuan drew the Human King Sword, it signaled the formal declaration of war against the Buddha.

With the appearance of the Human King Sword, it seemed to cut through the oppressive force brought by the Golden Buddha.

Centered on Lin Yuan, within a thousand-mile radius, all the pressure of the Golden Buddha vanished.

Those who had been somewhat confused regained their consciousness immediately.

Thinking about how they nearly lost themselves moments ago, they couldn't help but break out in cold sweat.

"Thank you, Alliance Leader!"

"If not for the Alliance Leader, we'd be doomed!" Everyone thanked Lin Yuan one after another.

Then, Lin Yuan's expression suddenly turned serious, warning: "It's coming!"

As Lin Yuan's words fell, everyone looked up to the sky in unison.

They saw golden Buddha's radiance quickly spreading, beneath the spreading golden radiance, a golden Buddha country directly covered the sky.

Everyone knew this was the Buddha's small world, called Western Heaven Paradise, also known as the Buddha Realm.

Once the Buddha's small world evolves into a true world, then he attains Dao successfully.

Now that the Buddha's small world has appeared, the Buddha must be near!

Then, under the watchful gaze of all...

Chapter 617: True Form and Good Corpse, The Meeting of Two Kings

Under the Buddha Realm that covered half the sky, a figure appeared.

The World Honored has arrived!

The World Honored at this moment appeared sacred yet slightly eerie.

His kasaya was gold on the left side and black on the right side.

Correspondingly, there was a contrast in the expression on his face.

The left half of the World Honored's face was kindly and benevolent, looking very amiable.

But the right half looked fierce and menacing, sending chills down one's spine.

The World Honored simultaneously practiced the Buddha's Dharma and the Demon Lord's techniques, with his left side representing Buddhist Dharma and the right side representing demon techniques.

Everyone looked towards the World Honored within the Buddha Country, and Elder Bai murmured, "Logically speaking, shouldn't the World Honored's Buddhist Dharma and demon techniques have already fused?"

"Why are his Buddhist Dharma and demon techniques so distinctly separate?"

Elder Bai's question was also the question of everyone present.

If they hadn't fused, then how could the World Honored possibly attain enlightenment?

The World Honored had appeared, yet both sides seemed to remain calm.

The World Honored just stood there in his Buddha Realm, not making a move.

Lin Yuan, Elder Bai, and the others also refrained from rashly entering the Buddha Country of the World Honored.

Lin Yuan and the others were waiting, waiting to see if the World Honored would first attain enlightenment or deal with them.

The World Honored stood silently in the Buddha Country.

"Friend, when will you appear?"

"If you delay any longer, I am truly going to attain enlightenment!"

"I am offering you a chance to assist me in achieving enlightenment, but only this once!" The World Honored called to the void as if conversing with someone from afar.

The Anti-Buddha Alliance people were all on Lin Yuan's side, so it was evident that the World Honored wasn't addressing them.

Then, who was the World Honored talking to? The answer was clear.

The Dean.

The World Honored was conversing with his former Good Corpse across a distance.

The World Honored seemed to know that his former Good Corpse would become an obstacle to his enlightenment.

As the World Honored's words fell, nothing stirred in the void.

The Dean also did not appear.

Seeing this, Lin Yuan even hoped in his heart that the Dean would never appear.

If the Dean didn't show up, he wouldn't have to sacrifice himself.

Unfortunately, Lin Yuan knew this was impossible.

The Dean would definitely appear, just not right now.

The delay in appearance was merely to avoid being led by the nose by the World Honored.

Seeing that the Dean didn't show up, the World Honored simply stopped speaking and slowly closed his eyes.

Following this, the fusion of the World Honored's Buddhist Dharma and demon techniques could be seen with the naked eye.

The aura of the World Honored could be seen rising rapidly.

Fusing the Buddhist Dharma and demon techniques internally was an effortless task for the World Honored.

He hadn't fused them earlier, waiting to do so now under everyone's watch, to complete the last step.

