

Apocalypse 631

Chapter 631: Xi Huang Appears, Demands a Person

After the Buddha was annihilated by the Yin Celestial Son, he transformed into two Dao Fruits.

Once these two Dao Fruits are consumed, one can possess power comparable to the Buddha.

In other words, one is only one step away from achieving enlightenment.

Whoever eats these two Dao Fruits will become a peerless master second only to the Yin Celestial Son, the Lord of Heaven and Earth.

However, there is no free lunch in the world; to get something, one must pay the corresponding price.

These two Dao Fruits are evidently not that easy to consume.

Consuming these two Dao Fruits will certainly come with a price.

"No!"

"The Buddha wouldn't do things so simply."

"He definitely wouldn't, without reason, make clothes for others."

"Once these two Dao Fruits are consumed, there will certainly be unforeseeable consequences," Elder Bai said solemnly.

Elder Bai knows the Buddha well. Given the Buddha's personality, if these two Dao Fruits could achieve others, he would have destroyed them before his death.

If so, there is only one possibility left: these two Dao Fruits are bait.

After hearing Elder Bai's words, Lin Yuan nodded repeatedly, "Indeed, Elder Bai is truly wise."

"I speculate that these two Dao Fruits also contain a mystery. It's highly likely that once consumed, the Buddha will use them for rebirth through body borrowing."

Everyone present had long lived under the shadow of the Buddha. Upon hearing the possibility of body-borrowing rebirth by the Buddha, their hearts inevitably trembled.

"If that's the case, why not simply destroy these two Dao Fruits?"

"Absolutely cannot, give the Buddha an opportunity for body-borrowing rebirth!" the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder suggested.

Upon hearing the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder's words, Lin Yuan shook his head helplessly and said, "Impossible to destroy; even the Yin Celestial Son couldn't obliterate these two Dao Fruits, how can we destroy them."

You must understand, Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse Yin Celestial Son, is indeed a Tier One.

Even Tier One cannot destroy them, how could they destroy it.

Seeing everyone's puzzled looks, Lin Yuan continued to explain, "You all should remember the great vow the Buddha made previously."

"That great vow was interrupted halfway by us, and these Dao Fruits are related to that earlier vow."

"To put it bluntly, these two Dao Fruits owe the world a karmic debt. Consume the Dao Fruit, and if the Buddha uses body-borrowing rebirth, he then assumes this karmic debt."

"If the Buddha does not use body-borrowing rebirth, or if he fails, then this karmic debt needs to be repaid by the person who benefits from it."

After hearing Lin Yuan's words, everyone instantly understood.

This means, these two Dao Fruits are no longer treasures, but are hot potatoes.

After all, whoever consumes the Dao Fruit, even if lucky enough not to undergo body-borrowing rebirth by the Buddha, repaying the world's karmic debt isn't easy.

"Can't destroy them, nor can they be used!"

"Lin Yuan, you should keep these two Dao Fruits, it's best to seal them, so no error occurs," Elder Bai said to Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan nodded and took the two Dao Fruits, cast restrictions, and temporarily sealed them.

Then Lin Yuan cupped his hands towards everyone present and said, "Everyone, let's return to Elder Bai's Cave Mansion, I have important matters to discuss with you."

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As everyone prepared to leave, Xi Huang, who had been lurking in the shadows, came out.

Cupping his hands towards the Peacock Great Ming King, he said, "Peacock Great Ming King, the battle is over, you should return with me to Wa Huang's Palace."

The Buddha was defeated.

The result of this battle was completely unexpected for Xi Huang.

For this reason, the Peacock Great Ming King is even more important.

Currently, enlightenment has been achieved by Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse Yin Celestial Son.

The Yin Celestial Son is the Lord of Heaven and Earth, and in this situation, the Peacock Great Ming King, Lin Yuan's father-in-law, becomes even more important.

The Peacock Great Ming King as a piece, now is even more critical.

Thus, Xi Huang must bring the Peacock Great Ming King back.

Moreover, Xi Huang is not afraid of the Peacock Great Ming King reneging and refusing to return with him.

Back then, when the Peacock Great Ming King made an agreement with Wa Huang, he swore an oath to the heavens.

Once an oath is made, it absolutely cannot be violated; violation leads to death and annihilation.

It was just as everyone was rejoicing over defeating the Buddha.

Xi Huang suddenly jumped out and spoke of taking the Peacock Great Ming King to Wa Huang's Palace.

This immediately made Lin Yuan furious.

"You Outer World person, such audacity!"

"Not leaving at this time, do you really think we won't dare to kill you?" Guanyin Bodhisattva asked coldly.

The Peacock Great Ming King and Guanyin Bodhisattva are good friends, Xi Huang wanting to take the Peacock Great Ming King, of course, Guanyin Bodhisattva would disagree.

Lin Yuan also looked coldly at Xi Huang and said sternly, "I spared you because of the Peacock Great Ming King, do you indeed prefer punishment over a toast?"

Currently, Xi Huang feels somewhat intimidated by Lin Yuan.

It's known that Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse Yin Celestial Son is indeed a Tier One, comparable to Wa Huang, Demon Lord, and Buddha.

Lin Yuan's current status is completely different from before, enough to engage Xi Huang on equal terms.

Xi Huang patiently explained to Lin Yuan, "Lin Yuan, you don't know the details within."

"For the Peacock Great Ming King to participate in the battle, he made a wager with Wa Huang."

"Wa Huang let him return, regardless of the outcome, he must return to Wa Huang's Palace."

"Otherwise, it's death and annihilation."

"I'm taking him away, it's saving him."

Prior to this, Lin Yuan and others only knew that the Peacock Great Ming King could return, but certainly at great cost.

Now, Xi Huang revealed the detailed circumstances.

After hearing Xi Huang's words, Lin Yuan couldn't help but look at the Peacock Great Ming King.

The Peacock Great Ming King nodded slightly, indicating Xi Huang was correct, things indeed were as he said.

Having received the Peacock Great Ming King's confirmation, Lin Yuan understood why, during the fierce battle, he was solely seeking death!

Because, only if he died, the oath was fulfilled.

At this moment, Lin Yuan was greatly troubled.

An oath made under heaven cannot be undone, not even by his Evil Corpse Yin Celestial Son.

In this world, oaths cannot be lightly made, once made, they must be upheld, it is the rule.

Even achieving Tier One, becoming the Lord of Heaven and Earth, must abide by the rules.

At this time, the Peacock Great Ming King looked at Xi Huang and said, "Xi Huang, helping me multiple times, I am deeply grateful."

"However, I, Kong Xuan will never betray our world, nor let down my comrades and friends."

"After my death, you may take my body back to Wa Huang's Palace as proof."

After saying this, the Peacock Great Ming King looked at Lin Yuan and said, "Lin Yuan, after my death, do not trouble Xi Huang."

"He is merely following orders, and after all, he saved me several times, it is a debt I owe him."

Chapter 632: Peacock Great Ming King's Failed Suicide

As Lin Yuan listened to the words of the Peacock Great Ming King, he found them increasingly unsettling.

This is seeking one's own doom!

Today, if he simply stood by and watched the Peacock Great Ming King die before his eyes, Lin Yuan would have no way to face Kong Mengmeng!

"Father-in-law, you must not seek death!"

"You must also think of Mengmeng!" Lin Yuan brought up Kong Mengmeng, hoping to persuade Kong Xuan.

"Peacock Great Ming King, does it have to come to this?" Elder Bai quickly intervened to advise.

"Great Ming King, don't do something foolish!" Guanyin Bodhisattva also hurried to speak.

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People spoke up in turn, all trying to persuade the Peacock Great Ming King not to seek his own death.

However, the Peacock Great Ming King was stubborn and wouldn't be swayed by anyone.

"I believe that even Mengmeng would not want her father to be a traitor!"

"My mind is made up, stop persuading me!" the Peacock Great Ming King said decisively.

After speaking, the Peacock Great Ming King transformed the Five-Colored Divine Light into a Treasure Sword and placed it against his own neck.

With just a little force, he could instantly scatter his soul into nothingness.

Everyone knew the Peacock Great Ming King's nature, once he decided on something, not even nine oxen could pull him back.

Persuasion was definitely not going to work.

Lin Yuan thought, if persuasion wouldn't work, he'd have to use some tactics.

At this thought, Lin Yuan had an idea and pointed behind the Peacock Great Ming King, shouting, "Mengmeng, why have you come?"

Hearing Lin Yuan's shout, the Peacock Great Ming King instinctively turned his head to look.

He loved his daughter the most.

