

Longevity 1011

Chapter 1011 - The Demon Child Swallows the Divine Monarch, Soup Becomes Food

Before the Fish Basket Girl took action, the Headless Deity Lord was not the slightest bit anxious.

He believed that his God Demon Body, derived from "Xingtian," was incredibly hard, and even a Buddhist Bodhisattva avatar could only trap him for ten breaths. Exotic creatures like the Source Sea Demon Dog could only cause minor skin abrasions, which were inconsequential.

However, this time he encountered his nemesis.

The avatar of the Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva excelled in precisely this craft.

After seeing his own bloody good arm, the Headless Deity Lord was engulfed in terror, especially upon hearing the Eight Heavenly Dragons shouting nearby:

"Viewing all living beings as fish and meat, slaughtering and killing... you are not the Guanyin Master, you are the Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva who stole the Great Master's Sublime Dharma to create the [Fish Basket Guanyin], possessing the power of slaughter, from which gods and demons cannot escape."

"Rumor has it that where the Fish Basket Guanyin passes, all that can be slain will be slain, yet at this moment, she hasn't attacked us. Could it be that the Buddha's son has already subdued her?"

"Indeed, all of you should simply call her Fish Basket Daoist. Other than her Divine Powers, she has no affiliation with the Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva."

"The Headless Deity Lord, after all, has an extraordinary body. Without the Fish Basket's intervention, I fear we would not be able to enlighten him."

"Good!"

"The Buddha's son speaks the utmost truth!"

"Hahaha, excellent, excellent, today we shall together witness the Fish Basket Daoist's fish-slaying technique."

Upon hearing this, the Headless Deity Lord's heart nearly shattered with fear.

He could no longer care about anything else and directly employed his last resort, regardless of the cost, calling out in the voice of gods and demons to the Outer Realm Gods and Demons he devotedly followed: the Innate Great God [Chaos Demon Ancestor].

An ear-splitting shriek instantly echoed through:

"Father God, save me!"

"Headless One asks Father God for a quick descent of an avatar projection, urgently to the Search God Realm within..."

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In the Search God Realm, there are rules and norms. To call upon gods and demons for rescue, the most formal method is to prepare rituals and offerings.

Of course, some who do not mind the cost might proceed roughly and straightforwardly, just like the current Headless Deity Lord.

The reason he hadn't yelled this earlier was simple.

One child cannot have two fathers.

Although the Headless Deity Lord had been at odds with his father, [Xingtian], for many years, he still wasn't willing to cut ties entirely, as [Xingtian] was a great support after all.

Now at the brink of life and death, there was no room for double-dealing, and a resolution had to be made.

These realizations were swift for the Great Demon Tao as well.

Upon hearing the cries, he immediately approached with a malicious smile, saying:

"With this cry, Deity Lord may have gained the favor of the [Chaos Demon Ancestor], yet you have entirely severed ties with your father."

"Both being Innate Gods and Demons, the Demon Ancestor is indeed much stronger than the Great God Xingtian, but unfortunately, Deity Lord has chosen wrongly this time."

"Had you called upon your real father, this demon might have shown some courtesy. But having severed ties first to then call upon the Demon Ancestor, no matter what, this message will not be delivered."

As he spat out the first sentence, he had already made a move with a black hand.

He pulled out two golden, shiny talismans from his bosom. Why two? Naturally, because the Headless Deity Lord had both an upper and a lower mouth.

The talismans were nothing extraordinary, just ordinary mouth-sealing magic talismans.

What truly worked was the Divination Worm.

Tao Qian, leading the Spiritual Mountain Buddha Soldiers, had invaded the Golden Country for quite some time, and with the breach widening, the Divination Worm's invasion became more convenient.

Now, having occupied a considerable territory of the Golden Country, there were naturally some Extraordinary Powers gained as well.

For other matters, it was hard to say, but to borrow the "Heavenly Dao Power" to prevent the Headless Deity Lord from seeking external aid was achievable.

Thus, in the next moment, the Headless Deity Lord, who had paid a heavy price for aid, quickly received bad news.

His cries received no response.