The World Honored wanted to show all those trying to stop him from achieving enlightenment that it was impossible to do so.

The speed of the World Honored's fusion of Buddhist Dharma and demon techniques was too fast. In the blink of an eye, it was complete, leaving Lin Yuan and the others unable to intervene.

However, fusing the Buddhist Dharma and demon techniques was just the final step before enlightenment, not enlightenment itself.

As the aura of the World Honored surged, the Peacock Great Ming King couldn't hold back.

He felt that they couldn't wait any longer.

Waiting longer would only make the World Honored stronger.

Without hesitation, the Peacock Great Ming King unleashed the Five-Colored Divine Light, striking towards the World Honored.

Previously trapped in Wa Huang's Palace, the Peacock Great Ming King had just arrived, when the World Honored began his enlightenment.

Therefore, regarding the timing of action, Lin Yuan and the Peacock Great Ming King had no time to communicate.

"Oh no!"

"The Peacock Great Ming King couldn't contain himself!" said Elder Bai helplessly.

At this point, with the Peacock Great Ming King already charging forward, it was too late to stop him. In the blink of an eye, he reached the edge of the World Honored's Buddha Country.

Just as the Peacock Great Ming King was about to rush into the World Honored's Buddha Country, an elderly man in a white Zhongshan suit appeared, blocking his path.

The clothing style of this old man was clearly not from the Mysterious World. In fact, it resembled Lin Yuan's attire.

So, without a doubt, this elderly man blocking the Peacock Great Ming King was the Dean.

"Peacock Great Ming King, no rush. Let this old man fight the first battle."

"As the saying goes, 'Know your enemy and know yourself, and you can fight a hundred battles without disaster.' In the world, no one understands him better than I do." The Dean declared with confidence.

The Dean was once the World Honored's Good Corpse, essentially a part of the World Honored, so he naturally understood him very well.

"You must be the senior often mentioned by Lin Yuan!"

"Thank you!" The Peacock Great Ming King cupped his hands toward the Dean.

"It's necessary!" the Dean returned the greeting.

With the Dean intercepting the Peacock Great Ming King, Lin Yuan and the others also caught up.

"Great Ming King, let's make our move later!"

"This fellow Daoist still has entanglements with the World Honored to resolve." Elder Bai held back the Peacock Great Ming King.

Now that it's the final battle, Lin Yuan saw no need to keep the Dean's identity a secret.

Thus, regarding the Dean being the World Honored's Good Corpse, Lin Yuan had already informed Elder Bai and the others.

However, as the Peacock Great Ming King was previously trapped in Wa Huang's Palace, he was unaware of this matter.

The Peacock Great Ming King was bewildered, not knowing the entanglements Elder Bai spoke of.

"You'll understand soon enough," Elder Bai whispered.

Lin Yuan, Elder Bai, and the others led the Peacock Great Ming King back.

At this moment, only the World Honored and the Dean remained in the sky.

Their eyes met, the original body and the Good Corpse facing each other.

"You're still the same, refusing the wine of favor and opting for the wine of punishment!"

"I invited you to come out, and you refused, forcing me to extract you!" The World Honored looked at the Dean with a superior demeanor.

From the World Honored's tone, it could be heard that he held significant resentment towards the Dean.

The World Honored despised traitors more than anything. In his eyes, the Dean was his Good Corpse, a part of him.

Yet now, the Dean stood against him.

One could even say the Dean had become the World Honored's biggest detractor.

The Dean quietly replied to the World Honored, "You haven't changed either—still domineering and unreasonable in your actions."

"It's as if all living beings in the world must obey your orders."

At this moment, the Dean was no longer the World Honored's Good Corpse. He had become an independent entity.

The original body and the Good Corpse found each other displeasing, and their words were laced with barbs and hostility.

All at once, the surrounding atmosphere became all the more oppressive.

In the next moment, the Dean moved first, weaving his way into the World Honored's Buddha Country.

Seeing this, the World Honored was a bit stunned.

To the World Honored, this seemed like a blunder on the Dean's part!