The Peacock Great Ming King thought, even in death, he couldn't die in front of his daughter, otherwise, it would leave a lasting psychological scar on her.

For this reason, when Lin Yuan called out Kong Mengmeng's name, the Peacock Great Ming King turned his head.

In a split second, as the Peacock Great Ming King turned his head, Lin Yuan swung the Human King Sword and struck the back of the Peacock Great Ming King's head with the heavy part of the scabbard.

"Bang!"

The Peacock Great Ming King was dazed but not yet unconscious.

He turned to Lin Yuan, pointing at him, "You... you..."

Before the Peacock Great Ming King could finish his sentence, Lin Yuan swung the scabbard again, "Bang" "Bang" a few more times, hitting the back of the Peacock Great Ming King's head.

With that, the Peacock Great Ming King's eyes rolled back, and he was completely knocked out.

That Lin Yuan would actually take action and knock out the Peacock Great Ming King was something no one else had anticipated.

Can it really be done like this?

Everyone thought, Lin Yuan surely doesn't play by the rules!

"Why are you still standing there?"

"Take him back first!" said Lin Yuan, glancing at the onlookers.

Guanyin Bodhisattva hurried forward to support the unconscious Peacock Great Ming King.

Seeing Lin Yuan and the others planning to take him away, Xi Huang was immediately anxious.

Xi Huang thought, if you take him away, what will happen to me?

I still need him to fulfill my promise!

At this thought, Xi Huang hurried to block Lin Yuan, saying, "What's the use of taking him away?"

"The only way to save him now is to let me bring him to Wa Huang's Palace."

"The divine law oath cannot be broken, you should know that."

Xi Huang's words left everyone momentarily stunned.

Indeed!

The divine law oath cannot be broken.

Even though Lin Yuan prevented the Peacock Great Ming King from committing suicide, once the penalty for breaking the divine law oath was imposed, he would still be doomed.

At this point, Lin Yuan said to Xi Huang, "Even if I hand him over to you and you take him back to Wa Huang's Palace."

"If he's determined to die, what can you do?"

With Lin Yuan's words, Xi Huang was rendered speechless!

Lin Yuan made a fair point; if the Peacock Great Ming King was bent on dying, what would be the meaning of bringing him back?

So, Xi Huang stood there, dazed.

Seeing Xi Huang in a daze, Lin Yuan took the initiative to say, "I will take him with me first. If I can resolve the troubles brought by the divine law oath, then the Peacock Great Ming King will not have to go to Wa Huang's Palace."

"If Wa Huang or anyone else is dissatisfied, they can come find me in person!"

"Of course, if I'm unable to resolve the divine law oath, I'll persuade him to willingly go to Wa Huang's Palace."

"It's a deal!"

"A promise is a promise, irrefutable," Xi Huang immediately chimed in, fearing Lin Yuan might backtrack.

Resolving the troubles caused by the divine law oath?

A joke?

Resolving the troubles brought about by the divine law oath is far more difficult than attaining enlightenment.

Throughout history, while few have attained enlightenment, it is not unheard of.

The Four Great Primordial Spirits, successive Human Kings, even Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse Yin Celestial Son.

But, among these, who can resolve the troubles brought by the divine law oath?

There isn't a single one.

Xi Huang felt that Lin Yuan was young and reckless, and buoyed by the success of the Evil Corpse attaining enlightenment, he seemed a bit overconfident.

To actually dare to think of resolving the troubles brought by the divine law oath.

In Xi Huang's view, Lin Yuan was definitely wasting his efforts.

Xi Huang cared most about Lin Yuan's promise.

Lin Yuan promised that if he couldn't resolve the troubles brought by the divine law oath, he would help persuade the Peacock Great Ming King.

This way, Xi Huang wouldn't worry that the Peacock Great Ming King would seek death again upon reaching Wa Huang's Palace.

"In that case!"

"You can leave now!"

"This is my territory, not a place for you Outer World People to be," Lin Yuan issued an expulsion order to Xi Huang.

Given his relatively favorable impression of Xi Huang, otherwise, if any other Outer World People dared to appear before him, Lin Yuan would surely kill them on sight, no exceptions.

Xi Huang: "???"

Xi Huang thought, I don't mind leaving! Staying, you won't even feed me!

The problem is, before leaving, we need to agree on a timeframe to return him to me.

If you drag this on indefinitely, it won't work.

"Lin Yuan, our agreement should have a time limit, right?"

"What limit should we set?"

"Let me make it clear, the time can't be too long."

"I'm not really concerned about the time, but if the penalty for breaking the oath descends after too long, then it might be too late for anything!" Xi Huang said gravely.

The most crucial thing for Lin Yuan now is to preserve the life of the Peacock Great Ming King.

As long as the Peacock Great Ming King is willing to live, going to Wa Huang's Palace would be no problem, as he could maintain his loyalty internally while physically there.

After careful consideration, Lin Yuan said to Xi Huang, "Seven days, a limit of seven days."

"Within seven days, if I haven't resolved the troubles brought by the divine law oath, I will persuade him to go to Wa Huang's Palace."

Seven days?

To Xi Huang and Wa Huang, who possess endless lifespans as Primordial Spirits, seven days is insignificant.

"Alright!"

"Then seven days it is!" After agreeing, Xi Huang, fearing Lin Yuan might go back on his word, tore through the void and left.

Once Xi Huang departed, Lin Yuan immediately arranged for the Peacock Great Ming King to be carried back to Elder Bai's palace.

Taking advantage of the Peacock Great Ming King's unconsciousness, Lin Yuan attempted to find a solution to the problem.

Chapter 633: Internal Divisions, Clearing the Air

East Sea.

In Elder Bai's palace.

"Congratulations on your Evil Corpse's successful Dao attainment, fellow Daoist!"

"Congratulations, fellow Daoist!"

"Fellow Daoist, you are truly a prodigy. We have lived for so many years in vain, but we are not even one-tenth of your worth."

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After settling the Peacock Great Ming King, many Tier Two Peak experts present all congratulated Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse successfully attaining Dao was a joyful event for Lin Yuan.

No matter whether the people present were happy or not, the formalities had to be observed.

Although Lin Yuan was not as brutal as the World Honored, if he gave them the cold shoulder, it wouldn't be pleasant for them.

Therefore, everyone could only force a smile to congratulate Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan was not foolish; he understood how to read people.

Lin Yuan clearly saw that among those who came to congratulate him, the vast majority were only smiling superficially, forcing themselves to thank him.

Only a very few were genuinely happy for his Dao attainment.

Most of those few were people of dull aptitude who knew they had no chance of attaining Dao in this lifetime.

For example, the Black Bear Spirit.

Another group included Elder Bai and the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, who genuinely cared for Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan also understood the reasons for others' unhappiness.

They were members of the Anti-Buddha Alliance.

Not the Lin Yuan Dao Attainment Alliance.

Defeating the World Honored, everyone was certainly happy.

But you, Lin Yuan, suddenly attained Dao without a word; what is this?

Moreover, attaining Dao is Tier One, unique.

There is only one spot, only one person can attain Dao.

Initially, after defeating the World Honored, everyone had a sliver of hope of attaining Dao.

Now great, the World Honored was defeated, but the opportunity smoothly passed to Lin Yuan.

You directly attained Dao, what about our hopes?

Before defeating the World Honored, we had no hope of Dao attainment.

After defeating the World Honored, we still have no hope of Dao attainment.

If this is the case, wasn't defeating the World Honored in vain?

Of course, Lin Yuan attaining Dao and the World Honored attaining Dao, for them, the only difference was that Lin Yuan was relatively mild.

Whereas the World Honored acted extremely cruelly, even brutally.

With Lin Yuan's Dao attainment, at least their survival was not threatened.

If the World Honored attained Dao, they all would likely become his puppets.

Lin Yuan's Dao attainment was somewhat better than the World Honored's but did not mean they wished for Lin Yuan to attain Dao.

For members of the Anti-Buddha Alliance, the best outcome would be defeating the World Honored and then leaving this opportunity for everyone to pursue.

Now, with Lin Yuan silently taking the opportunity, it was naturally uncomfortable for some people.

Lin Yuan naturally knew that some people were certainly pained inside.

This sole path being blocked, even Lin Yuan himself would feel discontent.

After all, for this battle, so many died, so much was sacrificed, yet Lin Yuan took all the benefits?

This was like a group starting a business together, and come year-end profit sharing, while the other shareholders saw none, Lin Yuan took all the money and ran.

Today Lin Yuan gathered them to clarify this issue.

If everyone didn't remove the thorns in their hearts today, there might be an anti-Lin Yuan alliance tomorrow.