His furious eyes immediately widened, filled with disbelief.

Half his face twisted entirely.

Even those twin breasts and his abdomen trembled along, spewing corrosive fat.

The Eight Heavenly Dragons and White Dragon Venerable, seeing this scene, all realized that the Great Demon's last resort had been resolved by the Buddha's son and there was no more struggle to be had.

Indeed, this was the case, about fifteen minutes later.

The Headless Deity Lord was no more.

What remained was a field, neatly arranged "corpse pieces," from limbs to the five viscera and six bowels, divine blood and marrow, and even that half skull, all completely dismembered and cleaned, which was quite pleasing to the eye.

Quick!

Smooth!

The scenes of the Eight Heavenly Dragons and Guangli Bodhisattva's avatar were filled with these two phrases in their minds.

Although they were the ones who indeed exerted tremendous effort, Tao Qian's performance as this strange Buddha's son was indeed remarkable.

They all initially thought that this Demon Buddha Son, who was reportedly still being enlightened by the Saint Monk, was in an awkward situation, caught between demon and Buddha, and even if his combat power wasn't greatly diminished, he indeed had little means to speak of.

Who would have thought?

With just one move, it was all over.

"No wonder he's a Saint Monk, just having left the Spiritual Mountain, yet found such a talented disciple."

"This disciple is still cultivating the Demon Path, once he has a sudden insight and enters Buddha, the Bodhisattva status is within reach."

"Fish Basket Guanyin, although not the strongest among the Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva's avatars, did have a reputation, unexpectedly subdued by this peculiar Buddha's son, who knows what kind of strategy lies within, it seems the Saint Monk had plans long in place."

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Taking advantage of the shock induced by his incredibly smooth techniques, Great Demon Tao didn't leave a single gap.

With a wave of his sleeve, he instantly collected all the corpse pieces spread across the land.

Whatever miraculous treasures, books, and spiritual materials were mixed in were also collected as if by accident.

At the same time, as if remembering something, he extracted the soul of the Headless Deity Lord and sealed it into a black banner.

Poor Headless Deity Lord, who had already suffered tragedy, now encountered such an underhanded Secret Demon Child. He could have simply used some spirit objects to contain the soul, but chose instead to use a banner specifically designed to torture souls, the [Taiyin Soul Refining Banner], not a rare item, but still a torment for the Headless Deity Lord.

After doing so, he turned to White Dragon Venerable with a face full of compassion, saying:

"The Headless Deity Lord used millions of lives to practice the "Corrosive Fat Returning Origin Scripture", tarnishing his Dharma Body, becoming a highly toxic evil of the Source Sea."

"If he roams free, it might lead to disasters. By coincidence, I have refined a dispersing technique that can render all this filth to nothing without harming any life."

"But as for the soul containing the True Spirit, I'm unsure how to handle it."

"If I were to use spells to obliterate it, it might provoke [Xingtian] and [Chaos Demon Ancestor]. My master warned me that my doom approaches, and I shouldn't provoke powerful enemies to avoid unnecessary trouble..."

Great Demon Tao's acting prowess shone once again.

His stuttering and remorseful expression immediately moved White Dragon Venerable.

Eagerly extending his hand, he took the black banner, promptly placing it into his sleeve, saying without concern:

"Worry not, kind nephew, it's no big deal."

"It was this cunning one's own decision to cut ties with Xingtian and fail to establish a connection with Chaos Demon Ancestor, leaving him without any support."

"A remnant soul is just perfect to integrate into our Spiritual Mountain's Great Thunder Sound Temple for sermons. In no time, it can wash away all sins in Karmic Fire, and if not a Buddha, at least a protector."

"Even when Great God Xingtian himself arrives, he will only be grateful to us, with no reason to blame."

As White Dragon spoke, Tao joined in with a smile, as if none of it was his scheming.

After speaking, he immediately responded:

"In that case, I am ashamed and must trouble all you Daoists."

"To prevent any accidents, please return to Spiritual Mountain to Enlighten the Demon Soul quickly. I should follow back to Spiritual Mountain, but alas, millions of people here still need rescue, and there's no time to delay."