Entering his Buddha Country, this was walking straight into the trap!

Did he truly not consider the consequences of entering so hastily?

Chapter 618: The Third Path to Enlightenment, the Grand Vow

"Your courage has grown much compared to before?"

"You dare to enter my Buddha's Radiance recklessly; do you truly believe I can't kill you?"

"Since you seek death, I'll grant you your wish!"

"I'll kill you, letting your power return to the main body!" The World Honored coldly gazed at his Good Corpse, with only endless indifference in his eyes.

For the World Honored, eliminating his Good Corpse means letting his power return to the main body, and this defines the Dean's destiny.

"Death?"

"Do you truly think I'm afraid of dying?"

"I know, I'm destined to die today!"

"But I also know, you're destined to fail today." The Dean's voice was extremely calm.

The Dean's voice was as calm as water, piercing the ears of the World Honored.

Clearly, the Dean could accept his death while the World Honored couldn't accept his failure.

After all, third chances rarely occur.

World Honored's Enlightenment Method had two out of three destroyed; now only the third remains.

This third method of Enlightenment, if it fails again.

Then the World Honored will never have another chance for enlightenment.

"Nonsense!"

"Do you understand what enlightenment is? How do you know I can't succeed?" The World Honored became increasingly agitated.

The World Honored could accept anyone denying him, but not the Dean.

Even if denied by the Demon Lord, Buddha, Wa Huang, or the Four Great Primordial Spirits, the World Honored would merely smile.

But, the Dean is different.

The Dean is the World Honored's Good Corpse; in his eyes, the Dean is himself.

The Dean's denial is like self-denial to the World Honored.

"How do you know I don't understand your Enlightenment Method?" the Dean asked with a slight smile.

The Dean's smile made the World Honored shiver.

Clearly, he is the main body, yet for some reason, the World Honored felt as though the Dean had seen through his thoughts.

"Nonsense!"

"When you were taken to reincarnate by the Rebirth Saint Mother, my Enlightenment Method had only the first part."

"The second part was yet incomplete, and the third had no form at all. You couldn't possibly know." The World Honored said with conviction.

Before being taken to reincarnation by the Rebirth Saint Mother, the enlightenment pathway created by World Honored was known to the Dean, which was normal.

After all, at that time, they were one entity.

Yet, when the Dean was taken to reincarnation by the Rebirth Saint Mother, they separated.

After that, any pathway created by the World Honored couldn't possibly be known by the Dean.

The World Honored felt the Dean was bluffing.

However, facts outweigh arguments.

The Dean didn't argue with the World Honored, as arguing was meaningless.

The Dean slowly walked toward the World Honored, whispering each step words that made him shudder.

"At my enlightenment, may all beings under heaven no longer commit evil deeds."

"At my enlightenment, may all beings under heaven be enlightened and taught."

"At my enlightenment, may all beings under heaven enjoy bliss after death."

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As these vows slipped from the Dean's lips, the World Honored trembled from head to toe.

The Dean hadn't lied.

He actually knew the World Honored's Enlightenment Method.

The words spoken now by the Dean were the World Honored's!

Of course, even if the Dean said these words, he still couldn't achieve enlightenment.

These vows are only one aspect of enlightenment.

The vows need to be combined with the World Honored's Buddha Realm to truly achieve enlightenment.

The real method involves the World Honored fully activating the Buddha Realm, voicing thirty-two vows, to gain heavenly approval via the vow's power.

Then borrowing the Power of Heaven and Earth to transform the Buddha Realm from a small to a large world.

Only then would the World Honored truly succeed in enlightenment.

The Buddha Realm belongs to the World Honored, not the Dean's; hence, even if the Dean knows the vows, he still can't achieve enlightenment.

However, this alone was enough to instill fear in the World Honored.

For the Dean knew his method of enlightenment, his greatest secret.

"Shut up!"

"Shut up!" The World Honored pointed at the Dean, yelling hysterically: "How do you know?"

"How do you know?"

For the first time, the Dean didn't deny the shared existence between him and the World Honored.