If everyone removed the thorns in their hearts, they could unite and achieve even greater things.

Listening to the flattery and congratulations around him, Lin Yuan raised his hand to stop them, saying, "This time, defeating the World Honored is not my achievement alone, but everyone's achievement."

"My Evil Corpse's Dao attainment was indeed at everyone's expense, I acknowledge this."

Lin Yuan voicing this openly made everyone feel a bit more at ease.

"We are family, there's no need to be upset over this."

"You, Lin Yuan, have the ability to attain Dao, we are also happy, and willing to see you attain Dao."

"But why did you attain Dao without a word, hiding it from us?"

"Or, if you had attained Dao earlier, maybe not so many brothers would have died at the World Honored's hands!"

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Members of the Anti-Buddha Alliance spoke one after another.

Clearly, these words still carried some blame towards Lin Yuan.

However, their criticism was not entirely without basis.

Lin Yuan did keep the Dao attainment a secret.

From when the preparation started to when Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse succeeded in attaining Dao, only Lin Yuan and the principal knew.

Because Lin Yuan's Dao attainment wasn't based on actual skill.

But rather, he seized the opportunity from the World Honored, forcefully attaining Dao.

This needed a lot of calculations, one misstep, and everything would fall apart.

Lin Yuan didn't dare leak any information; if one part went wrong, all efforts would be in vain.

Then, not only would the principal's death be in vain, if the World Honored succeeded, everyone would become his puppets.

Regarding the Dao attainment, Lin Yuan didn't tell even the most trusted Elder Bai, Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, or his father-in-law, the Peacock Great Ming King, let alone these Anti-Buddha Alliance members.

As for suggesting that Lin Yuan could attain Dao earlier, to save lives?

Attain earlier?

Impossible!

Lin Yuan's Dao attainment was by intercepting the World Honored's opportunity; when he could attain depended on when the World Honored could attain.

The whole plan was meticulously designed by the principal; every sacrifice was unavoidable.

In the principal's design, they had to do specific things at specific times.

No matter how many died, the planned matters had to be completed.

No matter how many sacrifices, they had to be completed.

Otherwise, all efforts would be wasted.

If he could reduce the casualties, then Lin Yuan most wouldn't want to see the principal die.

The principal's death was Lin Yuan's lifelong regret.

The principal sacrificed himself to make Lin Yuan successful.

The World Honored had been defeated, turned into two Dao Fruits.

Now, informing the Anti-Buddha Alliance of the whole plan would not affect the general situation anymore.

Thinking of this, Lin Yuan didn't conceal it any longer; he narrated the course of events like pouring beans from a bamboo tube.

After hearing Lin Yuan's words, they finally realized the plan to defeat the World Honored involved so much they didn't know, so many calculations and strategies.

If things were as Lin Yuan said, then keeping his Dao attainment a secret was genuinely necessary.

After all, too many people, too many mouths.

Once such a matter spread, Lin Yuan might not be able to attain Dao, and they might not be able to defeat the World Honored.

If today they lost instead of the World Honored.

Then it wouldn't be about Dao attainment, but becoming the World Honored's puppets!

Thinking of this, everyone couldn't help but shudder with fear.

Chapter 634: Methods to Bring Forth More Tier One

Elder Bai, the old fox, had been observing everyone's expressions.

Just now, everyone was angry and united in condemning Lin Yuan.

At that moment, it wasn't appropriate for Elder Bai to speak.

Elder Bai, the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder, and Lin Yuan were the closest.

If he spoke at that time, everyone would think he was in cahoots with Lin Yuan, deceiving them together.

But now, after everyone showed expressions of fear.

Elder Bai noticed this subtle change and knew that the mood had been set.

At this moment, he could go out and say some things to smooth the situation over.

"Everyone should understand Lin Yuan. At that time, defeating the World Honored was the primary goal."

"As I see it, this path can be attained by anyone here; whoever has the ability can do it."

"But it must not be the World Honored! Everyone has seen the consequences if the World Honored attains enlightenment!"

"The Demon Soldiers and Demon General trapped in the Golden Pagoda within the Buddha Country are lessons for us!" Elder Bai said earnestly.

Among everyone present, Elder Bai's prestige was sufficient.

Once Elder Bai spoke, everyone had nothing more to say.

After all, when it comes to who is closest to enlightenment, Elder Bai is closer than all of them.

Now, with Lin Yuan achieving enlightenment, it has cut off Elder Bai's path forward.

However, since Elder Bai harbored no resentment against Lin Yuan, why should they?

"Enough! Enough, if you can attain enlightenment, it is your destiny."

"Your cultivation speed is rarely seen in the world. We feel ashamed, and if you can attain this path, it is your skill."

"Nothing more to say, I admit defeat!"

"In the end, it was just that we had destiny with enlightenment but no fate!"

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Everyone spoke, which showed that most had let go of their obsession with enlightenment.

There were still a few who remained silent, still harboring the obsession with enlightenment.

However, things have come to this, and it's impossible to change.

Between heaven and earth, there can only be one Tier One.

This is the rule, which cannot be changed.

Unless Lin Yuan dies, no one will achieve enlightenment.

The majority have let go of the thought of enlightenment, and the remaining few who still have the obsession can't form a faction.

At this moment, Lin Yuan narrowed his eyes slightly and said, "Actually, it's not that there is no method for everyone to achieve enlightenment."

Elder Bai: "???"

Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder: "???"

Everyone present: "???"

Elder Bai and the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder both glared at Lin Yuan.

Especially Elder Bai, who privately transmitted a message to Lin Yuan, "I finally managed to calm them down, and you go and stir them up again?"

"You brat, what nonsense are you spouting?"

"Since ancient times, there can only be one Tier One in the world, that's the rule."

"If there could be more than one Tier One, why would we stop the World Honored from attaining enlightenment?"

"If we had cultivated properly back then, just getting two or three Tier Ones together to fight the World Honored would have sufficed, wouldn't it?" scolded the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder.

The Grand Elder's scolding was actually meant for the others present to see.

It gave Lin Yuan a chance to back down. As long as Lin Yuan admitted he was talking nonsense, the matter would be over.

Otherwise, stirring everyone up like this, making their feelings like a roller coaster, someone might turn against Lin Yuan.

It's bad enough to rob others of what they want, but to toy with them too? No one could tolerate that.

Lin Yuan gave Elder Bai and the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder a look that said, "I'm alright," and then revealed the answer: "The reason there can only be one Tier One in the world is that the world is not big enough!"

"This world can only sustain one Tier One powerhouse."

"To be honest, before the dean left, he told me a method that could allow everyone to attain enlightenment."

Elder Bai: "Gulp."

Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder: "Gulp."

Guanyin Bodhisattva: "Gulp."

Everyone present: "Gulp, gulp."

In an instant, the hall was filled with the sound of gulping.

Lin Yuan's news truly shocked them.

To be honest, they originally didn't believe Lin Yuan's words.

Because the idea that everyone could achieve enlightenment clearly exceeded their knowledge.

But Lin Yuan mentioned that this method was told to him by the dean.

The people present believed it a bit because of that.

After all, the dean's method of transforming into the Bodhi to stop the World Honored did indeed work.

"What method?"

"Hurry and tell us?"

"What on earth is the method?"

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Everyone eagerly questioned him one by one, stretching their necks and staring with anticipation at Lin Yuan.

Even Elder Bai and the Qingqiu Mountain Grand Elder looked on with the same expression.

It's not that they didn't want to achieve enlightenment, but if there could only be one spot, they were willing to let Lin Yuan have it.

Now that there was a method to enlightenment, of course, they all didn't want to give up.

Seeing everyone's expectant eyes, Lin Yuan didn't hide it and straightforwardly said, "Since the world is not big enough to sustain more than one Tier One, we should make the world bigger."

"Theoretically, as long as the world is infinitely large, it could sustain countless Tier Ones."

These words of Lin Yuan thrust everyone into deep contemplation.

Then someone asked, "How can the world become infinitely large?"

Lin Yuan glanced at everyone and replied loudly, "Make the world devour something infinitely large, allowing it to grow infinitely."

Following Lin Yuan's words, Elder Bai fell into thought and murmured, "Something infinitely large, something infinitely large."

"Void, yes, only the Void is infinitely large."

Hearing Elder Bai's words, all eyes turned to Lin Yuan. They wanted to know if Elder Bai's answer was correct.

Lin Yuan smiled and said, "Bai is indeed wise, it is the Void."

"My Evil Corpse Yin Celestial Son is the Lord of Heaven and Earth. Once the Mysterious World and the Real World merge...."