"Therefore, after I aid the people, I'll capture more rare Buddha Demons from the Outer Realm, prepare some Spirit Fruits, Spiritual Objects, and Spiritual Wine to visit you Daoists, for sermons and fellowship."

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A well-placed flattery easily delighted the Eight Heavenly Dragons and White Dragon Venerable alike.

Of course, it was most likely due to the reputation of Tao Qian's Cheap Master "Golden Cicada" that such favorable treatment was extended.

True to their words, they took the remnant soul back to the Spiritual Mountain.

In this way, the benefits of this demon-suppressing expedition nearly all went to Great Demon Tao.

Future troubles that might arise were now the responsibility of the Buddhist Spiritual Mountain.

Not needing to hold his facade for long, Tao immediately beamed with a bright smile once the Eight Heavenly Dragons departed, and Gold Country showed no hidden dangers.

Looking at the vast Gold Country, he grinned and said:

"I've struck it rich."

"An entire nation's territory, millions of people, obtained so easily?"

"Indeed, the strategy of borrowing troops is a brilliant plan."

Muttering to himself with satisfaction, Tao Qian immediately deployed many Old Demons, in cooperation with Liang Country's First and Second Queens, Lady Bei, along with Yin Yang Demons and other subordinates, under the covert coordination of Divination Worm, to begin taking over the whole Gold Country.

This one act nearly doubled Tao Qian's sphere of influence.

Of course, it's still far from matching those great nations.

But at this moment, he has no time to plot further, returning to the Peach Blossom Temple, refining his newfound important gains.

He did not take out the books, miraculous treasures, spiritual materials, etc., but rather first took out the Headless Deity Lord's corpse pieces, dispersing the sealing Source Qi of [Fish Basket Guanyin] on them.

In an instant!

These corpse parts, seemingly without an "owner," all exploded into droplets of incredibly pure, slightly fishy meat juice.

Inside, it was refined Corrosive Fat Source Qi.

At this moment, it sought to fly away, attracted by the Chaos Demon Ancestor, intending to return to its original master.

If it were someone else here, they wouldn't be able to stop it.

But it happened to be Tao Qian, incredibly fortunate.

With a sly grin, resembling a fox that stole a Chicken, he chuckled and said:

"No wonder Divination Worm said the most suitable opponent for this demon to conquer and devour was Headless Deity Lord, the filial son."

"This fellow practiced that damn "Corrosive Fat Returning Origin Scripture", turning himself into a pot of essence meat broth."

"And I, coincidentally, mastered the "Ancestor Demon Qi Eating Technique" from Chaos Demon Ancestor, which can consume all things and make them mine."

"Isn't it a coincidence, truly fate."

After finishing his opportunistic words, Great Demon Tao immediately repeated his trick, transforming into that terrifying meat blanket once more, sweeping up and devouring all the restless meat juice completely.

It's unknown how much time passed before he resumed his human form and re-seated himself on the divine platform. Upon reopening his eyes, a surge of Divine Light flooded his pupils, and his Mana surged within.

Opening his mouth, he shamelessly uttered a few more self-serving words:

"Marvelous! Simply marvelous!"

"No wonder creatures at the Daoist Transformation Realm are hard to harm, all of your Source Qi and blood serve as a tremendous supplement."

"Of course, it's really thanks to the principle of 'original soup transforming original food,' wasting not a bit."

Chapter 1012 - Vajra Unbreakable, Punishment Divine Eye

Listen, what kind of nonsense is this.

To devour an entire God Demon Descendant, leaving not a single scrap of flesh, and then claiming advantage by saying "reduce the broth to the original food".

Lucky for them, the Soul of the Headless Deity Lord had been taken back to the Spiritual Mountain, otherwise, upon hearing this, he would have exploded with anger.

If you seriously think about it, this son of Xingtian, new child of the Demon Ancestor, really lost unjustly.

His battle against Tao Qian should have been a crushing victory.

But who would have expected that inside the Search God Realm, Tao Qian was a Secret Demon Child who would use any means, borrowing power whenever possible.

"This time's conquest has been quite fruitful."

