

Apocalypse 621

Chapter 621: Buddha Tower Birthing Demon Soldiers

At this moment, the Buddha Realm of the World Honored One is the place where all eyes are focused.

The gaze of Wa Huang, the Demon Lord, and the Buddha, the three Primordial Spirits, are all gathered here.

"Demon Lord, Buddha, it seems like your allies are falling behind!"

"Why, aren't you going to help?" Wa Huang asked the Demon Lord and Buddha, though with a somewhat sarcastic tone.

The battle with the Human King back then caused severe losses to the Four Great Primordial Spirits.

They were forced to swear an oath not to personally descend for ten thousand years, not to mention their disciples and followers were completely annihilated in that battle.

After the Human King died, Buddha and the Demon Lord had painstakingly cultivated the Four Disciples under Buddha and the Four Great Demon Kings under the Demon Lord.

Originally, they had hoped these capable subordinates would help them preach, but unexpectedly, not long ago, they suffered heavy losses again,

All four disciples under Buddha's seat were wiped out, none remained.

Of the Four Great Demon Kings under the Demon Lord, three died, leaving only Indra.

Instead, Wa Huang, who hadn't sent anyone to intervene, suffered no losses and even accepted the promising Peacock Great Ming King.

Precisely because of this, Wa Huang was quite proud.

Intervene to help?

Wasn't it that the Demon Lord and the Buddha were unwilling to help?

They were certainly willing to let the World Honored One owe them a favor again.

Unfortunately, they are willing but powerless!

The four disciples under Buddha's seat and the four Great Demon Kings under the World Honored One were almost completely wiped out.

Besides, the people under the Demon Lord and Buddha are just small fries, not qualified to participate in such battles.

Forcing their way in would only make them cannon fodder.

Seemingly sensing the sarcasm in Wa Huang's tone, the Demon Lord coldly said, "A momentary disadvantage isn't a lifetime disadvantage."

"A temporary change in situation means nothing; whoever laughs last is what truly matters."

Upon saying this, the Demon Lord looked toward Wa Huang and asked, "Does Wa Huang have a unique insight, believing these individuals can defeat the World Honored One?"

When the Demon Lord spoke, Wa Huang was left speechless.

She certainly didn't believe Lin Yuan and the others could defeat the World Honored One.

Although they came to watch the battle, they had actually anticipated the outcome.

In the eyes of the Demon Lord, Buddha, and Wa Huang, the World Honored One successfully proving the Way was already a foregone conclusion.

The reason Wa Huang said this just now was merely to use the opportunity to mock the Demon Lord and Buddha.

Unfortunately!

The Demon Lord's eloquence was quite good; with a single counter-question, she was rendered speechless.

Seeing Wa Huang and the Demon Lord confront each other, Buddha quickly stepped in to smooth things over.

"Why must you two do this?"

"The position is certain; these individuals won't stir any waves."

"As for the World Honored One, fear not, he's likely to become our fellow Daoist!" Buddha said with emotion.

Few are honored with the title of fellow Daoist by the Four Great Primordial Spirits; the Human Emperor back then was one.

The future World Honored One counts as one too.

Of course, for the World Honored One to truly become a fellow Daoist of the Four Great Primordial Spirits, proving the Way is essential.

With Buddha acting as mediator, the atmosphere between Wa Huang and the Demon Lord eased considerably.

They no longer confronted each other or exchanged barbed words, but quietly looked toward the battlefield of the World Honored One's Buddha Realm.

At this moment, Lin Yuan had already led all members of the Anti-Buddha Alliance into the Buddha Realm.

"Bang!"

"Bang! Bang!"

At the edge of the Buddha Realm, the World Honored One was wielding an axe, chopping the Bodhi Tree with one swing after another.

Though wood chips flew, the actual damage to the Bodhi Tree was minimal.

The World Honored One would need a long time to truly fell this Bodhi Tree.

Clearly, Lin Yuan did not intend to give him this time, as Lin Yuan had already led his people to attack.

The distance to the World Honored One was growing closer and closer.

The World Honored One had turned his back to Lin Yuan, continuously swinging his axe, chopping at the Bodhi Tree.

It seemed, in the eyes of the World Honored One, only the Bodhi Tree mattered, and he paid no heed to Lin Yuan.

He faced away from Lin Yuan, without fear and without panic.

"Not defending?"

"Allowing us to attack, the World Honored One is rather reckless, isn't he?" Peacock Great Ming King said unkindly.

Peacock Great Ming King had once fought the World Honored One.

In that encounter, he was defeated by the World Honored One.

With this experience, Peacock Great Ming King admitted that the World Honored One was strong.

But not so strong as to leave his defenses wide open, allowing them to attack, right?

Remember, those participating in the final battle against the World Honored One today are all experts — surely none lack strength?

"Since he lets us attack, we have no reason not to."

"Everyone, strike with all your might, straight at his back!" Elder Bai proposed.

Elder Bai's proposal was indeed quite good.

After all, in terms of mere strength, the World Honored One was still stronger than them; if they didn't take advantage, they would be fools.

The World Honored One exposed a defensive gap for them to attack; if they didn't, wouldn't they be idiots?

As everyone prepared to strike together, suddenly, a change arose behind the World Honored One.

Behind him, the gold light unique to the Buddha Realm began to gather and solidify.

These gold lights converged into a nine-layered exquisite treasure pagoda.

The Golden Pagoda shimmered with Buddha's Radiance, providing an incomparably sacred feeling.

However, upon closer inspection, one would notice a faint black mist moving within the Golden Pagoda.

Examining carefully, this sacredness was mixed with considerable eeriness.

"Is he going to defend?" Elder Bai reminded.

Lin Yuan, eyes sharp, fixed his gaze on the gold nine-layer Buddha Tower, saying in a deep voice, "It's not defense!"

"That tower, there's something strange about it."

With Lin Yuan's words, numerous demon soldiers, covered in demonic flames, emerged from that golden nine-layer Buddha Tower.

These demon soldiers, Lin Yuan seemed to recognize.

City of Sin?

Back then, didn't the yakshas and asuras in the City of Sin look exactly like this?

However, the aura around these demon soldiers was far more intense than those yakshas and asuras in the City of Sin.

Earlier, when they observed black mist moving within the Golden Pagoda, it was because these demon soldiers were moving inside it.

What the Buddha Tower nurtured was demon soldiers one by one, indeed appearing quite mystical.

There's no denying the World Honored One's methods were indeed numerous.

Every move left people with a sense of unfathomable depth.

"Great Ming King, don't those demon generals ahead look somewhat familiar?" Guanyin Bodhisattva reminded nearby.

Guanyin Bodhisattva, with a keen mind, had already discerned the situation.

The demon soldiers and demon generals nurtured within the Buddha Tower are not weak.

Especially the demon generals leading the demon soldiers, each with Tier Two strength, not much inferior to the companions led by Lin Yuan.

Chapter 622: Demon Soldiers and Demon Generals with Infinite Resurrection

The number of demon soldiers emerging from the Buddha Tower is vast, but the number of demon generals is not many.

There are probably only a dozen or so demon generals.

Moreover, these demon generals are standing right at the front, very conspicuous.

With Guanyin Bodhisattva's reminder, the Peacock Great Ming King quickly looked towards the dozen or so demon generals at the front of the formation.

A glance was all it took for the Peacock Great Ming King to break out in a cold sweat.

Do these demon generals look familiar?

They are incredibly familiar.

Lushana Buddha.

Infinite Buddha.

Dingguang Buddha.

Joyful Buddha.

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These demon generals were clearly those Buddhas who perished in the great battle of the Silent Sea before.

However, now they have completely taken on a different appearance.

These Buddhas once shone with golden light and were incomparably holy.

But now, they are engulfed in scorching demon flames, looking like spirits from the nine hells.

Their appearance remains exactly the same as before, but the difference in aura is simply too great.

"Xiang Liu is among them!" Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder pointed to two of the demon generals to remind everyone.

The crowd followed the direction pointed out by the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder and indeed saw Xiang Liu.

Lin Yuan and the others recognized these demon generals, but these demon generals clearly did not recognize them.

These demon generals had evidently lost their previous memories.

"I've thought of something these demon generals have in common!" Guanyin Bodhisattva said to everyone.

As soon as these words fell, everyone turned to look at Guanyin Bodhisattva, as if to say, "Is this really the time to be mysterious?"

Meeting the gazes of everyone, Guanyin Bodhisattva quickly said, "They have all entered the Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool of the World Honored."