"He can control the complete world to devour the Void. Then, as the world increases, Tier One powerhouses can continuously emerge."

"However, there is also a hidden danger...."

Before Lin Yuan could finish, Elder Bai interrupted him, saying, "The Four Great Primordial Spirits?"

Bai's answer was right.

If Lin Yuan hadn't been sure he hadn't informed Elder Bai in advance, he would suspect Bai was a plant he had placed.

Lin Yuan nodded and said, "Correct, it is the Four Great Primordial Spirits."

"The power of the Four Great Primordial Spirits comes from the Void. As the world devours the Void, their power will diminish, and then they will certainly come to intervene."

"A fierce battle between us and the Four Great Primordial Spirits is inevitable."

"We must win this battle for the world to devour the Void, and for more Tier One powerhouses to emerge among us."

In truth, Lin Yuan wasn't very confident about winning this battle.

The Human King of the past could handle four by himself; his Evil Corpse Yin Celestial Son may not have such capability to face four at once.

Chapter 635: Preparing for an Infernal Undercover Operation

"The Void is the foundation of the Four Great Primordial Spirits. To speak of devouring the entire Void, even just a part of it would cause the power of the Four Great Primordial Spirits to rapidly dissipate."

"Devouring the entire Void is tantamount to claiming the very lives of the Four Great Primordial Spirits."

"To swallow the entire Void, one must first kill the Four Great Primordial Spirits."

"Wanting to defeat the Four Great Primordial Spirits is truly not that simple!"

"Even in the past, the Human King, with the blessing of the Power of Heaven and Earth, merely managed to defeat the Four Great Primordial Spirits," said Guanyin Bodhisattva from the side.

"Easy or not, it must be done."

"We have slain the four apostles under the Buddha and the four demon lords under the Demon Lord. We can say that we have forged an endless enmity with two of the Four Great Primordial Spirits."

"I have some understanding of Wa Huang. This person harbors no goodwill toward our world either. It's just that Wa Huang is not as radical in action as the Demon Lord and Buddha."

"The Daoist Ancestor is as elusive as the dragon. Although I have never met him, he likely harbors similar intentions."

"If we don't strike at them, they will strike at us. Instead of receiving passive damage, it's better to take the initiative to attack," Peacock Great Ming King suddenly awakened, speaking to the crowd.

Previously, when Wa Huang informed the Demon Lord and Buddha that the Daoist Ancestor had disbanded his forces and reincarnated, Peacock Great Ming King was taken into the sleeve.

Thus, Peacock Great Ming King does not understand the Daoist Ancestor and assumes that the Four Great Primordial Spirits are of the same ilk.

"Great Ming King, you're awake!"

"You're finally awake!"

"Now that you're awake, don't do anything foolish!" everyone urged Peacock Great Ming King one after another.

"Peacock Great Ming King is right; to know if we will win, we must first fight."

"Before our showdown with the World Honored, didn't we also have no chance of winning? But we still managed to win." Elder Bai chimed in.

Peacock Great Ming King and Elder Bai, the two most trusted powerhouses among them, both spoke in support of Lin Yuan's proposal.

Instantly, everyone's hearts settled significantly.

After all, plotting Tier One status is inherently risky."

No one has ever heard of someone achieving Tier One through merely eating or sleeping."

Dangerous indeed it may be.

However, the allure of Tier One is so great that even cosmic danger would not deter everyone from risking life and limb to attempt to reach Tier One.

For all the Tier Two Peak Experts present, to forgo the chance to achieve Tier One and accept that Tier Two is the maximum they can attain in their lifetime is truly hard to accept.

Thinking this, almost everyone present decided to take yet another risk alongside Lin Yuan.

Last time, in the fight against the World Honored, though seemingly without any chance of winning, they defeated him.

This gave them significant confidence.

"Lin Yuan, we will all follow you!"

"Whatever you decide, we will do." The crowd shouted in unison, ready to follow their leader even through the most perilous trials.

Everyone was invigorated, and Lin Yuan looked over to the nearby Peacock Great Ming King.

"The Four Great Primordial Spirits might plot against our world, but similarly, we can devour their Void."

"Father-in-law, didn't Wa Huang want you to stay in Wa Huang's Palace?"

"So be it, why not stay in Wa Huang's Palace and serve as an informant!" Lin Yuan queried Peacock Great Ming King.

From the perspective of comparative strength, the Four Great Primordial Spirits are naturally stronger, and Lin Yuan's forces weaker.

The Void is vast, whereas Heaven and Earth is small.

To achieve victory with weakness over strength, or small over great, requires cunning strategies.

Undoubtedly, planting spies and gathering intelligence are such strategies.

Since the oath is unchangeable, Peacock Great Ming King must return to Wa Huang's Palace.

Thus, let Peacock Great Ming King become a sharp blade in the heart of Wa Huang's Palace.

Upon hearing this, Peacock Great Ming King's eyes brightened.

The wager between Peacock Great Ming King and Wa Huang was that if Lin Yuan's forces were victorious, Peacock Great Ming King would be eternally confined within Wa Huang's Palace.

However, Peacock Great Ming King knows that at that time, Wa Huang certainly wouldn't just simply imprison him there.

He would rather die than return to Wa Huang's Palace, afraid that lingered long enough, Wa Huang would use some unfathomable means to control him."

By then, he wouldn't have control over himself, forced against Lin Yuan's forces.

However, if he could aid Lin Yuan in overcoming the Four Great Primordial Spirits, then returning to Wa Huang's Palace would be acceptable.

"Lin Yuan, my concern is that I fear I might fail to safeguard my own heart."

"Wa Huang's skills are far above mine; while I'm in the open, she lurks in the shadows. If she deploys techniques against me, I'm defenseless."

"No matter how cautious I am, over time, I might defend once but not twice!"

"If I fall for any deceit or have my mind influenced beyond control, how will I confront you if it comes to that?" Peacock Great Ming King expressed his worries.

Peacock Great Ming King's words struck a chord with Lin Yuan.

This scenario is not without possibility.

In fact, the possibility is quite high.

Lin Yuan intended for Peacock Great Ming King to act as an undercover in Wa Huang's Palace, but Wa Huang equally envisioned using Peacock Great Ming King to plot the Power of Faith within the cosmos.

After a brief consideration, Lin Yuan said to Peacock Great Ming King, "All Four Great Primordial Spirits are Tier One. What techniques Tier One offers, I'm unsure and have no countermeasures."

"However, my Evil Corpse Yin Celestial Son is also Tier One; in terms of skills, he's not necessarily inferior to Wa Huang."

"Thus, I'm bringing you to the Underworld, to consult with Yin Celestial Son for solutions."

In terms of head-on confrontation, newly attained Tier One Yin Celestial Son might not match the seasoned Tier One Wa Huang.

However, in terms of diverse techniques, Yin Celestial Son would not be inferior to Wa Huang.

This is because Yin Celestial Son inherited the entire Underworld system and proved the path with it.

All magic within the Underworld system resides within Yin Celestial Son's heart, refined to perfection.

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

Peacock Great Ming King is also exceedingly eager to reach Tier One.

For Peacock Great Ming King, his daughter's wellbeing comes first, followed by power.

Fortunately, this time there is an opportunity to visit the Underworld and meet Tier One expert Yin Celestial Son, which is also a chance to enhance power."

Although Yin Celestial Son is Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse.

Meeting Yin Celestial Son is different from meeting Lin Yuan.

Both Lin Yuan and Peacock Great Ming King are straightforward individuals. Having made their decision, they would no longer hesitate or dawdle.

After bidding farewell to Elder Bai and others, they immediately prepared to head to the Underworld, to meet Yin Celestial Son.

Chapter 636: Entering the Underworld

Lin Yuan recalled that, before the Yin Celestial Son eternally suppressed the Underworld, he had told Lin Yuan the method to enter the Underworld.

As long as he called out the name of the Yin Celestial Son three times, the Ghost Gate would manifest.

Once the Ghost Gate manifested, entering the gate would allow one to meet the Yin Celestial Son.

"Yin Celestial Son, Yin Celestial Son, Yin Celestial Son!"

Lin Yuan called out three times, and he saw a magnificent Ghost Gate materialize.

This Ghost Gate was almost identical to the one Lin Yuan had previously tattooed on his body.

By 'almost identical,' it meant the core outline was the same.

The minor differences were just slight discrepancies.

After all, the Underworld depicted by the Yin Celestial Son was not entirely the same as the mythical Underworld.

Once the Ghost Gate appeared, Lin Yuan said to the Peacock Great Ming King, "Father-in-law, let's go!"

With these words, Lin Yuan and the Peacock Great Ming King entered the Underworld one after the other.