"You and I are essentially the same!"

"What you can think of, naturally, I can too."

"Three methods of enlightenment: superior strategy, severing three corpses."

"Middle strategy, nine reincarnated lives."

"Inferior strategy, great vows." At this point, the Dean looked at the World Honored and said: "Actually, successors should be grateful to you!"

"You alone have paved three paths for them."

The World Honored was shocked; the Dean's words were spot on, leaving him unable to refute.

In front of the Demon Lord, in front of Buddha, the World Honored never felt as exposed.

But now, before the Dean, he felt like a transparent man, with no secrets.

After pondering for a long while, the World Honored seemed to realize something, letting out a proud laugh: "Haha!"

"Even if you know, what can you do?"

"I'm about to achieve enlightenment; how can you stop me?"

At this, the World Honored fully activated the Buddha Realm, allowing it to rapidly expand, almost covering the entire sky.

"At my enlightenment, may all beings under heaven no longer commit evil deeds."

"At my enlightenment...." The World Honored began voicing great vows, borrowing heaven's power to reinforce his Buddha Realm.

Everything unfolded as the World Honored anticipated, his great vows gaining heavenly approval.

On the other side.

While the World Honored voiced great vows, the Dean didn't interrupt him.

The Dean, focusing solely on himself, reached the edge of the World Honored's Buddha Realm and sat down cross-legged.

As the Dean sat cross-legged, the expansion of the Buddha Realm halted.

It seemed the Dean suppressed the spreading Buddha Realm.

Witnessing this, the World Honored, in the midst of voicing great vows, was stunned.

The purpose of voicing those great vows was to borrow heaven's power to spread the Buddha Realm, transforming it into a genuine world from a small one.

With the Dean's obstruction, preventing the realm's spreading, those great vows seemed in vain.

The World Honored flashed to the Dean's side, gripping the neck of the sitting Dean.

Then, he twisted forcefully.

"Crack!"

With a crisp sound, the Dean's neck snapped, and he fell silent instantly.

The World Honored was taken aback, instinctively tossing the Dean's corpse aside.

In this instance, the Dean died exceptionally quickly.

The World Honored: "????"

After personally killing the traitorous Dean, the World Honored felt anything but relieved; rather, an inexplicable feeling arose within.

Too smooth?

Exceptionally smooth!

It even seemed that the Dean didn't resist at all, allowing the World Honored to kill him just like that.

Chapter 619: The More Spectacular the Entrance, the Faster the Death

Lin Yuan: "????"

Elder Bai and others: "????"

In the void, watching the battle are Demon Lord, Buddha, Wa Huang: "????"

Seeing this scene, everyone present was in shock, utterly incredible.

It must be said, the dean's entrance was quite grand.

The speech about the great vow, truly saw through the World Honored's innermost thoughts.

Immediately after, he spoke of the World Honored's three levels of Enlightenment Methods, giving a profound and unfathomable impression.

To be honest, the dean's initial appearance left not only Elder Bai and Peacock Great Ming King astounded.

Even the Demon Lord, Buddha, and Wa Huang watching in the void were taken aback by the far-reaching impact.

They thought to themselves, this Good Corpse of the World Honored is something extraordinary!

Perhaps he's able to rival the World Honored equally, the World Honored has met his match.

However, the turnaround came too quickly.

In the previous second, everyone thought the dean would become the greatest obstacle for the World Honored's path to enlightenment.

The next second, the dean was instantly killed by the World Honored, like an elephant crushing an ant.

At this moment, Lin Yuan was also stunned there.

To be honest, Lin Yuan was bewildered as well.

Lin Yuan actually didn't know about the dean's strength.

In the Real World, the dean wasn't a combatant.

Lin Yuan's impression of the dean was more about intelligence, akin to a monster, making plans from a distance to win battles far away.

If the dean was compared to Zhuge Liang, then the World Honored would be Lü Bu; it's only fitting for Zhuge Liang to be instantly killed by Lü Bu.

At this moment, Lin Yuan didn't know what to do.