As soon as Guanyin Bodhisattva said this, the Peacock Great Ming King and Manjushri Bodhisattva were both taken aback, feeling a moment of fear.

Once, the World Honored also invited them to enter the Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool, claiming it would cleanse and rejuvenate them.

However, they refused and never entered the Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool.

Looking at it now, they were fortunate not to have entered it; otherwise, they would likely have ended up the same.

It is known that, in the World Honored's sect, the Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool has always been regarded as a treasure capable of cleansing and rejuvenating, resurrecting, and revitalizing flesh and bone.

But looking at it now, this is not the case!

There is no free lunch in the world; after enjoying the benefits brought by the Eight Treasures Rebirth Pool, one must also pay a corresponding price.

Apparently, turning into a demon soldier after death is the price.

It must be said that the World Honored's methods are indeed brilliant.

It is known that in the battle of the Silent Sea, many Buddhas were turned to ashes.

Yet, even in such circumstances, the World Honored still turned them into demon soldiers.

Lin Yuan and the others could not comprehend the World Honored's methods, but this does not matter.

Because, at this moment, the World Honored is still cutting the tree.

These demon soldiers and generals are merely means for the World Honored to obstruct Lin Yuan and his team's progress.

"Since they have been resurrected, then let them die once more!"

"Charge forward and stop the World Honored from felling that Bodhi Tree!" Lin Yuan commanded everyone.

After the order was given, Lin Yuan's gaze swept over the surrounding demon soldiers and generals, looking for their weak points.

Then, he swiftly moved in.

After all, their primary objective was still to harass the World Honored's tree-felling.

"Clang!"

The Human King Sword in Lin Yuan's hand was drawn, and a dark cyan sword light cut through the demon soldiers and generals, unmatched by anyone wherever it went.

During the battle of the Silent Sea, Lin Yuan could only avoid the sharpness of these Buddhas.

But now, Lin Yuan was no longer the same Lin Yuan from back then.

With his current power, these demon soldiers and generals could hardly trouble him.

After Lin Yuan made his move, the hot-tempered Peacock Great Ming King also struck.

The Five-Colored Divine Light swept out, causing large swaths of demon soldiers and generals to fall, swept into dust by him.

Elder Bai, Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, and others all took action, and with their all-out efforts, the World Honored's demon soldiers and generals were completely overpowered.

Soon, all these demon soldiers and generals were killed by Lin Yuan and his team, leaving none of them standing.

It seems that the World Honored's backup plan was indeed not very effective.

Although these demon soldiers and generals bought some time for the World Honored, this time was as insignificant as a drop in the ocean when it came to his tree-felling.

After dealing with the demon soldiers and generals, Lin Yuan and his team once again prepared to take action against the World Honored.

"World Honored, your petty tricks are useless!"

"In the battle of the Silent Sea, your Buddhas under your command lost to us!"

"Now, a bunch of the dead are transformed into demon generals by you; how can they stop us?" Elder Bai shouted toward the World Honored.

Upon hearing Elder Bai's shout, the World Honored, who was working hard at chopping the tree, turned to glance at them.

Then, the World Honored's face showed an inscrutable smile: "Did you really kill them?"

As the World Honored's voice fell, a squad after squad of demon soldiers came out of the Buddha Tower.

These demon soldiers and generals were clearly the ones who had just been slain.

Lin Yuan: "???"

Elder Bai and others: "???"

Seeing this scene, everyone looked at each other in disbelief.

Infinite resurrection?

This is indeed troublesome.

Although they could defeat these demon soldiers and generals,

if these demon soldiers and generals could resurrect infinitely and charge at them in waves, they might not be able to withstand it.

Even ants could bite an elephant to death!

What's more, these ants could infinitely resurrect?

Lin Yuan and his team could not get close to the World Honored and were entangled by these demon soldiers and generals again.

This Buddha Realm is the World Honored's domain.

The Buddha Realm itself is led by the World Honored.

Coupled with the entanglement of these demon soldiers and generals, it was very difficult for Lin Yuan's team to disrupt the World Honored's tree-felling.

"Lin Yuan, Fellow Daoist Bai, do you have any solutions?"

"If this continues, we will just be stalled!" the Peacock Great Ming King asked Lin Yuan and Elder Bai.

Given that these demon soldiers and generals have the ability to infinitely resurrect, it was unwise to continue fighting and getting entangled with them.

The current strategy is to come up with a way to eliminate them for good.

"Golden Buddha Tower!"

"If we destroy the Golden Buddha Tower, could we stop the resurrection of these demon soldiers and generals?" Elder Bai proposed a hypothesis.

After Elder Bai proposed this hypothesis, everyone looked at Lin Yuan in unison, seeking his opinion.

At this moment, Lin Yuan did not have any better ideas; he nodded and replied, "Let's give it a try!"

For now, they could only treat a dead horse as a living one!

"I'll give it a try first!" After Lin Yuan nodded, the Peacock Great Ming King was the first to take action.

Among everyone, the strongest were the Peacock Great Ming King and Lin Yuan. The Peacock Great Ming King taking action offered some hope of shattering the Golden Buddha Tower.

Chapter 623: The World Honored's Scar

Buddha Realm.

Golden sky.

Under that golden sky, it's as if vast expanses of Five-Colored clouds have emerged.

However, these clouds are filled with murderous intent.

At this moment, what's above the sky is not any ordinary cloud.

It is the Five-Colored Divine Light unleashed by the Peacock Great Ming King.

Terrifying murderous intent permeates the sky of the Buddha Realm.

By reason, the Five-Colored Divine Light of the Peacock Great Ming King shouldn't be so strong.

The reason why the Peacock Great Ming King can exhibit such power now is due to Wa Huang.

It is because of absorbing the Five Elements Spiritual Pearl gifted by Wa Huang that the Peacock Great Ming King's Five-Colored Divine Light could be strengthened to such an extent.

"Kong Xuan! Kong Xuan!"

"You've grown so much more than back then!"

"What a pity! One misstep makes every step slow, and you're always one step behind me!"

"Starting today, you can no longer keep up with my pace!" After sensing the aura emanating from the Peacock Great Ming King, the World Honored, who was logging, couldn't help but exclaim.

The World Honored has lived through nine lives, and in these nine lives, he has witnessed countless geniuses.

Among those numerous geniuses the World Honored has seen, only the Peacock Great Ming King is worthy of being called a peer.

But, as the World Honored said himself, one misstep leads to another.

A slight difference can lead to a huge error.

Back in the day, during the battle between the Peacock Great Ming King and the World Honored, the World Honored barely won against the Peacock Great Ming King.

The Peacock Great Ming King has always been attempting to catch up with the World Honored, trying to surpass him.

Little did he know, that battle turned out to be the closest gap between him and the World Honored.

After that, the World Honored grew stronger and stronger, gradually reaching the point where he could suppress the entire Mysterious World by his own power.

Deep down, the Peacock Great Ming King also understands that he can no longer catch up with the World Honored.

Now, if anyone still has the hope of keeping up with the World Honored's steps, only Lin Yuan has this hope.

"Slow is slow!"

"When I was young, Kong Xuan aspired to be invincible as well!"

"But as I aged, I realized, even if one becomes invincible, what does it matter?"

"Compared to invincibility, I hope more not to have regrets," saying this, Kong Xuan asked the World Honored, "World Honored, even if you achieve enlightenment today, what then?"

"Can your past regrets be fulfilled?"

"Even if you achieve enlightenment, can that woman from the City of Sin be resurrected?"

The woman from the City of Sin mentioned by the Peacock Great Ming King was the mother of Lady Ming King, the only woman the World Honored ever loved.

To be able to make the World Honored fall in love, one can see how deep the World Honored's feelings are for her.

"Yes!"

"Of course, yes, as long as I succeed in achieving enlightenment, this world will be at my command!"

"Even if her soul has dispersed, I can still use the Power of the World to resurrect her!"

"Revive... my...!" The World Honored howled at the sky, his expression somewhat frantic.

From his crazed expression, it's apparent why he's so obsessed with achieving enlightenment.

Clearly, it's not only about the desire for power but also an obsession to resurrect the woman from back then.

Deep feelings, profound love.

Even the World Honored has a woman he cannot let go of.

As the World Honored's words fell, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder spoke up again: "World Honored, don't deceive yourself."

"That woman has already dispersed; even if you achieve enlightenment, can you truly resurrect her?"

"Is the her you resurrect truly the same as before?"

"No, it's not!"

"The one you resurrect is merely a puppet with her appearance and memories."