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The Underworld.

The deepest part.

The Six Paths of Reincarnation.

The Evil Corpse Yin Celestial Son of Lin Yuan was constantly guarding the Six Paths of Reincarnation at this time.

Now is the time when the Underworld is newly established, and the Six Paths are unstable.

Especially at such a time, maintaining the stability of the Underworld's reincarnation is crucial.

Previously, how the living reincarnated after death was unknown, but since Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse set up the Underworld and became the Yin Celestial Son,

whether from the Mysterious World or the Real World, souls, upon death, would all return to the Underworld.

Those who could directly reincarnate would be sent to the Six Paths of Reincarnation for reincarnation.

Of course, now the Six Paths of Reincarnation are incomplete, and only reincarnations from both the Mysterious World and Real World are possible.

As for where one reincarnates, it is entirely random.

After all, the Mysterious World and Real World are bound to eventually merge, and it doesn't really matter where reincarnation occurs.

As for those who committed evil deeds in life and need punishment before reincarnation, they will be sent to the Eighteen Layers of Hell to be purged of wickedness before being reborn.

With the Yin Celestial Son eternally suppressing the Underworld, no chaos would arise even though the Underworld was newly established.

Six Paths of Reincarnation.

The Yin Celestial Son, who was meditating, suddenly opened his eyes.

He first heard Lin Yuan's call and opened the Ghost Gate for him.

Subsequently, he sensed Lin Yuan and the Peacock Great Ming King entering through the Ghost Gate.

The Yin Celestial Son willed a black hole to appear in front of him, and in no time, the two Yin Generals, Ox Head and Horse Face, emerged from the black hole and appeared before the Yin Celestial Son.

"Ox Head and Horse Face pay respects to the Yin Celestial Son!" Ox Head and Horse Face knelt down respectfully.

The Yin Celestial Son glanced at Ox Head and Horse Face and commanded, "The master has arrived, go to the Ghost Gate and escort the master here."

"Yes, my lord!" Ox Head and Horse Face bowed in unison to take the order.

Since the Yin Celestial Son was Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse, all the Netherworld Yin Spirits had to address Lin Yuan as 'master.'

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After Lin Yuan and the Peacock Great Ming King entered through the Ghost Gate, they continued along the Yellow Springs Road.

Along the way, the path was lined with endless fields of Other Shore Flowers, blooming brilliantly.

However, Lin Yuan and the Peacock Great Ming King were not there to admire the flowers; they were on official business.

"Lin Yuan, do you even recognize the way?" The Peacock Great Ming King asked with a face full of disbelief.

When they first entered the Ghost Gate, Lin Yuan was confident, telling the Peacock Great Ming King that he would feel at home in the Underworld, having everything arranged perfectly.

But seriously, who gets lost on the way to their own home?

Lin Yuan had already taken the Peacock Great Ming King down several wrong paths.

"Ahem!" Lin Yuan awkwardly said, "I know a bit, I know a bit!"

Lin Yuan had never been to the Underworld!

He had claimed to know the way based on the map (tattoo) on his body.

The main issue is that the map (tattoo) he had was from an older version, and the current version has been updated.

"Damn it!"

"The Yellow Springs Road on my tattoo was a straight path. Why are there so many forks now?" Lin Yuan was scratching his head anxiously.

Condensing a world into a map invariably omits details.

Lin Yuan was now lost in these details.

Just as the friendship boat between the Peacock Great Ming King and Lin Yuan was about to capsize, two burly men appeared on the road ahead.

These two burly men had heads of an ox and a horse.

Seeing Ox Head and Horse Face, Lin Yuan felt as though he had seen saviors.

Lin Yuan quickly turned to the Peacock Great Ming King and said, "My Evil Corpse must be diligent, probably building new roads in the Underworld. That's why I'm lost."

"But it's not a problem; up ahead is Ox Head and Horse Face. I know them, and they're locals, so we'll just ask them for directions!"

Hearing Lin Yuan's explanation, the Peacock Great Ming King rolled his eyes at Lin Yuan in exasperation.

The Peacock Great Ming King thought to himself, how did his daughter fall in love with such a braggart?

While they were speaking, Ox Head and Horse Face had already approached Lin Yuan and the Peacock Great Ming King.

Before Ox Head and Horse Face could speak, Lin Yuan asked them, "Do you recognize me?"

"We do, we do."

"Master, you are the master!" Ox Head and Horse Face quickly responded.

Recognize me?

It seems the Evil Corpse Yin Celestial Son has introduced me to his subordinates.

Recognizing me makes things easier.

"I want to find the Yin Celestial Son; which way do I go?" Lin Yuan asked.

Upon hearing Lin Yuan's question, Ox Head and Horse Face quickly replied, "Master, we were ordered by the Yin Celestial Son to come and escort you."

Lin Yuan, with pride, said, "See, they've come to pick us up?"

The Peacock Great Ming King gave Lin Yuan a sidelong glance, not bothering to engage further.

Seeing that the Peacock Great Ming King ignored him, Lin Yuan had no choice but to say to Ox Head and Horse Face, "Alright, you two lead the way."

With those words, Ox Head and Horse Face exchanged a glance.

"Moo."

"Neigh."

After a cow's moo and a horse's neigh, Ox Head and Horse Face transformed into an ox and a horse, appearing in front of the two.

"What does this mean?" Lin Yuan asked.

Horse Face replied, "Master, since you are living beings and burdened with a physical body, you can't move quickly in the Underworld."

"If you continue walking like this, it will take ages before you reach the Six Paths of Reincarnation and meet the Yin Celestial Son."

"Ride on us, and we'll carry you; it will only take the time of a cup of tea to reach the Six Paths of Reincarnation."

With a physical body, you can't walk fast in the Underworld?

Then how did the monkey in the myth....

Lin Yuan thought for a moment, yes, the monkey's spirit was also summoned away.

When the monkey later entered the Underworld, it was also with an out-of-body spirit.

It seems that even in the Underworld, I am subject to its rules!

"Father-in-law, will you ride the ox or the horse?" Lin Yuan asked.

In such matters, one must understand respect for elders.

Without another word, the Peacock Great Ming King mounted the horse, kicked its side, and Horse Face galloped at lightning speed.

"So fast!" Lin Yuan couldn't help but praise.

Seeing Lin Yuan's admiration for Horse Face, Ox Head said to Lin Yuan, "Master, climb on and hold onto my horns; our speed isn't slow either."

Chapter 637: Yin Spirit Tree

On Yellow Springs Road, Peacock Great Ming King was galloping ahead on Horse Face, while Lin Yuan hurriedly pursued riding on Ox Head.

"Moo!"

"Moo! Moo!"

The big black water buffalo spread its hooves and bolted forward, its nostrils emitting hot air like a steam engine.

Lin Yuan clung to the two horns on the cow's neck, looking rather unseemly.

At this moment, it didn't matter whether it was elegant or not; catching up to the Peacock Great Ming King was more than enough.

Oxen and horses signify diligence and endurance.

It must be said, oxen and horses—there's a reason why ox comes before horse.

Not to mention the stamina and strength oxen are skilled in.

Just speaking of the speed horses are skilled in, it's surprising that Ox Head is not at all inferior to Horse Face.

After a round of chasing and hurrying, Lin Yuan finally caught up to the Peacock Great Ming King.

"Father-in-law, why are you going so fast?"

"Wait for me!" Lin Yuan asked after catching up to the Peacock Great Ming King.

The Peacock Great Ming King gave Lin Yuan a glance and said irritably, "Walking with you makes me feel embarrassed."

Lin Yuan: "?????"

Lin Yuan thought to himself, if you say so, then who knows who Mengmeng will call dad at night!

On the Underworld road, living people with flesh are slow.

But when carried by these two Netherworld Yin Spirits, Ox Head and Horse Face, the speed greatly increases.

The seemingly endless Yellow Springs Road passed in no time.

Soon, after crossing Naihe Bridge, climbing Yin Mountain, and surpassing the Ten Halls, they reached the deepest part of the Underworld.

Where the Six Paths of Reincarnation are located.

In a palace before the Six Paths of Reincarnation, the Yin Celestial Son had been waiting for a long time.

There were no tables or chairs in the palace, only a few meditation cushions.

The Yin Celestial Son sat cross-legged on the meditation cushion at the front, eyes closed, seemingly practicing.

Sensing the arrival of Lin Yuan and Peacock Great Ming King, the Yin Celestial Son slowly opened his eyes.

Just at this moment, Ox Head and Horse Face led Lin Yuan and the Peacock Great Ming King into the grand hall.