"No wonder those madmen and strong people love war and plunder; it truly is addictively irresistible."

While speaking, Tao Qian silently felt the immense mana within him.

He dared to assert that in matters of mana, not only was he, the Great Demon Tao, invincible among the Secret Demon Child of the same rank, but even spreading to other Daoist lineages, up to his true self, his mana could also be called supreme.

At the same time, his gaze was fixed on the actions of his subordinates: the entire Liang Country was set in motion, gradually swallowing and digesting the entire Golden Country, merging the two into one.

The even bigger surprise was the Divination Worm!

Looking toward the sky, the worm silk inside the creature seemed to be spreading infinitely, gradually unfolding, filling the territory of the Golden Country in half a month, or even less time.

Compared to these "beneficial gains", the Magical Treasures, books, and spiritual materials seized from the Headless Deity Lord could only be considered scraps.

Of course, these scraps, if placed elsewhere, are incredible legacies.

After reflecting on these, the Divine Light in the Great Demon Tao's eyes did not fade, instead, it became even more intense.

He knew that this was greed.

Although he was a Secret Demon Child, his Taoist power and mana were remarkable, and if he wanted to dispel and suppress it, it would only take a single thought.

Yet he did not do so, allowing the greed to surge and boil like fierce fire, unrestrained and rising vigorously.

If one were a Taoist cultivator, a Buddhist practitioner, or walked the Side Door, unable to suppress internal greed, they would immediately face calamity, confusion, and become a Fallen Demon.

But for him, a demon cultivator, this change became an opportunity.

In the next moment, he, across all realms of the Great Abyss, suddenly connected with the Heart Soul of the Divine Monarch Tao Master and straightforwardly inquired:

"I have heard that in this world, all matters of cultivation come at a cost."

"The greater the benefit, the more severe the price, and once unable to pay, it will backfire, leading to ruin."

"It is indeed this way."

From the Ascending Immortal Star Acupoint of the Penglai Sea, Tao Qian Tao Master replied to the Demon Child Body.

Although they were one, the latter counted as an independent body and soul, and Tao Qian could vaguely guess what this fellow intended, but that was the Demon Child's own Dao path, not easy to interfere.

Moreover, it was indeed a plan set earlier, now simply tasting the sweetness, he had no more scruples.

Sure enough, very soon the rather unruly words of the Great Demon Tao came again:

"I cannot take the slow path of cultivation like you, my true self, nor do I wish to, instead, this current situation suits my nature best."

"I wish to greatly borrow the power of the Spiritual Mountain, devouring numerous nearby God Demon Descendants and Daoist lineages, fatten my body and soul, increase my Taoist power, what is the price? My true self, you have practiced the Future Dharma, can you teach me?"

Hearing these words, feeling the restless stirring of the Tao Demon Child.

Forced to sit in meditation to suppress the Dao Nightmare, Tao Qian's face darkened, but he still employed the Buddhist Power within to sense the future.

Not long after, in the Peach Blossom Temple, a faintly echoed voice arose in the Tao Demon Child's mind:

"Hmph, you've made up your mind long ago, deliberately asking to tease me."

"The more you borrow the power of the Spiritual Mountain, the more you're entangled with the Golden Cicada, the more Emotion Tribulations you'll accumulate... If by the time the tribulation is completed, I haven't been able to cultivate that Tao Buddha Child, or if the cultivated Tao Buddha Child is unwilling to take your place as the apprentice of the Golden Cicada, naturally you'd have to go yourself, and those sisters of yours would all have to be sacrificed, singing some 'since ancient times affection leaves only regret' sentimental verses."

"This is still a lighter price. If it's heavier, and the Golden Cicada sees through your origin then he and the power of All Heavens Buddhism come to Penglai Sea to trouble me, my true self can only sever the Heart Soul connection with you, sending you to the Spiritual Mountain, where he would surely refine you into a Puppet, devoid of any self, which might be worse than complete ruin."

Speaking to this point, Tao Qian paused.

In his eyes, the Buddha Light surged.

Certain fragments within the River of Time were forcibly severed, reflecting in Tao Qian's mind.