"World Honored, regardless of how strong you are, you're just a clown in matters of love."

One must admit, when it comes to emotions, women are more adept!

The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder's words were like needles, piercing the World Honored's heart.

As the saying goes, don't hit someone in the face or expose their flaws when cursing.

The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder was intent on exposing the World Honored's wounds.

While the World Honored seeks self-deception, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder insists on uncovering his lies.

If you were to say the World Honored was weak and a noob, he definitely wouldn't refute.

Because the World Honored knows he is invincible, and no one can challenge him.

But the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder's words certainly enraged the World Honored.

At this moment, there's a certain rage of having his lies exposed.

This is why lies don't harm, but the truth is a sharp knife!

"Bullshit!"

"You're spewing nonsense; she will definitely come back to life!"

"When the time comes, I will be the Buddha of Western Heaven, and she will be the Buddha Mother of Western Heaven, and we can forever reside together," the World Honored was still trying to argue, but his voice grew smaller and smaller.

At this moment, Lin Yuan noticed that mentioning the woman from the City of Sin indeed touched the World Honored's emotions.

While the World Honored was arguing with them, he had already unconsciously stopped the action of chopping the Bodhi Tree.

"Continue!"

"The World Honored's action stopped, continue mentioning the woman from the City of Sin," Lin Yuan silently transmitted to the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder.

With Lin Yuan's reminder, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder also noticed this point, thinking, if they'd known mentioning that woman could stop the World Honored's actions, they wouldn't have exhausted themselves battling him!

"World Honored, you're merely deceiving yourself."

"You've already lost her, and she'll never return, never!"

"You're just a useless man; if you were useful, she wouldn't have died..." The Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder continued to touch the World Honored's most fragile nerves.

"You despicable fox, shut up, shut up!" the World Honored screamed hysterically.

The more the World Honored asked the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder to shut up, the more she persisted in speaking: "World Honored, is your so-called resurrection truly for her good?"

"What you need is merely a substitute who carries her appearance..."

Having either failed to out-argue the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder or saw through Lin Yuan's delaying tactic.

The World Honored simply cast a spell to seal his hearing senses, avoiding the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder's words.

Indeed, after the World Honored sealed his hearing, he found much peace.

Ignoring Lin Yuan and the others, the World Honored calmed down and continued to chop the Bodhi Tree.

"Can't talk back, so clams up?"

"This World Honored somewhat appears to be a sore loser," Lin Yuan murmured.

However, by this time, the Peacock Great Ming King had completed gathering power.

This strike, as long as it could shatter the golden treasure tower hanging in midair, could still prevent the World Honored from chopping the tree.

At this moment, the Five-Colored clouds covering the sky had already condensed together.

From the concentrated Five-Colored Divine Light, a terrifying sense of oppression emanated.

Within the Void.

The Demon Lord watched the Five-Colored Divine Light gathered by the Peacock Great Ming King and mumbled in confusion: "There's something wrong!"

"In just a few days, how did the Peacock Great Ming King's strength improve so quickly?"

"A few days ago, when he fell into my hands, he clearly wasn't this strong."

Chapter 624: Driven into Disadvantage

When the Demon Lord said these words, Wa Huang couldn't help but feel a bit guilty.

Wa Huang thought to herself, the reason he became so strong was all thanks to me!

After the Demon Lord finished speaking, both he and the Buddha turned their gaze towards Wa Huang.

Wa Huang thought for a moment, then brazenly lied, "This Peacock Great Ming King is exceptionally talented; a breakthrough at the last moment is not impossible."

"Precisely because of his exceptional talent, I went to great lengths to want him in Wa Huang's Palace."

The Demon Lord and the Buddha found no fault with Wa Huang's words.

After all, neither of them knew the inside story.

The Buddha thought for a moment and asked, "Wa Huang, shouldn't he be in your Wa Huang's Palace?"

"Why did you release him?"

This was something Wa Huang couldn't hide, so she revealed her agreement with the Peacock Great Ming King and the vow he made to the Buddha and the Demon Lord.

After Wa Huang finished her explanation, the Demon Lord responded sourly, "Hmph!"

"Had I known you would release him, I should have killed him back then."

"Demon Lord, I exchanged him for news from the Daoist Ancestor!"

"We made a deal, are you blaming me?"

"That person belongs to my Wa Huang's Palace; if I want to release him, I will."

"Even if trouble arises, it will be the World Honored causing me trouble, not you!" Wa Huang didn't give the Demon Lord a good look.

Seeing the Demon Lord and Wa Huang about to clash again, the Buddha hurriedly mediated, "Come on, don't argue, don't argue!"

"The big picture is set, more or less a Peacock Great Ming King doesn't change the overall situation."

Seeing the Demon Lord and Wa Huang ready to fight at any moment, the Buddha was also at his wit's end.

At this moment, in the Buddha Realm, the Peacock Great Ming King had already made his move.

The Five-Colored Divine Light, which had been gathering power for a long time, heavily swept across the Golden Buddha Tower.

This strike was the strongest one in the Peacock Great Ming King's life.

"Boom!"

The Five-Colored Divine Light struck the Golden Buddha, instantly, endless energy erupted like a volcanic explosion, gushing out.

The powerful impact wave caused by the energy flipped the Peacock Great Ming King over.

The piercing golden light collided with the Five-Colored energy, making it impossible for one to look directly at the battlefield.

In this energy shock wave, all the demon soldiers and demon generals emerging from the Golden Treasure Tower were turned to dust.

As the golden light and the five-colored glow all dissipated, Lin Yuan and his team saw the Golden Treasure Tower again.

Despite the fierce energy shock wave just now, the Golden Treasure Tower still stood there.

It seemed to have suffered no damage.

Seeing this, the members of the Anti-Buddha Alliance seemed somewhat despairing.

The Peacock Great Ming King had struck such a powerful blow, yet the Golden Treasure Tower was completely unharmed.

Could it be that the World Honored is truly invincible?

Just as everyone was in extreme low spirits, suddenly...

"Click!"

"Crack! Crack!"

A series of cracking sounds were heard; they saw dense spider-web-like cracks appear rapidly on the Golden Treasure Tower.

There were so many cracks that it looked like if the wind blew, the entire Golden Treasure Tower would collapse into pieces.

"It cracked!"

"It opened, it worked!"

"It really cracked open!"

Seeing the Golden Treasure Tower cracked, the members of the Anti-Buddha Alliance were overjoyed.

In a short time, their emotions were as complex as riding a roller coaster.

At the moment the Golden Treasure Tower cracked, they saw a golden glow from the Buddha Realm drilling into it, repairing the Golden Treasure Tower at a perceivable speed.

Anyone with a sharp eye could see the damage to the Golden Treasure Tower was severe, almost to the point where a breeze would have toppled it.

However, as the golden glow surged in, the Golden Treasure Tower became more and more stable.

"Lin Yuan, it's up to you now!"

"Don't give this tower a chance to repair!" The Peacock Great Ming King said to Lin Yuan.

That previous strike was already the Peacock Great Ming King's strongest, and it consumed a great deal of his energy.

As the Peacock Great Ming King was still recovering, the task of shattering the Golden Treasure Tower could only be entrusted to Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan didn't hesitate, as soon as the Peacock Great King's words fell, Lin Yuan "zinged" and drew out the Human King Sword.

"Buzz!"

"Buzz buzz."

The blade of the Human King Sword emitted a buzzing sound as if saying it was eager.

This sword, Lin Yuan didn't bother with any frills, just straightforwardly struck at the Golden Treasure Tower.

"Boom!"

A sword energy that seemed to pierce the heavens and the earth directly slashed at the Golden Treasure Tower.

In the next moment, the Golden Treasure Tower shattered, splintering into countless fragments, scattering everywhere.

Smashed!

The Golden Treasure Tower was truly smashed.

Everyone was ecstatic, the shattering of the Golden Treasure Tower seemed to prove that the World Honored was not invincible.

"Follow me to kill..."

However, before Lin Yuan finished speaking, yet another Golden Treasure Tower appeared out of thin air.

The vanished demon soldiers and demon generals once again marched out of the Golden Treasure Tower.

Lin Yuan: "????"

Everyone: "????"

Lin Yuan was stunned, as were the others.

They could never have imagined that not only did the demon soldiers and generals possess infinite resurrection ability.

Even the tower that manufactured demon soldiers and generals also had the ability to infinitely resurrect.

The Golden Treasure Tower reappeared, the demon soldiers and generals still existed.