The last time he saw such a grand entrance, dying so fast and so miserably, it was Heaven and Earth Association Leader Chen Jinnan.

"Is this the senior you said was very strong?"

"Lin Yuan, what should we do now!"

"Should we go up?"

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Members of the Anti-Buddha Alliance spoke up one after another, like five hundred ducks quacking.

At this moment, everyone was thrown into panic.

It's like you're playing cards, holding a winning hand, just about to play it, when the winning hand turns into three of a kind.

For a moment, Lin Yuan and the others seemed to fall into a desperate situation, this battle was far from being as easy as imagined!

"There's no retreat at this point!"

"I'll lead the charge, follow closely behind me!" Peacock Great Ming King said with a solemn expression, volunteering.

Today, since Peacock Great Ming King came, he didn't plan to survive.

In this battle, his fate was already decided, that is death.

Since death is already certain, why not do something for everyone before dying?

The dean didn't perform as planned, so previous plans cannot be carried out.

No time left to improvise new plans at this point.

Currently, having no plan is the plan.

Reluctantly, everyone could only face off against the World Honored head-on.

Just as Lin Yuan prepared to lead everyone to attack the World Honored.

Suddenly an anomaly occurred.

The dean's corpse, choked by the World Honored and thrown to the ground, suddenly sat up.

The dean's corpse was sitting cross-legged at the edge of Buddha Realm, emitting a green light all over.

Under the flickering green light, Buddha Realm actually couldn't penetrate the green light to continue expanding.

At this moment, the World Honored manipulating the expansion of Buddha Realm had a change of expression.

He looked towards the corpse of the dean sitting cross-legged there, eyes full of resentment.

"Even dead, still opposing me?" World Honored cursed and said.

As the words fell, the World Honored raised a palm, and struck towards the dean's corpse.

"Boom!"

A Buddha palm formed from golden light slammed onto the dean's corpse.

After the palm strike, a powerful energy wave exploded around, blinding golden light seemed to overshadow the sky.

"Dean!"

"World Honored, how dare you!" Lin Yuan roared, attempting to take action, but it was too late.

The dean's corpse was currently within the World Honored's Buddha Realm.

Inside the World Honored's little world, Lin Yuan couldn't possibly be faster than him.

The dean entered the World Honored's Buddha Realm, getting killed could be overlooked.

But now, even the corpse would be destroyed.

Seeing Lin Yuan trying to rush over, Elder Bai and others immediately stopped him.

They couldn't let Lin Yuan enter the World Honored's Buddha Realm alone, knowing the dean's precedent was right there.

Going solo into the World Honored's Buddha Realm leads to a swift death.

To Lin Yuan's surprise, when the golden light faded, he found the dean's corpse was not destroyed, still sitting there cross-legged.

This scene surprised not only Lin Yuan but also the World Honored himself.

He knew very well the power of that palm strike.

Logically, this palm should have destroyed the dean's corpse without a doubt.

At this moment, the World Honored also realized something was amiss.

When he strangled the dean before, he used only two-tenths of his strength.

The palm just used was seven to eight-tenths strength.

Two-tenths strength could choke the dean to death.

Seven to eight-tenths strength couldn't destroy the dean's corpse.

Clearly, something isn't normal.

Could it be, the dean is more powerful dead than alive?

That's definitely impossible.

Then, there's only one possibility for all this.

The dean didn't die, he was only feigning death?

Thinking of this, World Honored gazed toward the edge of Buddha Realm, at the dean's corpse sitting cross-legged.

"Not dead?"

"Couldn't be dead, right? The corpse is right here!"

"The corpse can't be fake." World Honored pondered without understanding.

Unsure if the dean was dead or not, since he couldn't guess, the World Honored could only bluff.

"Good Corpse!"

"Come out! I know you're somewhere nearby."

"You come out now, hurry!" World Honored looked around, shouting.

Seeing this, Lin Yuan couldn't help but feel delighted.

Lin Yuan thought, could it be the dean is truly alive, intentionally lowering the World Honored's guard?