"Ox Head, Horse Face, you may leave!" the Yin Celestial Son said slowly.

"Yes! Yes!" Ox Head and Horse Face responded together, then hurriedly retreated from the hall.

After Ox Head and Horse Face retreated, the Yin Celestial Son pointed to the meditation cushions beside him and said, "Dear friends, please sit."

Lin Yuan didn't stand on ceremony, finding a meditation cushion to sit on.

After Lin Yuan sat down, the Peacock Great Ming King also found a place to sit.

"Friend, where do these Yin Spirits in the Underworld come from?" Lin Yuan asked the Yin Celestial Son.

Lin Yuan was very curious, thinking that logically, after a small world evolves into a big world, there shouldn't be Yin Spirits in the Underworld.

It's known that the World Honored also prepared many souls in advance.

When his small world became Western Heaven Paradise, he molded them into Buddha using these souls.

The Yin Spirits in the Underworld are equivalent to the Buddha in the Western Heaven Paradise.

However, Lin Yuan didn't kill in advance to prepare souls!

The Underworld Yin Spirits should be a secret of the Underworld.

But Lin Yuan didn't care about what's secret or not.

The Yin Celestial Son was Lin Yuan's Evil Corpse, and with himself, there was no need for formality.

Now, although the Yin Celestial Son's power is stronger than Lin Yuan's, the Evil Corpse originates from the main body and is still controlled by the main body.

Rebellion by the Three Corpses, leaving the main body, although possible, is rare.

For Three Corpses to break away from the main body requires many preconditions.

Normally, it must be when the main body is severely injured and extremely unstable that the Three Corpses can detach from the main body.

For instance, when Wu Nengsheng's Evil Corpse, Daoist Randeng rebelled, it happened when Wu Nengsheng's main body was terribly weakened during fierce combat between the World Honored and Wu Nengsheng.

The World Honored's Good Corpse, the Principal, found it even more difficult to detach from the World Honored's control. The Principal managed to reincarnate with the fragmented soul of the First Rebirth Saint Mother during their mutual destruction.

Wu Nengsheng's Three Corpses Cutting Method was a makeshift technique, with a weak link between his main body and Evil Corpse.

Lin Yuan's Three Corpses Cutting Method was a secret technique honed over countless years by the Principal and far superior to Wu Nengsheng's.

Therefore, Lin Yuan's main body and Evil Corpse Yin Celestial Son are deeply connected; he doesn't fear rebellion from the Yin Celestial Son.

No matter how strong the Yin Celestial Son is, he's within Lin Yuan's control.

Clearly, the Yin Celestial Son's rebellious phase hasn't arrived.

Lin Yuan asked, and the Yin Celestial Son replied truthfully, "Grown from the ground?"

Lin Yuan: "??????"

Lin Yuan was bewildered; growing from the ground was beyond his knowledge.

He had heard of food and fruits growing from the ground, but Yin Spirits growing from the ground was new to him.

Upon hearing the Yin Celestial Son say Yin Spirits were grown from the ground, the Peacock Great Ming King was equally bewildered.

The Peacock Great Ming King thought, Yin Spirits grown from the ground? I've lived this long and never heard of it, how novel!

The Peacock Great Ming King gave Lin Yuan a meaningful look, as if to say, your Evil Corpse is just like you, full of nonsense, totally unreliable.

Though Lin Yuan didn't understand how they grew from the ground, he felt the Yin Celestial Son wouldn't deceive him.

Thinking of this, Lin Yuan asked the Yin Celestial Son, "I've never seen Yin Spirits grown from the ground."

"How do they grow?"

Lin Yuan was indeed curious about how Yin Spirits grew from the ground.

Were they completely buried in the ground like potatoes and sweet potatoes?

Or partially buried like radishes?

Or were they like corn and wheat, forming ears?

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How do they grow?

This was difficult for the Yin Celestial Son to explain, so he let Lin Yuan see for himself.

With a hand signal, a scene appeared before the three.

In the scene, there was an old locust tree over a hundred feet tall.

On this old locust tree, there was a bunch of fruits, which were distinctly Underworld Yin Spirits.

"This old locust tree has just taken root and sprouted; it can only produce weaker Underworld Yin Spirits like Black and White Impermanence, Ox Head, Horse Face."

"However, this old locust tree grows rapidly; how big it can grow, I'm not certain."

"I estimate that the taller and larger this tree grows, the stronger the Underworld Yin Spirits will become."

"The Yin Spirits on the tree haven't matured; once mature, they fall to the ground and live immediately..." the Yin Celestial Son said, noticing Lin Yuan was staring intently at the old locust tree in the scene, lost in thought. He quietly asked, "Friend, are you listening?"

Seeing this, the Peacock Great Ming King beside Lin Yuan quickly tugged at Lin Yuan's clothing, reminding him, "Lin Yuan, the Yin Celestial Son is speaking to you?"

With the tug from the Peacock Great Ming King, Lin Yuan finally snapped out of it.

Chapter 638: The Old Pagoda Tree on Iron Back Mountain

"I'm listening, I'm listening!" Lin Yuan replied.

The reason Lin Yuan was staring blankly at the old locust tree in the image was that he felt an inexplicable sense of familiarity with it.

It seemed like he'd seen it somewhere before.

"Friend, could you take me to see this old locust tree?" Lin Yuan asked the Yin Celestial Son.

The Yin Celestial Son nodded and responded, "Of course!"

"You and I are one; this is my Underworld, and naturally, it's also your Underworld."

"This Underworld, wherever you wish to go, you can go; whatever you want to see, you can see."

The Yin Celestial Son agreed readily, and Lin Yuan didn't hold back, immediately saying, "Please take me to see that old locust tree first."

The Yin Celestial Son didn't reject Lin Yuan's request and directly led him to where the old locust tree was.

The location of the old locust tree was hidden, situated in the deepest part of the Eighteen Layers of Hell.

As the Lord of the Underworld, the Yin Celestial Son could appear anywhere in the Underworld at will.

With a thought, he took Lin Yuan and the Peacock Great Ming King under the old locust tree.

"Weren't we here for matters of the Void? What are you researching about a tree?" the Peacock Great Ming King asked, confused.

The Peacock Great Ming King thought, why care whether the Yin Spirit grew out of the ground or was fished out of the water?

Not attending to proper business, researching this for what?

"Don't rush, important matters aren't urgent right now. I need to understand this tree; it seems I've seen it before," Lin Yuan said to the Peacock Great Ming King.

The Peacock Great Ming King thought Lin Yuan was talking nonsense, as the Underworld had just emerged, and this old locust tree was nurtured afterward.

This was Lin Yuan's first time in the Underworld; how could he have seen this old locust tree?

Beneath the old locust tree, the Yin Celestial Son looked up at the trunk and said, "This old locust tree grows quickly, it rises from the depths of the Eighteen Layers of Hell, maybe one day it could grow all through the Underworld."

"It might even grow outside the Underworld, who knows."

After saying this for a while and seeing no response, he looked around, didn't see anyone.

He looked down again and found Lin Yuan squatting seriously, digging around the roots of the old locust tree.

Peacock Great Ming King squatted beside Lin Yuan, with a puzzled expression watching him.

"Friend, what is he doing?" the Yin Celestial Son asked the Peacock Great Ming King.

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

"No idea!" Peacock Great Ming King reluctantly replied.

The Peacock Great Ming King thought, you two are one; you don't know what he's doing, how should I know?

Yin Celestial Son: "????"

Although the Yin Celestial Son didn't understand what Lin Yuan was doing, he knew to just follow suit with whatever the main body was doing.

Therefore, the Yin Celestial Son also squatted down, helping Lin Yuan dig around the roots of the old locust tree.

With the help of the Yin Celestial Son, the roots of the old locust tree were quickly uncovered.

"It's him!"

"It's him, that's him!" Upon seeing the roots, Lin Yuan suddenly understood.

Lin Yuan could now confirm that he indeed had seen this old locust tree before.

Or rather, Lin Yuan had seen the dried-up old locust tree.

Iron Back Mountain.

Once, Lin Yuan had forced the Iron-Back Daoist to self-destruct at Iron Back Mountain, causing half of Iron Back Mountain to explode and disappear.

However, two old locust trees at the center of the explosion remained undamaged.

Back then, one of these old locust trees thought Lin Yuan looked decent and even gifted him a piece of its root.

Lin Yuan handed the root to the dean for research, which played a significant role.

The reason Lin Yuan had dug around this locust tree's roots was to see if this tree's roots matched the ones he had received before.

Upon seeing the roots of this old locust tree, Lin Yuan could determine that the two types of old locust trees were indeed of the same species.