All of Lin Yuan and their previous attempts were in vain.

From the Void.

"See?"

"These people are no match for the World Honored, everything they do is futile. Utterly, a bunch of clowns!" The Demon Lord said smugly.

The Buddha also looked at Wa Huang and said, "Wa Huang, you have not allied with the World Honored, aren't you afraid that after he attains the Dao, he might not provide you any benefits?"

Wa Huang was not bothered by this, she said in a deep voice, "Do you think that even if you allied with the World Honored? After he attains the Dao, would he truly willingly provide you benefits?"

"Benefits are fought for and taken, not acquired through alliances."

"Your power has been consumed to aid him, if he's not genuinely giving you benefits, after this, let's see how you preach?"

Wa Huang's words made both the Buddha and the Demon Lord ponder.

Once the World Honored attains the Dao, he certainly wouldn't dare break his oath.

However, without breaking the oath, there's still much room for maneuver.

He might agree to give them benefits on the surface, then secretly impede them, effectively preventing them from receiving these benefits.

Ultimately, they would be left frustrated.

Because among the people of the Buddha and the Demon Lord, there were already no usable forces.

Wa Huang's blunt words also made the Buddha and the Demon Lord cautious of the World Honored.

This was considered sowing discord, but it was an unavoidable open strategy.

Chapter 625: Facing the World Honored Alone

Even though the Demon Lord and the Buddha reached some agreements with the World Honored, they still do not trust each other.

It can be said that they each harbor ulterior motives and trust no one.

Wa Huang's incitement truly had an effect.

A change in the Demon Lord's expression clearly showed he was influenced by Wa Huang's words.

"The Four Great Primordial Spirits are connected like branches from the same tree, even the Human Emperor of the past couldn't do anything to us."

"Not to mention, the mere World Honored?"

"After the World Honored achieves the Dao, if he lets us spread our teachings and gather faith, so be it. But if he doesn't, we'll find ways to deal with him."

"Even if the World Honored has achieved the Dao, he's still far from the Human Emperor of those days!" With that, the Buddha looked at Wa Huang and the Demon Lord.

The Buddha meant that if the World Honored doesn't behave after achieving the Dao, they would join forces to beat him up.

After achieving the Dao, the World Honored will be Tier One.

The Four Great Primordial Spirits are also Tier One.

Although all are Tier One, there are still distinctions in power.

Even if the World Honored achieves success, he can only be considered the lowest tier of Tier One.

Wa Huang, the Demon Lord, the Buddha, and the Daoist Ancestor, the four great primordial spirits, are roughly mid-tier in Tier One.

The Human Emperor's realm, in fact, is the same as the four great primordial spirits, also a mid-tier in Tier One.

However, the Human Emperor can receive the Power of Heaven and Earth's blessing, and after receiving this blessing,

he can fight the four of them alone, forcing Wa Huang, the Demon Lord, the Buddha, and the Daoist Ancestor to swear not to descend upon the world for ten thousand years.

Thus, it can be seen that the Human Emperor, blessed by the Power of Heaven and Earth, should be considered a Peak of Tier One.

The Buddha's words were also recognized by the Demon Lord and Wa Huang.

After all, the three of them have the same ultimate goal.

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"Lin Yuan, what do we do?"

"The Golden Pagoda has appeared again!"

"The Demon Soldiers and the Demon Generals are here again!"

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Everyone began to speak, each one contributing a sentence, and their expressions were clearly unpleasant.

These Demon Soldiers and Demon Generals were like a bone-biting disease, clinging tightly to them.

They couldn't be killed, nor shaken off.

After sealing off his sense of hearing, the World Honored was no longer disturbed by the outside world, and his tree-cutting speed increased significantly.

Lin Yuan watched the World Honored and the Bodhi Tree, which had already been cut to form a gap.

At this rate, it would be hard for them to hold out until dark!

At this point, Lin Yuan also gave up on the idea of damaging the Golden Treasure Tower and eliminating the Demon Soldiers and Demon Generals.

From the current situation, the Golden Treasure Tower and the Demon Soldiers and Demon Generals all rely on the existence of the World Honored's Buddha Realm.

As long as the Buddha Realm exists, the Golden Treasure Tower and the Demon Soldiers and Demon Generals can resurrect endlessly.

Wanting to destroy the World Honored's Buddha Realm is impossible.

Now, the World Honored's Buddha Realm is no longer just a small world.

Instead, it is a special world between small and large worlds.

Currently, it can be said that as long as the World Honored doesn't die, the Buddha Realm remains indestructible.

Lin Yuan's mind was racing as he searched for a way to break the stalemate.

After much thought, Lin Yuan found no good solution.

He could only leave Elder Bai and the others here to continue tangling with the Demon Soldiers and Generals while he went to harass the World Honored.

"Elder Bai, I'll leave this to you!"

"I'm going to harass him!" With that, Lin Yuan dashed out of the battlefield.

Since resolving the entanglement with the Demon Soldiers and Generals was impossible in a short time, Lin Yuan had no choice but to strike at the World Honored alone.

To be honest, going at the World Honored solo made Lin Yuan somewhat uneasy.

After all, it's the World Honored!

Can he really stop the World Honored alone?

Without confidence, Lin Yuan could only give it a desperate try.

Seeing Lin Yuan trying to escape the encirclement, the Demon Soldiers and Generals immediately surrounded him.

Seeing this, Lin Yuan frowned and swiftly slashed forward with his sword.

The surging sword aura was as volcanic and magnificent as an eruption, flooding the sky in an instant.

Each sword aura striking a Demon Soldier caused them to explode and die.

Even powerful Demon Generals were covered in wounds from the Human King Sword's aura, like rolling over a mountain of knives.

This moment, Lin Yuan was like a deity slaying gods, and a Buddha slaying Buddhas.

Unfortunately, these Demon Soldiers and Generals, once slain, were quickly resurrected by the Golden Pagoda and emerged from it.

Seizing the moment while the Demon Soldiers and Generals were being revived, Lin Yuan broke out of the encirclement and reached the World Honored's side.

"Clang!"

"Clang! Clang!"

Lin Yuan stood right behind the World Honored, yet the World Honored didn't even bother to turn his head.

Clearly, the World Honored didn't consider Lin Yuan worth his attention; a mere Lin Yuan wasn't even qualified to make him turn around.

At this moment, the World Honored's eyes were only on the Bodhi Tree; as long as he cut it down, he could achieve his Dao.

By then, in this realm, he could control everything with ease.

Everyone who defied his will must die.

"Damn it!"

"Looking down on me?" Lin Yuan surely understood the World Honored's meaning.

He couldn't allow the World Honored to fell this Bodhi Tree, their last sanctuary from the Dean.

Once this Bodhi Tree fell, their defeat would be assured.

No time to delay, Lin Yuan decisively swung his sword!

"Clang!"

The sharp sword sound reverberated around, as a serpent-like sword aura glowing indigo radiated an extremely terrifying energy.

Lin Yuan felt the World Honored was too arrogant.

Even if he looked down upon Lin Yuan, he shouldn't look down upon the Renwang Sword.

With this relic of the Human King in hand, Lin Yuan wasn't entirely powerless against the World Honored.

The Human King Sword held immense, terrifying energy as the World Honored continued disregarding everything to chop the tree.

It seemed he was certain that Lin Yuan's strike couldn't breach his defenses.

Once the energy was fully charged, Lin Yuan unleashed his sword.

The World Honored remained motionless, standing there, allowing Lin Yuan's strike to hit him.

Not even a defensive action was made by the World Honored.

The strike landed on the World Honored's back.

The World Honored took the hit unfazed, as if the strike hadn't even touched him.

However, there was indeed a deep, bone-revealing wound on the World Honored's back.

The sword aura within that wound continued to grow, gradually destroying the World Honored's golden body.

"I am the heavens!"

"The heavens are me!"

"How can a mere mortal body cut down the heavens?" The World Honored declared aloud, his words like Words Become Law.

As his words fell, the wound on his back vanished.

At the same time, in the skies of the Buddha Realm, a crack appeared.

The crack emitted the same surging sword aura from the Human King Sword.

Seeing this, Lin Yuan roughly guessed the situation.

The World Honored's immortality ensured the Buddha Realm's indestructibility; coexisting with the Buddha Realm, he transferred his injuries to it.

Chapter 626: The World Honored's Wrath, Lin Yuan's Punishment

Lin Yuan looked at the scar in the sky above the Buddha Realm, cut out by his own sword.

This scar, when placed on the World Honored, would be quite serious.