Due to the uncertain situation, Lin Yuan and the others suppressed their urge to act.

They still didn't rashly enter the World Honored's Buddha Realm, instead quietly waiting, hoping the dean might appear again.

In the void.

Demon Lord, Buddha, and Wa Huang were watching the battle, though unable to personally descend into this world, observing the battle let them more deeply understand the overall strength of this world.

This way, to select candidates to come down, to spread their teachings.

"What's he doing? Is that old guy really not dead?" Demon Lord asked puzzled.

Buddha replied: "World Honored's judgment shouldn't be wrong, that guy as World Honored's Good Corpse, shouldn't be so weak!"

"With cunning plans, fighting with exchanges, that's the way it should be!"

Buddha spoke with confidence, as if he'd experienced it himself,

However, on the other side, World Honored shouted for a long time, his throat almost hoarse, with no response from the surroundings.

It seemed the dean truly had no intention of appearing, just like he really was dead.

Chapter 620: The Dean's Transformation into the Bodhi Tree

The dean's death was like an empty city ruse.

Back then, Sima Yi didn't know if there were any ambushes in the city.

And now, the World Honored didn't know if the dean was dead or alive.

The World Honored was furious!

At this moment, he was truly furious!

The World Honored felt that the dean seemed to be playing tricks on him.

The World Honored really couldn't tell if the dean was dead or alive.

Since it was unclear, there was only one last move left.

Deception!

The World Honored could only try to lure the dean into revealing himself!

"Fine!"

"Very well then!"

"Playing dead, huh? Enjoy hiding in the shadows, huh?"

"Alright, I want to see how long you can hide."

"I'll kill this Lin Yuan first, let's see if you can still hide!" As the words fell, the dean made a move as if to attack Lin Yuan, seeing this, Peacock Great Ming King was the first to act, blocking in front of Lin Yuan.

Today, even in death, it should be him, Peacock Great Ming King, to die first.

Seeing that the World Honored was about to attack Lin Yuan, he seemed to sense something and suddenly turned back.

Lin Yuan and the others were initially stunned, then immediately understood why the World Honored turned back.

The dean became green.

That's correct, the dean had really turned green.

The dean's corpse was seated cross-legged, and green shoots grew from his head.

Then, an astonishing scene unfolded.

The dean's corpse, sitting cross-legged at the edge of the Buddha Realm, visibly transformed into a tree.

The Bodhi Tree.

Indeed, the dean transformed into a gigantic Bodhi Tree.

This Bodhi Tree had rooted itself at the edge of the Buddha Realm, completely blocking the expansion of the Buddha Realm.

At this point, unless one was a fool, everyone could see clearly.

The dean was truly dead!

He transformed into Bodhi, using this towering Bodhi Tree to stop the expansion of the World Honored's Buddha Realm.

In this way, since the World Honored's Buddha Realm could not expand, it naturally could not transform from a small world into a real world.

If the small world couldn't become the true Western Heaven Paradise, then the World Honored could not attain enlightenment.

The dean used his own life to become a nail, firmly pinning down the path to the World Honored's enlightenment.

Now, it depended on how the World Honored would remove this nail.

"Hahaha!" Seeing this, the World Honored angrily laughed: "Sacrificing your life, is this the only petty trick you could use?"

"Transforming into Bodhi to assist my enlightenment?"

"Heh, it's nothing more than buying some time, you are dead, you are now a dead object."

"Just wait for me to chop down this Bodhi Tree, and then I'll achieve enlightenment!"

After transforming into Bodhi, the dean was already dead.

This also meant that apart from this, the dean had no other means.

The dean had no other means, but the World Honored was still alive, and he had countless ways to respond.

As long as the World Honored chopped down this Bodhi Tree, he had all the time to reach enlightenment.

Therefore, in the eyes of the World Honored, he was destined to win.

Transforming into Bodhi was just the dean's last resort when all other means were exhausted.

After confirming that the dean was indeed dead, the World Honored did not make another move against Lin Yuan.