"What did you discover?" Yin Celestial Son and Peacock Great Ming King asked simultaneously.

Next, Lin Yuan recounted his experiences with the old locust tree to the Yin Celestial Son and Peacock Great Ming King.

Yin Celestial Son and Peacock Great Ming King listened attentively, but the old locust tree wasn't happy about it.

A branch of the locust tree reached behind Lin Yuan and jabbed him sharply, as if kicking him.

"Whoa!" Lin Yuan shivered.

At this moment, a wrinkled old face appeared on the bark of the old locust tree and said irritably, "You shameless fellow, don't you know if the branch I gave you was actually from me?"

"Tree brother, I happen upon an old tree, you happen upon an old friend, and this is how you treat me?" Lin Yuan patted the old locust tree and spoke earnestly.

"Humph!" the old locust tree snorted coldly and replied, "Seeing you annoys me!"

"Annoyed by seeing me?"

"Tree brother, you're mixing up Xiaowang and me here; this is my Underworld."

"Do you believe I'll kick you out?" Lin Yuan responded unreservedly.

"You..." The old locust tree was indignant, arguing, "I grew in the Underworld back when your grandfather was still a tadpole!"

"Don't bring that up; you were in the old Underworld."

"The current Underworld is mine, and I call the shots!"

"I'll make you move, you have to move!" Lin Yuan threatened.

Now the old locust tree was indeed caught under the eaves, having no choice but to bow!

It was a tree of the Underworld, only in the Underworld could it survive.

If it leaves the Underworld, it can only wilt slowly, just like what Lin Yuan saw.

Originally, when the Underworld disappeared, it had nowhere to go but Iron Back Mountain.

On Iron Back Mountain, its vitality was rapidly declining.

"Great Lord, please spare me!"

"I only seek a place to stay, and I've contributed to the Underworld!"

"Look, the Yin Spirit I've borne on this tree can help the Underworld with tasks," the old locust tree highlighted its contribution.

Lin Yuan again patted the old locust tree and earnestly advised, "Tree brother, times have changed."

"Nowadays, those who can work may not be valued; only those who flatter will be favored!"

"In the future, you need to treat me better if you wish to remain in the Underworld, understood?"

The old locust tree gritted its teeth and uttered in great frustration, "Understood."

"Tree brother?"

"After parting at Iron Back Mountain last time, when I went to find you, I couldn't find you anymore!"

"Where did you go then, you left me searching endlessly," Lin Yuan asked the old locust tree.

The old locust tree thought, you guessed I wasn't at Iron Back Mountain to avoid whom?

"Traveling, just traveling!" the old locust tree rambled.

Lin Yuan naturally knew the old locust tree was bluffing.

This old guy, neck-deep in dirt, traveling where exactly?

The old fool was clearly avoiding him.

Lin Yuan didn't mind, continuing directly to the next question: "I remember there were two old locust trees at Iron Back Mountain."

"Where's your mate?"

Chapter 639: Mirror of Evil, Karmic Force

Dao companion?

Old locust tree: "???????"

The old locust tree looked bewildered, thinking, "What the heck, a Dao companion."

When have you ever heard of a tree being divided into male and female?

When trees take on human form, the gender is entirely their own choice.

For example, the old locust tree in front of him is merely in the form of an old man.

To reproduce, he doesn't need to find another old locust tree.

He only needs to cut off a branch and plant it in a suitable place, and it will gradually grow into a towering locust tree.

The old locust tree was about to retort to Lin Yuan but thought better of it, realizing that this was Lin Yuan's turf.

When under someone else's roof, you have to bow your head!

The old locust tree was afraid Lin Yuan would kick him out of the Underworld, thus, his attitude naturally became much better.

"You're joking, sir. That's not my Dao companion. It's just a part of me that split off."

"Back when the original Underworld was destroyed, I fled, knowing I would soon wither and lose vitality."

"So I thought of splitting off a part of myself before withering and losing vitality, in hopes of survival," the old locust tree honestly replied.

After hearing the old locust tree's explanation, Lin Yuan showed a look of sudden realization.

Then, he said to the old locust tree: "So, both your original body and the branch that split off withered?"

"Then, what was your purpose in splitting off a branch?"

Old locust tree: "?????"

The old locust tree thought, why bring up something I don't want to talk about!

If you don't know how to speak, then don't speak.

Of course, the old locust tree only thought these words in his mind.

He definitely wouldn't dare actually say them to Lin Yuan.

"Rustle."

"Rustle, rustle."

The old locust tree awkwardly shook its leaves a few times, saying helplessly: "Back then, I was just desperate and tried anything out of necessity."

"However, fortunately, although the tree body withered and lost vitality, its intelligence remained."

"I've finally waited for the day when the Underworld reappears."

After carefully listening to the old locust tree's explanation, there didn't seem to be any problem.

It seems that the old locust tree harbors no ill intent toward the Underworld.

Furthermore, Lin Yuan's impression of the old locust tree was quite good.

In the past, the "gift" of half a locust tree root was indeed very useful for him.

The old locust tree can produce Netherworld Yin Spirits, making him indeed valuable to the Underworld.

Lin Yuan was no longer doubtful and advised the old locust tree: "Keeping you in the Underworld isn't a problem, but remember not to cause any trouble here."

"If you dare do anything against the Underworld, the consequences won't be as simple as just being kicked out."

After all, the old locust tree is a leftover from a previous iteration of the Underworld. In earthly imperial terms, the old locust tree belongs to remnants of past dynasties.

Since it is a remnant, the necessary cautionary words must be spoken.

This is called putting the ugly words upfront.

Hearing Lin Yuan's warning, the old locust tree promptly expressed his stance.

The branches shook, and the leaves from the crown of the tree fell to the ground.

Once the leaves settled, they arranged themselves into characters on the ground.

I love the new Underworld.

Lin Yuan: "?????"

Seeing this, Lin Yuan was stupefied.

One has to admit, the older the ginger, the spicier it gets!

This old tree, the old locust tree, really picks up the art of flattery quickly!

After bidding farewell to the old acquaintance... or rather, the old familiar tree, Yin Celestial Son took Lin Yuan and the Peacock Great Ming King back to the main hall.

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Inside the main hall.

The three, Yin Celestial Son, Lin Yuan, and the Peacock Great Ming King, sat facing each other.

"Friend, you should keep an eye on that old locust tree in the future,"

"After all, it is a remnant from a past dynasty, and it's better to be cautious, to avoid any trouble," Lin Yuan said to the Peacock Great Ming King.

Lin Yuan still found it somewhat strange that Netherworld Yin Spirits were growing on the old locust tree.

Moreover, if all the Underworld Yin Spirits grow from the old locust tree,

Could it be that the old locust tree has some secret technique to control them?

If the old locust tree can control these Netherworld Yin Spirits, then wouldn't it mean the tree's influence extends throughout the Underworld?

Yin Celestial Son slightly nodded, affirming: "Every move of the whole Underworld is under my control; nothing can go wrong."

After all, Yin Celestial Son is the Lord of the Underworld.

With Yin Celestial Son confident in controlling the Underworld, Lin Yuan had nothing more to say.

After moving past this topic, Lin Yuan began a new one.

"Friend, this time I've sought you out for an extremely important matter," Lin Yuan candidly said.

Upon hearing this, Yin Celestial Son immediately responded: "No need for formality, we are one; your matters are naturally my matters."

"Feel free to say anything, as long as it is within my capacity, I will certainly comply."

With Yin Celestial Son being so upfront, Lin Yuan couldn't hide it any longer and straightforwardly said: "Here's the situation, the Four Great Primordial Spirits...."

"I want to take this opportunity to turn the tables on them once. However, these Four Great Primordial Spirits certainly have ways to perceive and manipulate people's minds."

"I'm worried that after my father-in-law reaches Wa Huang's Palace, Wa Huang might see through him and instead, manipulate him, making it hard for him to hold onto his heart."

After Lin Yuan spoke, Yin Celestial Son fell into silence.

After a long while, Yin Celestial Son slowly began to speak: "If the Four Great Primordial Spirits, being such Tier One powerhouses, decided to throw caution to the wind and target Tier Two Peak individuals."

"They could indeed easily manipulate Tier Two Peak powerhouses easily.

"You are wise to have such concerns about placing an insider near them."

This time, before Lin Yuan could say anything, Peacock Great Ming King hurriedly asked: "I wonder if you, friend Yin Celestial Son, have any way to counter this?"

Yin Celestial Son was indeed the key person to break this situation.

Because he was their only Tier One powerhouse.