However, in the grand scheme of things, it was insignificant in the entire Buddha Realm.

No!

It wasn't even a tiny fraction of the whole; at most, it was just a drop in the ocean.

With such an attack, even if Lin Yuan swung the Human King Sword until it smoked, it would be difficult to prevent the World Honored from chopping the Bodhi Tree.

At this moment, Lin Yuan understood that the World Honored was truly difficult to deal with.

The fact that the World Honored reached this point today naturally indicates he is quite remarkable.

If he were easy to deal with, he would have died countless times already.

Lin Yuan was now feeling overwhelmed; even after breaking out of the encirclement of Demon Soldiers and the Demon General, he still couldn't stop the World Honored's advance on the Bodhi Tree.

He was like an ant trying to swallow an elephant, completely clueless on where to start.

Lin Yuan, being highly intelligent, thought of this while pondering how to stop the World Honored from chopping down the Bodhi Tree.

He came up with an idea.

In this world, no one is completely flawless; everyone has their own weaknesses.

The World Honored's weakness is undoubtedly that woman from the City of Sin from years ago.

Also, earlier, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder indeed managed to breach the World Honored's defenses using this point.

Since that woman from the City of Sin is the World Honored's weakness,

then, to stop the World Honored from chopping the Bodhi Tree, this aspect must be the focus.

The World Honored, previously provoked by the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, had shut off his hearing and refused to communicate with Lin Yuan and the others.

Therefore, the method used by the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder earlier could no longer be employed.

Lin Yuan thought, the World Honored can choose not to listen, but he can't choose not to see, can he?

In order to chop the Bodhi Tree, he cannot shut down his sight.

Thinking of this, Lin Yuan controlled his energy to write a line on the trunk of the Bodhi Tree: "That woman from the City of Sin is a whore that everyone can have."

Upon seeing this line appear on the Bodhi Tree, the World Honored's figure paused involuntarily.

Clearly, he was infuriated.

However, the World Honored was not foolish!

The World Honored knew that Lin Yuan was taunting him, trying to delay his actions of chopping the Bodhi Tree.

"Bang!"

The World Honored suppressed his inner rage without turning back, and instead struck the Bodhi Tree with his axe.

The axe released a vast energy that spread through the Bodhi Tree, instantly erasing the words Lin Yuan had just written.

Just now, the World Honored was visibly angry.

This indicates that the tactic was effective.

Although the writing was erased by the World Honored, it doesn't matter; if he can erase it, Lin Yuan can write it again.

Let's see how long a man can endure, hearing and seeing someone belittle the woman he loves most.

"World Honored, do you kiss each other? When you kiss, do you taste other men's flavors?" Another line appeared on the Bodhi Tree trunk.

Now, the World Honored seems like a livestream host, and Lin Yuan is a troll in the chat, persistently sending messages to provoke the host, watching for when the host would kick him out.

"Squeak."

"Squeak, squeak."

The sound came from the World Honored's grip on the axe; he was on the verge of losing control.

"Damn it!"

"Damn it, after I prove my Dao, Lin Yuan, I will rip you to pieces, and burn your soul in the Nine Nether Inferno for a thousand years!" The World Honored gritted his teeth in anger.

One has to admit, the World Honored was really keeping his composure.

Even now, he continued chopping the Bodhi Tree without acknowledging Lin Yuan.

"So persistent?"

"Seems like my attack isn't strong enough!" Lin Yuan thought to himself.

Previously, when Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder used this as a breakthrough to attack the World Honored, the World Honored clearly broke his defenses swiftly.

Now it appears the World Honored's tolerance level has evidently increased?

"For choosing a whore, World Honored, you can only enjoy the slackness."

"Have you ever asked your size among all her guests?"

"Oh! Doesn't matter? It doesn't bother you?"

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Lines of enraging words surfaced before the World Honored.

The World Honored had never been humiliated like this before.

In past battles, the World Honored's opponents were all straightforward with swords drawn and guns blazing, fighting to the end.

There was no one like Lin Yuan, who kept attacking someone's vulnerable spot.

"Despicable!"

"Lin Yuan, disgrace to the Human King's legacy—do you only resort to such despicable tactics?" The World Honored could not tolerate it anymore, he restored his senses and cursed furiously.

Lin Yuan thought, it's true that the Human King never taught me such despicable tactics.

However, a great person once said, it doesn't matter if the cat is black or white, as long as it catches mice, it's a good cat.

Though Lin Yuan's approach may be despicable, it effectively infuriated the World Honored.

While the World Honored restored his senses and cursed out loud, Lin Yuan knew the World Honored's endurance had reached its limit.

Next, with one final push, my objective will be achieved.

"World Honored, are you sure Lady Ming King is your daughter? Wouldn't you be a happy dad?"

"No wonder you monks only eat vegetables, it turns out you prefer the color green!" Lin Yuan delivered a fatal blow to the World Honored.

After being repeatedly humiliated by Lin Yuan like this, not just the World Honored, even an ordinary man couldn't endure it.

A mud figurine still has a bit of temper, let alone the World Honored?

"Lin Yuan, since you love spouting foul language, I'll kill you first!"

The World Honored was beyond the limit, no longer willing to hold back, and swung his giant golden axe towards Lin Yuan.

"Boom."

"Boom, boom."

As the World Honored swung the axe, the surrounding sky began to flicker with golden thunder and lightning.

It seemed as though he aimed to chop Lin Yuan in half.

If the World Honored made a move, it would be to annihilate Lin Yuan in a single strike.

The World Honored's strength was indeed astonishingly powerful.

This axe was like splitting heaven and earth, aiming to pulverize Lin Yuan.

Although being slashed by the World Honored's axe seemed bad,

Lin Yuan's objective was achieved.

Since the World Honored's axe targeted Lin Yuan, he could no longer chop the Bodhi Tree, fulfilling his goal to buy time.

The golden giant axe, accompanied by golden thunder and lightning, struck towards Lin Yuan.

Due to being within the Buddha Realm, Lin Yuan was directly locked by the giant axe, with no escape possible.

Since he couldn't escape, he could only confront it.

This marked the first direct confrontation between Lin Yuan and the World Honored; whether he could endure it was unknown.

However, regardless of whether he could withstand it, he must continue to do so. The longer he persevered, the greater their chances of victory.

As the golden giant axe approached, Lin Yuan raised the Human King Sword to face it head-on.

In the next moment, dark blue energy collided with golden energy, the violent energy fluctuations directly swept Demon Soldiers and the Demon General away, who were battling with Elder Bai and the others.

Chapter 627: Peacock Great Ming King Battles the World Honored

The World Honored's strike filled with resentment was not easy to withstand.

Lin Yuan took the World Honored's blow head-on, facing unimaginable pressure.

"Dang!"

With a loud sound, the Human King Sword stubbornly absorbed the World Honored's attack.

Back then, the Human King wielded the Human King Sword, able to fight one against four, leaving the Four Great Primordial Spirits unable to lift their heads.

Unfortunately, Lin Yuan is not the Human King of the past.

Facing the World Honored, Lin Yuan still appeared somewhat inadequate.

The Golden Axe and the Human King Sword clashed, and the overwhelming energy was transmitted through the Human King Sword to Lin Yuan, making it difficult for him to withstand.

Lin Yuan flew backward like a kite with broken strings, blood continuously flowing from his mouth.

The World Honored, worthy of his name, dealt Lin Yuan a heavy injury with that strike.

"Strong!"

"Indeed strong!" Lin Yuan wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth, unable to resist exclaiming.

No wonder, even though the Peacock Great Ming King was so powerful, he could only be called the first under the World Honored.

The strength of the World Honored truly lived up to its reputation.

With just one move, he made Lin Yuan suffer greatly.

Of course, it was only natural for the World Honored to be so powerful.

If the World Honored were weak, they wouldn't have needed to unite like this.

"You blight!"

"I intended to spare your life, but your mouth is too foul!"

"Today is your day to die!" The World Honored looked at Lin Yuan expressionlessly.

Originally, the World Honored wanted to keep Lin Yuan alive, turning him into a Buddha in the Western Heaven Paradise, providing faith for himself.

But now, the World Honored no longer planned to spare Lin Yuan, but instead intended to kill him.

It showed that Lin Yuan's strategy of revealing a deep wound just now truly had an effect.

Though Lin Yuan could not defeat the World Honored, his words were indeed sharp.

"World Honored, you've become angry!"

"Haven't you considered why you're angry?"

"You're angry because everything I said is true, and you can't refute me!"