He returned to the Buddha Realm, arriving at the edge where the Bodhi Tree stood.

The World Honored stretched out his hand, and countless golden lights converged in his hand, forming a large axe of golden light.

Then, the World Honored transformed into a woodcutter, raised the axe, and chopped at the Bodhi Tree.

"Bang!"

"Bang! Bang!"

The wood of the Bodhi Tree was extremely hard. After the World Honored transformed into a woodcutter, the axe strike only left a small notch on the tree.

Judging from the thickness of the Bodhi Tree and the chopping speed of the World Honored after transforming into a woodcutter,

it's not that easy for the World Honored to fell this Bodhi Tree.

"Hold out till nightfall."

"If the Bodhi Tree is felled before nightfall, it's his victory."

"If it's felled after dark, then it's your victory!" At this moment, the dean's voice suddenly rang clearly in Lin Yuan's mind.

Hearing the dean's voice, Lin Yuan was overjoyed. He quickly responded in his mind, "Dean, dean, are you still there?"

"You're not dead, right!"

However, no matter how Lin Yuan responded, there was no further reply from the dean.

Lin Yuan was certain that what he heard just now was definitely not an illusion.

That was indeed the dean's voice.

"Hold out till nightfall."

"The dean wants me to hold out till nightfall; it seems the dean still has a backup plan." Lin Yuan thought of what the dean did to him at the peak of Mount Tai previously.

Thinking of this, Lin Yuan said to Elder Bai and the others, "Now, all his energy is focused on chopping the tree."

"We attack; he'll have to deal with us and can't chop the tree, or he'll chop the tree and can't deal with us!"

Lin Yuan's words were met with agreement from everyone.

"Alright!"

"Let's charge!" Everyone responded in unison.

At this moment, Peacock Great Ming King once again voluntarily stepped forward and said, "Let me be the vanguard today, and once more, I'll face the World Honored in battle."

Peacock Great Ming King, as a person, was not good at hiding his intentions.

At this time, his resolve to die was too evident, as if it was written on his face, "I must die today."

Lin Yuan quickly sent a voice transmission to Peacock Great Ming King, "Father-in-law, don't be impulsive; think of Mengmeng."

"Mengmeng, I'll leave her in your care from now on!" Peacock Great Ming King instructed via voice transmission.

Lin Yuan: "?????"

With a bewildered expression, Lin Yuan thought, father-in-law! What's going on? Do you have to die today?

"Father-in-law, don't be impulsive!"

"Next, we focus on stalling until nightfall. The World Honored is sure to lose then."

"I'm not lying to you; the senior who transformed into the Bodhi Tree still has a backup plan. We just need to hold on till nightfall. Don't mess with the plan!" Lin Yuan quickly advised.

No matter what, it was crucial to hold out until nightfall.

Otherwise, the dean would have died in vain.

With Lin Yuan's words, Peacock Great Ming King dared not act recklessly.

Peacock Great Ming King understood the importance and couldn't sabotage everyone's plan for his own reasons.

"Alright!" Peacock Great Ming King nodded in agreement.

Even though Peacock Great Ming King agreed, in his heart he was thinking, "Alright, I'll wait until after nightfall to fight with the World Honored."

In summary, in Peacock Great Ming King's mind, he felt he had to die no matter what.

In order to participate in this battle, Peacock Great Ming King had already discovered his oath.

No matter the outcome of this battle, he had to return to Wa Huang's Palace, become a disciple there, and serve them.

Being extremely proud, how could Peacock Great Ming King endure becoming a traitor?

The oath couldn't be violated, so when he made the promise, Peacock Great Ming King was already set on dying in this battle.

Lin Yuan led all members of the Anti-Buddha Alliance charging into the World Honored's Buddha Country, attacking him.

At this moment, the World Honored felt overwhelmed.

At the front was the Bodhi Tree transformed from the dean, and behind were Lin Yuan and others, watching intently.

If he put down the axe, he couldn't chop the tree.

If he raised the axe, he couldn't kill anyone.