At this moment, the eyes of both the Peacock Great Ming King and Lin Yuan were fixed on Yin Celestial Son's face.

"Hahahaha!" Yin Celestial Son laughed heartily: "For this matter, you've come to the right person!"

"Having just achieved the Dao, if it came to a direct confrontation, I wouldn't be a match for Wa Huang in a solo fight."

"However, when it comes to strange and unusual techniques, I am not inferior to Wa Huang."

At this, Yin Celestial Son gestured, and a stone mirror appeared before the three.

Lin Yuan recognized this mirror; it had once been part of his tattoo.

This mirror is the Mirror of Evil, also known as the Karma Mirror.

It is specifically used to reveal the karmic burdens of one's actions.

No matter how many evil deeds or wrongs you have done in this life, in front of the Mirror of Evil, all would be clearly displayed, with nothing to hide.

"Can this Mirror of Evil conceal one's heart?" Lin Yuan inquired.

Yin Celestial Son nodded, saying: "All thoughts, once they touch Karmic Force, will be tainted by it."

"This Mirror of Evil can reflect Karmic Force, and also generate it."

"As long as the Great Ming King can control the Karmic Force, he won't have to fear Wa Huang peering into his heart."

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"Do you mean to lend the Mirror of Evil to the Peacock Great Ming King?" Lin Yuan asked the Yin Celestial Son.

Hearing Lin Yuan's words, the Yin Celestial Son quickly shook his head, "That's not what I mean. The Mirror of Evil is an item that maintains the operation of the Underworld, and it cannot be taken out of the Underworld."

"I will leave a mark using the Mirror of Evil inside the Peacock Great Ming King, and then teach him the supreme Karmic Fire Heart Sutra."

"At that time, the Peacock Great Ming King can control the Karmic Fire with the Mirror of Evil's mark and Heart Sutra. When the Karmic Fire manifests, it can burn away all prying thoughts."

After the Yin Celestial Son finished speaking, the Peacock Great Ming King cupped his hands in gratitude and said, "In that case, many thanks to the Yin Celestial Son for his assistance."

"Don't be so quick to thank!"

"This matter is not easy to handle!"

"If they try to probe your inner thoughts, and you burn their thoughts with Karmic Fire, wouldn't that clearly indicate that you have something to hide?" Lin Yuan voiced his concern.

The Yin Celestial Son paused, pondering, "Aside from this, I don't have a better solution."

"The gap in power between the Peacock Great Ming King and Wa Huang is too great. If you want to stop Wa Huang from prying into his mind forcibly, there are still some ways."

"But creating a false mental illusion to deceive Wa Huang is difficult."

Forcing Wa Huang to stop probing is less challenging.

Creating a mental illusion to deceive Wa Huang is too difficult.

If the Peacock Great Ming King were replaced with the Yin Celestial Son, who is at the same level as Wa Huang, the Yin Celestial Son could do it.

But the disparity in strength between the Peacock Great Ming King and Wa Huang is vast, and this matter is difficult for the Peacock Great Ming King to accomplish.

Just as Lin Yuan and the Yin Celestial Son were troubled over this matter, the Peacock Great Ming King, after pondering for a while, spoke up: "This matter is not entirely impossible to resolve."

"I can say that by fortunate chance, I obtained the Ancient Divine Phoenix's Nirvana Flame. This flame resides within me, and I cannot control it."

"If any unusual energy enters my body, it will be expelled by the Ancient Divine Phoenix's Nirvana Flame."

After the Peacock Great Ming King finished speaking, everyone fell into silence, considering the feasibility of this matter.

In any case, the Peacock Great Ming King's excuse seems somewhat far-fetched.

After thinking it over carefully, Lin Yuan felt that the Peacock Great Ming King's excuse was plausible.

The Peacock Great Ming King is a crucial piece for Wa Huang.

Unless there is solid evidence proving that the Peacock Great Ming King is scheming against Wa Huang, this piece must continue to be used.

After all, the Peacock Great Ming King, as a piece, is irreplaceable for Wa Huang.

"In that case, there is no time to lose, Daoist friend, please proceed!" Lin Yuan said to the Yin Celestial Son.

The Yin Celestial Son did not delay and formed a seal technique, striking the Mirror of Evil.

In the next moment, the stone mirror emitted bursts of light.

The light flashed, condensed continuously, and finally dimmed.

As the dim light gathered, a small energy-formed Mirror of Evil appeared, then merged into the Peacock Great Ming King's body.

This small energy-formed Mirror of Evil is exactly what the Yin Celestial Son referred to as the Mirror of Evil mark.

As the Mirror of Evil mark entered his body, the Peacock Great Ming King did not show any obvious reactions.

This is because the Mirror of Evil mark needs to be used in conjunction with the supreme Karmic Fire Heart Sutra to trigger the Karmic Fire.

After placing the Mirror of Evil mark in the Peacock Great Ming King's body,

the Yin Celestial Son slowly spoke, "Peacock Great Ming King, I will teach you the supreme Karmic Fire Heart Sutra, remember it well..."

After reciting the supreme Karmic Fire Heart Sutra once, the Yin Celestial Son asked the Peacock Great Ming King, "Peacock Great Ming King, have you memorized it?"

"Remembered!" The Peacock Great Ming King responded.

The content of the supreme Karmic Fire Heart Sutra was not much, only about two or three hundred words in total.

With the Peacock Great Ming King's understanding, he remembered all of it after just one hearing.

The Yin Celestial Son nodded and advised, "There is no need to recite it aloud, just silently chant it in your heart, and you can connect with the Karmic Fire in your mind."

"You can give it a try."

After listening to the Yin Celestial Son's words, the Peacock Great Ming King silently recited the supreme Karmic Fire Heart Sutra in his heart.

The Mirror of Evil mark in his body spewed out Karmic Fire, and when he stopped reciting the Heart Sutra, the mirror stopped spewing Karmic Fire.

"This method is indeed effective, I must thank you, Daoist friend!" The Peacock Great Ming King expressed his gratitude to the Yin Celestial Son.

The Peacock Great Ming King's main concerns were twofold: one, fearing Wa Huang might pry into his thoughts, and two, fearing Wa Huang might manipulate him against Lin Yuan and others.

Now, his first concern has been resolved.

Only the second concern remains.

This matter doesn't require the Peacock Great Ming King to speak up, as Lin Yuan would prompt him to.

"Daoist friend, how can we prevent the Peacock Great Ming King from being controlled and manipulated by Wa Huang?" Lin Yuan asked the Yin Celestial Son.

The Yin Celestial Son thought for a moment, then performed a series of spells and incantations.

It was apparent that this magic consumed much more than the previous Mirror of Evil mark summoning.

After casting the spell, a Six Paths Reincarnation Disc formed from energy appeared in the Yin Celestial Son's hand.

"This is the Six Paths Reincarnation Disc, it completes a rotation once a day and a full cycle every six days."

"If you are manipulated and lose your mind, you will wander for six days, and after six days, you will recover." With that, the Yin Celestial Son placed the energy-formed Six Paths Reincarnation Disc on the Peacock Great Ming King's forehead.

In this way, both of the Peacock Great Ming King's concerns are now resolved.

"Many thanks, Daoist friend!" The Peacock Great Ming King expressed his gratitude to the Yin Celestial Son.

Lin Yuan also spoke, "Since everything is settled, we'll take our leave now!"

"There are quite a lot of matters outside to handle!"

Currently, the World Honored has just died, and the outside world is in a state of great renewal.

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Seven days passed in a blink after Lin Yuan and the Peacock Great Ming King left the Underworld.

As the seventh day arrived, so did the appointed time.

East Sea.

Elder Bai's undersea palace.

"Lin Yuan, Xi Huang is here to take the person!" Elder Bai said to Lin Yuan.

Lin Yuan nodded, "Let him in."

Since it's the appointed time, Lin Yuan certainly cannot avoid meeting him.

Moreover, all the necessary preparations are already in place.

It's also time for Xi Huang to take the person away.

Soon, Elder Bai brought Xi Huang into the palace.

Xi Huang looked around the surroundings, and Lin Yuan and Elder Bai were both wearing somber expressions.

Seeing Lin Yuan and Elder Bai's expressions, Xi Huang thought to himself, today I will definitely be able to take the person away.

The dejected expressions of Lin Yuan and Elder Bai clearly indicated that they hadn't resolved the Heavenly Dao Oath on the Peacock Great Ming King.

Upon seeing Lin Yuan, Xi Huang didn't beat around the bush and directly said, "Lin Yuan, the seven-day agreement has arrived."

"Can I take the person away? Please give me a definite answer."