"Killing me is merely to silence me. If one Lin Yuan silences, thousands more Lin Yuans will know about this matter."

"World Honored, no matter how you retaliate, your woman is still indiscriminately shared."

"The strongest of the current era, in love with a woman indiscriminately shared, World Honored, you're truly famished!" Lin Yuan continued taunting.

Lin Yuan couldn't guarantee he could defeat the World Honored, but he could guarantee that even if the World Honored killed him, his words would still be sharp.

The World Honored's face became increasingly gloomy.

Lin Yuan repeatedly struck at the most fragile chord in the World Honored's heart, causing anger to surge uncontrollably within him.

Even the clay Bodhisattva has some anger, let alone the World Honored.

"You're courting death!"

The World Honored raised his hand and swung the axe towards Lin Yuan again, and with the strike, it seemed the entire Buddha Realm trembled violently.

As the furious energy bore down, Lin Yuan had no choice but to swing the Human King Sword to meet it.

Knowing he was outmatched, Lin Yuan nonetheless charged forward without hesitation.

Today, as long as he did not die, he had to endure.

"Boom!"

The Human King Sword and Human King Armor suddenly emitted strong energy fluctuations, striving to protect Lin Yuan.

Alas, the World Honored's power was simply too strong, making it difficult for Lin Yuan to withstand the resentful attacks.

Lin Yuan was blasted away again, this time suffering even more severe injuries.

His chest was wracked with excruciating pain, Lin Yuan felt as though all the ribs in his chest had shattered.

Every inch of flesh across his body was being torn apart by intense agony.

"Come on!"

"Come again!" Lin Yuan struggled to get up from the ground, shouting at the World Honored.

The World Honored hadn't expected Lin Yuan's resilience to be so strong, enduring two axe strikes without dying.

"Well, young man, let's see if your life is tough, or if my axe is tougher!" The World Honored shouted coldly, raising the axe to kill Lin Yuan.

As the World Honored swung the axe towards Lin Yuan, each strike emitted terrifying energy fluctuations, causing Lin Yuan to flee in panic.

Faced with the enraged World Honored, Lin Yuan could only defend himself desperately, without the ability to counterattack.

"Cough cough."

"Cough cough cough!"

After enduring another axe strike from the World Honored, Lin Yuan was sent flying by the axe, and he coughed violently.

However, the World Honored clearly did not intend to drag things out with Lin Yuan any longer, closely following with another axe strike, aiming directly at Lin Yuan's face.

As the axe seemed poised to hit Lin Yuan's face, a Five-Colored Divine Light blocked Lin Yuan.

The Peacock Great Ming King arrived and shielded Lin Yuan from the strike.

Upon seeing the Peacock Great Ming King, the World Honored's eyes narrowed slightly, filled with coldness.

Lin Yuan, Peacock Great Ming King, that old turtle named Bai, Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder...

One by one, these individuals confronted him, did they really think he was that easily bullied?

"Kong Xuan, I'll give you one final chance!"

"Pledge allegiance to me, and I'll swear by the heavens to preserve your consciousness." The World Honored said to the Peacock Great Ming King.

The World Honored still admired the Peacock Great Ming King.

To win over the Peacock Great Ming King, he was even willing to swear by the heavens.

In this world, oaths were not made lightly.

As the saying goes, the falling flower is willing, but the running water is merciless.

Even in such circumstances, the World Honored still wished to win over the Peacock Great Ming King.

However, the Peacock Great Ming King clearly had no intentions of siding with the World Honored.

"World Honored, enough with the nonsense!"

"Fight!"

"I lost to you back then!"

"I want to see what the gap between us is now!" The Peacock Great Ming King was filled with fighting spirit.

The World Honored looked at the Peacock Great Ming King and coldly said, "Back then, you lost, and now, you will still lose."

"And the loss will be even more devastating than before."

Back then, the Peacock Great Ming King narrowly lost to the World Honored.

Now, it would be difficult to match the World Honored evenly.

If you can't win, does that mean you're scared, intimidated?

That is not the Peacock Great Ming King's style.

The Peacock Great Ming King's style is to head to the tiger mountain knowing there's a tiger.

"Whether win or lose, it's a reckoning for my past self!" After saying these words, the Peacock Great Ming King unleashed the Five-Colored Divine Light at the World Honored.

The World Honored intended to persuade the Peacock Great Ming King to surrender, thus he didn't plan to make a move.

However, since the Peacock Great Ming King attacked, the World Honored couldn't help but retaliate.

"It seems!"

"To subdue you, I must first overpower you!"

"Kong Xuan, if today you refuse to surrender, there will be a time you'll regret it."

"If you willingly submit, you'll be my companion. If you are captured, you'll be nothing but my mount, choose wisely." The World Honored said to the Peacock Great Ming King.

The Peacock Great Ming King spoke few words but the Five-Colored Divine Light surged with terrifying aura towards the World Honored.

This movement was the Peacock Great Ming King's response to the World Honored.

Let actions speak for intentions.

Chapter 628: Establishing the Underworld, Lin Yuan Attains Enlightenment

Feeling the pressure brought by the approaching Five-Colored Divine Light, the World Honored's face darkened involuntarily.

Out of admiration, he had spared the Peacock Great Ming King multiple times.

However, the Peacock Great Ming King repeatedly opposed him time and again.

"You refuse a toast only to drink a forfeit!"

"Since it's come to this, I can no longer spare you this time!" As the World Honored said this, he raised his hand and slashed an axe towards the Five-Colored Divine Light.

"Boom!"

The giant axe, shining with golden light, struck the Five-Colored Divine Light.

With this axe, the World Honored seemed like Pangu opening the heavens and earth, dispersing the Five-Colored Divine Light with a single blow.

The Peacock Great Ming King, like Lin Yuan before, was directly sent flying by the World Honored's axe.

Invincible.

In terms of individual strength, the World Honored was indeed unbeatable.

Whether Lin Yuan or the Peacock Great Ming King, neither was a match for the World Honored.

"Let's go together!" Lin Yuan called to the Peacock Great Ming King, then raised his sword to attack the World Honored.

At this point, it didn't matter if it was two against one; winning against the World Honored was already a good outcome.

"Zing!"

The sharp sound of the sword echoed once more as Lin Yuan drew his sword again to attack the World Honored.

Even with Lin Yuan and the Peacock Great Ming King teaming up, they were still at a disadvantage against the World Honored.

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Meanwhile.

In the Real World.

Atop Mount Tai.

Lin Yuan sat cross-legged on the summit of Mount Tai. Centered around him, the sky within a hundred-mile radius was gloomy and dark, with only two colors remaining: black and white.

Wait.

Lin Yuan?

Wasn't Lin Yuan currently in the Mysterious World, joining forces with the Peacock Great Ming King to battle the World Honored?

Why then, was Lin Yuan appearing at the summit of Mount Tai in the Real World?

Upon careful examination, it became apparent that the Lin Yuan atop Mount Tai was not the same as the real Lin Yuan.

He was dressed in a black crown robe, with a Six Paths of Reincarnation Mark between his eyebrows.

Was this Lin Yuan?

Both yes and no.

Before the dean decided to perish together with the World Honored, he had spent a few days alone with Lin Yuan on Mount Tai.

During these few days, the dean used the Three Corpses Cutting Method to help Lin Yuan sever the Evil Corpse.

Atop Mount Tai, this Lin Yuan, clad in black crown robes with a Six Paths of Reincarnation Mark between his brows, was Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse.

This Evil Corpse was the precautionary measure left by the dean.

Dusk was approaching, and the time was near.

Seeing that the time had come, Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse, atop Mount Tai, swore an oath.

"I, Lin Yuan, vow that my Evil Corpse shall transform into the Underworld's Emperor and establish the Underworld Reincarnation."

"When I achieve enlightenment, there shall be no more vengeful spirits in the world."

"When I achieve enlightenment, all beings shall enter the cycle of reincarnation."

"The Underworld shall not be empty; it shall eternally stabilize the Underworld."

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As Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse uttered each vow, it immediately resonated with heaven and earth, revealing the Ghost Gate and the manifestation of Yellow Springs Road.

The once-illusory Underworld now began to materialize.

Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse was attaining enlightenment.

Moreover, the speed at which Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse was achieving enlightenment surpassed that of the World Honored.

Lin Yuan forcefully attained enlightenment with his Evil Corpse, paying a great price.

The Underworld shall not be empty; it shall eternally stabilize the Underworld.

This also meant that, although his Evil Corpse possessed strength comparable to the Four Great Primordial Spirits, it could never leave the Underworld.

To sever the Evil Corpse and ensure its smooth enlightenment, Lin Yuan sacrificed a lot.

For instance, he divided the Underworld tattoos and small world to the Evil Corpse.

At this moment, centered on Mount Tai, a world was being born, which was the Underworld.

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Mysterious World.

Buddha Realm.

Lin Yuan and the Peacock Great Ming King were being brutally beaten by the World Honored; they were both heavily wounded, breathing weakly.

As they were on the brink of collapse, Lin Yuan's true self sensed the formation of the Underworld and realized the Evil Corpse had already achieved enlightenment.

"Hahaha!" Lin Yuan suddenly burst into laughter, and as he laughed, blood gushed from his mouth.

"You lost!"

"World Honored, you lost!" Lin Yuan shouted hysterically.

Suddenly, the World Honored sensed something within his heart.

He felt as if he had lost the most crucial thing.

For the World Honored?

What was the most important?

Without a doubt, it was achieving enlightenment.

Feeling something was amiss, the World Honored dared not entangle with Lin Yuan and the Peacock Great Ming King any longer; he hurriedly turned to chop down the Bodhi Tree.

"Bang!"

"Bang! Bang!"

The World Honored swung his axe fiercely at the Bodhi Tree, and after several heavy blows, there was a "boom" sound.

The Bodhi Tree toppled over, and it seemed that even the dean knew they had won, so he no longer persisted.

"When I achieve enlightenment...."

"When I achieve enlightenment...."

"I achieve...."

After cutting down the Bodhi Tree, the World Honored continued to utter the grand vows he hadn't finished before.

However, no matter how he tried to swear them, the Buddha Realm did not expand outward this time.

Nor did it have any intention of evolving into a great world.

Previously, the Buddha Realm was suppressed by the Bodhi Tree, unable to grow outward.

But now, even though the Bodhi Tree had been cut down, why couldn't it still expand outward?

If the small world couldn't evolve into a true world, then the World Honored couldn't achieve enlightenment.

"What's going on?"

"Why is this happening? Why?" The World Honored was momentarily stunned, unable to figure it out.

Suddenly, the World Honored thought of the gloating Lin Yuan; it was right after he shouted that he lost, that the World Honored felt a sense of crisis.

Could it be that he was the one behind this?

"What exactly is going on?"

"Did you do something?" The World Honored looked at Lin Yuan and asked with a cold tone.

The major event had been accomplished; they had already won, and the World Honored had lost—this was undeniable.

Since that was the case, there was no need to hide it from the World Honored anymore.

"The Mysterious World is an incomplete world, and our world is also an incomplete world."

"Only by merging the Mysterious World and the Real World into one can a complete world be formed."

"This world is the one where the Human King was once born."

"Between heaven and earth, one King does not see another."

"There is only one Human King, which means there is only one Tier One."

"Now you cannot achieve enlightenment, so isn't the truth evident before you?"

"Someone has already achieved enlightenment before you, yes, in our world...." Lin Yuan weakly gasped, but his tone was determined.

World Honored: "???"

"Impossible!"

"Absolutely impossible!"

"How could anyone achieve enlightenment before me?" The World Honored had an incredulous expression.

Strategic calculations.

It was all part of the dean's calculations!

The dean had anticipated that the World Honored's third method of achieving enlightenment was through grand vows, but he was unaware of the feasibility of this plan.

Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse was singular; they had no chance for trial and error.

Thus, the dean let the World Honored conduct this experiment first. If the World Honored could truly achieve enlightenment by making grand vows,

he would sacrifice himself to interrupt the World Honored's enlightenment, allowing Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse to first make grand vows in the Real World and achieve enlightenment.

This is why Lin Yuan and the others were fighting desperately to buy time.

Chapter 629: The Underworld Emerges

The World Honored does not believe that anyone other than himself can achieve enlightenment in this world.

If enlightenment were that easy, would all his years of effort have been in vain?

"Impossible!"

"Absolutely impossible!"

"Except for me, there is absolutely no one in this world who can achieve enlightenment."

"As for your world, it's just a group of weaklings. Even the strongest among them can only barely use the Bodhi Tree to hinder me for a moment."

"Who else?"

"Who else could achieve enlightenment before me?" The World Honored looked up and roared, not believing that someone had achieved enlightenment.

In the eyes of the World Honored, aside from him, the strongest in the Mysterious World would be the Peacock Great Ming King.

The Peacock Great Ming King, right before him, couldn't possibly be the one.

As for Elder Bai and the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, in the eyes of the World Honored, they are far from achieving enlightenment, completely unqualified.

And in the Real World, the strongest are the Dean and Lin Yuan. The Dean transformed into the Bodhi Tree to hinder the World Honored's enlightenment, so it couldn't possibly be the Dean?

Lin Yuan is right before him, so it's not possible that Lin Yuan is the one either.

Moreover, the strength Lin Yuan is showing now, although formidable, comes from the Human King Sword and Human King Armor, not from his own inherent power.

These individuals have been ruled out, so it couldn't possibly be some unnamed passerby on the roadside achieving enlightenment, right?

If enlightenment were so easily achieved, the World Honored wouldn't have delayed for so many years.

Therefore, in the eyes of the World Honored, Lin Yuan must have used some secret technique to hinder his enlightenment, leading him to mistakenly believe someone had achieved enlightenment, causing him to give up entirely.

Lin Yuan propped himself up with the Human King Sword, stood tall and proud, looked toward the World Honored, and said in a deep voice, "What if I told you the person who achieved enlightenment was me?"

World Honored: "?????"

"Hahaha!"

"Hahaha!" Upon hearing Lin Yuan's words, the World Honored was initially stunned, then laughed loudly: "Lin Yuan, do you really think I'm a fool?"

"I've been seeking enlightenment for years, if you've achieved enlightenment, could I not see it?"

"Enlightenment? Are you worthy? You're just a shallow lucky fellow."

"Even the Rebirth Saint Mother back then didn't have the conditions for enlightenment."

Seeing the World Honored's reaction, Lin Yuan couldn't help but look helpless.

Nowadays, it's tough to be an honest man!

He truthfully told the World Honored, but he just didn't believe him!

Actually, not just the World Honored, even Lin Yuan himself didn't believe it when he first heard the Dean's plan.

This plan was completely about seizing the World Honored's opportunity and fortune.

Moreover, if any step went wrong, it could alert the enemy.

Even the Dean lost his life because of it.

Originally, Lin Yuan wanted to refuse this method.

But he couldn't resist the Dean.

Because apart from this, they had no other way to hinder the World Honored's enlightenment.

This was their only chance.

If they failed, everyone in both worlds would die.

Between everyone dying and just himself dying, the Dean chose the latter.

"It's really me!"

"If you don't believe it, then there's nothing I can do!" Lin Yuan shrugged, looking helpless.

The World Honored, already angry at his failed enlightenment, became even more furious upon seeing Lin Yuan's apparent mockery.

The World Honored's brow furrowed slightly, his voice cold as he said, "Lin Yuan, you repeatedly mock me, it seems I should kill you first."

As soon as the World Honored finished speaking, the golden light around the Buddha Realm gathered into a large hand imbued with Buddha's aura, grasping Lin Yuan within it.

"Quickly speak, what secret technique or sorcery did you use to hinder my enlightenment."

"If you honestly lift the sorcery you cast on me, I can spare your life, making you a Buddha in Western Heaven Paradise."

"But if you remain stubborn, I can only turn your body to pulp and let your soul vanish completely."

Grasped by the large hand imbued with Buddha's aura, Lin Yuan remained unfazed.

Because he knew he was indeed the foremost of this realm.

No, it should be his avatar that was foremost.

Now, the world and Mysterious World combined is a complete world.

And a complete world only allows one Tier One.

Now, this Tier One is Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse.

With his own Evil Corpse around, the World Honored could never kill him.

"I told you!"

"But you don't believe it, what can I do?"

"I speak the truth, even if I say it a hundred times, you still won't believe?" Lin Yuan said earnestly.

"Mocking me!"

"You still want to mock me! Since that's the case, I'll kill you, and see what kind of enlightenment you've achieved!" The World Honored said coldly as the Buddha's aura hand tightened its grip on Lin Yuan and slowly applied force.

"Creak."

"Creak, creak."

In this moment, within the Buddha's aura hand, Lin Yuan even heard the sound of his bones cracking.

At this rate, within ten seconds, Lin Yuan would be squeezed to death by the World Honored.

Just then, a darkness came from the Void, quickly spreading across the sky.

The Buddha Realm, shining with golden light, was rapidly swallowed without a chance to resist.

The Buddha Realm was rapidly swallowed, and soon, the World Honored's Buddha Realm was engulfed by the dark night, consuming one-tenth of it.

And the speed of the Buddha Realm being consumed was quick enough, almost visibly accelerating.

World Honored: "??????"

The World Honored was utterly astonished, originally not believing Lin Yuan's words, but now he began to believe.

The World Honored's Buddha Realm had reached the peak of a small world.

Meaning, the World Honored's small world was the strongest small world.

So, what could devour his Buddha Realm couldn't be a small world.

It wasn't a small world, it could only mean a true world.

A Third Realm anchored in the heavens.

And the premise of having such a world is achieving enlightenment.

Could it be, someone truly achieved enlightenment?

The World Honored was panicking, truly panicking.

Originally, the World Honored did not believe, but seeing his small world being devoured, his complexion changed entirely.

Now, he had to believe.

If someone really achieved enlightenment before the World Honored, it would mean the end of the World Honored's path of cultivation.

Not only the end of his cultivation path, but his life as well.

The World Honored has too many enemies, if he can't achieve enlightenment, he can't withstand their vengeance.

Even though the World Honored previously refused to believe, now he had no choice but to.

Just then, from the sky appeared various Underworld structures.

Ghost Gate, Yellow Springs Road, Naihe Bridge...

Lin Yuan generously showed his Underworld entirely before the World Honored.

Yet so far, the Evil Corpse of the Yin Celestial Son had not appeared.

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At this moment, the shocked people are not just the World Honored.

The Demon Lord, Buddha, and Wa Huang, who were watching the battle in the void, were also extremely shocked.

"What's going on?"

"Has someone achieved enlightenment? Why is there no commotion at all?" the Demon Lord asked, puzzled.

Buddha was also at a loss: "If it isn't the World Honored, who else could it be?"

"Who can achieve enlightenment?"

Wa Huang pondered for a moment and voiced a bold guess: "Could it be that the Human King isn't dead, he's still alive?"

"Impossible!"

"Absolutely impossible, the Human King cannot still be alive!" the Demon Lord and Buddha both denied repeatedly.

To the Four Great Primordial Spirits, they'd rather accept a new Tier One Expert to rule Heaven and Earth.

They absolutely do not want to accept that the Human King is still alive.

The shadow left by the Human King back then was too great for them.

Back in the day, the Human King used his own power to strongly oppress the Four Great Primordial Spirits, preventing them from gaining any advantage.

The Human King was extremely difficult to deal with, and the Demon Lord, Buddha, and Wa Huang all felt that no one, no matter who would control Heaven and Earth, could be more troublesome than the Human King, right?

The World Honored stood there stunned, his eyes void of light.

Clearly, the World Honored's mindset had collapsed.

To achieve enlightenment, the World Honored had sacrificed so much.

He diligently practiced the Three Corpses Cutting Method and was about to achieve enlightenment when the Rebirth Saint Mother disrupted him.

He reincarnated for nine lifetimes, was about to achieve enlightenment, when one of his avatars was destroyed by Lin Yuan.

He went to great lengths to accumulate a massive karmic debt and made a grand vow to achieve enlightenment, only to be intercepted by Lin Yuan.

At this moment, in the World Honored's eyes, he saw himself as the biggest fool under the heavens!

The sect he founded was gone.

His only daughter was dead.

He had worked hard for so long, yet he ended up contributing his efforts to someone else's success.

"World Honored, you lost!"

"You lost!"

"You..." At this moment, the voices of the dean and Lin Yuan reverberated constantly in the ears of the World Honored.

These voices were full of mockery, as if mocking him like a clown.

In reality, Lin Yuan didn't say anything at this time; it was all the hallucination of the World Honored.

Until a powerful pressure approached, and the World Honored woke up from the hallucination under a great sense of crisis.

Realizing that he had just fallen into an illusion, the World Honored felt a deep sense of dread.

At his level, the hallucination he encountered was not just any ordinary illusion.

This was something that could be called a heart demon.

Once a heart demon appears and one cannot escape, one will be trapped in it for a lifetime.

Following the source of this pressure, the World Honored looked over and saw a youth wearing a black crown robe, with the Six Paths of Reincarnation on his brow, appearing at the horizon.

This youth looked exactly like Lin Yuan, but his aura was completely different.

It must be known that the Three Corpses Cutting Method was something the World Honored had invented.

Thus, at a glance, the World Honored recognized that the enlightener was Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse.

Understanding this, the World Honored's heart became even more troubled.

He had worked for so many years, wanting his true self to achieve enlightenment.

Seeing that enlightenment was imminent, it was snatched away halfway by Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse, taking his opportunity.

Moreover, it was Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse that stole his chance, not his true self.

What does this mean?

This means Lin Yuan's true self still wants to go further.

Beyond Tier One.

Thinking of this, the World Honored became furious.

The World Honored thought to himself, my path was destroyed by you, and you still want to go further? Absolutely not.

"Lin Yuan, it's all your fault; it's all your fault!"

"You seize my opportunity, today, even if I die, I'm going to drag you down with me!" The World Honored shouted, then applied enormous force to the Buddha aura hand clutching Lin Yuan, intending to crush Lin Yuan to death.

Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse had already achieved enlightenment; the World Honored himself saw no hope in achieving enlightenment.

This matter was irreversible.

Since that's the case, the World Honored resolved to take Lin Yuan down with him.

Fortunately, Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse, the Yin Celestial Son, acted swiftly.

"Presumptuous!" the Yin Celestial Son shouted softly, seeing the Six Paths of Reincarnation on his brow slowly rotating, and a bloody light shot at the Buddha aura hand.

The next moment, the Buddha aura hand instantly dissipated into nothingness.

"World Honored, your time has come!" Lin Yuan looked at the World Honored and said coldly.

As Lin Yuan finished his words, the robes of the Yin Celestial Son fluttered without wind.

The supreme pressure of Heaven and Earth struck the World Honored's chest like a giant hammer.

The next moment, the World Honored was seen flying out backward, lying powerless on the ground.

Facing the already enlightened Yin Celestial Son, the World Honored, who was just one step away from enlightenment, was completely powerless.

Below Tier One, all are ants.

Especially those, like the World Honored, under the Tier One reinforced by the Power of Heaven and Earth, are just ants.

The World Honored is dying!

Everyone is exceptionally joyful, for this day, they've paid too great a price.

At this moment, the Demon Lord, Buddha, and Wa Huang watching in the void, are still immersed in shock.

It's fair to say, ever since the dean appeared, every step was beyond their expectations.

"This..."

"The Human King is clearly dead, so why is the water still so deep in this world?" Buddha couldn't help but sigh.

Wa Huang hesitated, paused for a moment then said: "Perhaps the path chosen by Daoist Ancestor is correct, we shouldn't covet the Power of Faith."

The Demon Lord gritted his teeth, yet dissatisfied, said: "No, I don't believe it!"

"I don't believe the Yin Celestial Son, no matter how powerful, can be more formidable than the Human King."

"The Power of Faith, it's mine, it's mine!"

The Demon Lord, Buddha, and Wa Huang were already stunned by the scene before them, especially Wa Huang, even considering whether to follow Daoist Ancestor's path.

Meanwhile, under the crushing force of the Power of the World, the World Honored had begun to disintegrate bit by bit.

The World Honored was completely powerless, and his eyes were full of reluctance.

However, just after the World Honored turned to ash, he left behind two things resembling ginseng fruit dolls.

After solving the major threat of the World Honored, the Yin Celestial Son bowed to Lin Yuan and said: "Friend, from today onward, I will forever guard the Underworld, not stepping out of it."

"The Underworld connects the bizarre and the real world; anywhere in these two realms, if you call my name three times, the Ghost Gate will appear."

"Enter the Ghost Gate, and you may meet me."

After these instructions, the celestial phenomena in the sky hid underground, and the Yin Celestial Son entered the Underworld to guard it, vowing never to leave the Underworld as long as it is not empty.

"What is this?" Elder Bai and others gathered curiously to ask.

Even someone as knowledgeable as Elder Bai had never seen such a thing.

"Dao Fruit!"

"This is the Dao Fruit of the World Honored, eat it, and you can possess a realm comparable to the World Honored before," Lin Yuan answered.

Of course, Lin Yuan knew this because he shared the memory of the Evil Corpse Yin Celestial Son.