That was a few years later, changes in the Search God Realm post the outbreak of evil power by Tarnished Compassion.

Chaotic downfall!

Filth flourished!

All kinds of tragic sights, far more terrifying than the Longevity Realm before by a hundred or a thousand times.

Seeing these, Tao Qian sighed slightly, and transmitted back:

"These are the prices you have to pay."

"Then, using the evil power of the Buddha of Tarnished Compassion to plot against the Search God Realm, how can such a poisonous scheme come without cost?"

"If they succeed, needless to say, the gains far outweigh the price."

"If they fail... needless to say, you and I will be the price paid by the Buddhas of Spiritual Mountain."

Upon hearing this, laughter immediately echoed in the temple.

At this moment, the Great Demon Tao finally revealed some of his true nature, and with a face full of wanton praise, he said:

"Good, good, good, this is my true cunning self."

"If we indeed fail to outsmart All Heavens Buddhism, after the failure, just hand over me, this Demon Child... hmm, remember to erase my True Spirit first, a puppet will suffice."

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Having made a decision, the Demon Child acted swiftly.

A few days later, the Liang and Gold countries formally announced their merger and were renamed the "Peach Blossom Nation."

Although it was given such a strange name, its status and reputation did not change much. It remained a mid-sized country unnoticed by major powers, with its population barely exceeding a hundred million, comparable at most to one county among big nations like Tang, Ming, and Zhou.

However, for Tao Qian, it had already doubled.

Although he was anxious, he knew to proceed gradually. He was unwilling to kill the chicken to get the eggs like the Headless Deity Lord and other Evil Demon Descendants. Instead, he used various methods like giving them food, clothing them, sheltering them, and teaching them the Dharma to convert the tens of millions of new believers.

About half a month later, there were no traces of Wild Gods or immoral sacrifices within his domain. Peach Blossom Temples could be seen everywhere, everyone reciting the Peach Blossom Scripture, truly making it a paradise as the nation's name suggested.

Seeing the time was ripe, the Great Demon Tao acted immediately, once again reaping benefits. In the name of "Peach Blossom God," he gathered the collective thoughts of all his people to assist in cultivating the "Ten Thousand Refinement Spirit God Method."

Due to the previously acquired organs: Pure Yang Essence Root, Three Thousand Worry Threads, Ten Thousand Marvelous Mysterious Pearl, and Dragon Tiger Meat Elixir, the benefits are endless. His combat abilities skyrocketed, leading Tao Qian to take this method as his primary cultivation divine skill, temporarily putting on hold the cultivation of the "Secret Demon Sacrifice Body Sword Technique."

Three days later, Tao Qian awoke in the main temple, his expression very complex.

There was an indescribable pain as if he had been violated, along with the joy of finding treasure.

The Tao Master sensed across space and instantly understood the benefits the Demon Child Body had gained, applauding and praising:

"Stop making such a strange face, this 'Ten Thousand Refining Spirit God Method' is truly one of the forbidden techniques of the Secret Demon Sect, unparalleled in its mystery."

"With the divine might of the alien organs you've obtained now, the potential and power of the dharma body are comparable to Senior Brother Xu Xun's 'Qingwei Dao Body,' and Senior Sister Lu's 'Golden Crow Method Body.' If you indeed expand this so-called Peach Blossom Nation into a major power with billions of believers, then no matter how precious my Spirit Treasure Sublime Body is, it will surely be surpassed by your Demon Child Dharma Body."

"For such great benefits, it's only natural to pay some cost."

With these sarcastic words, the Demon Child Body immediately became annoyed.

Grinding his teeth, he retorted:

"Hmph, shameless true self."

"No wonder, during your cultivation of the Three Teachings at Penglai Sea, you never practiced this Spirit God Great Method. With your insight, you must have seen the power of this divine skill. Back then, there were numerous Lord Suppressing Evil Temples within the Longevity Realm, and there was no shortage of believers' wish power. It was because you feared the indescribable pain that you temporarily abandoned it."

"You nurtured me, this Demon Child Body, and hastily threw it at me. After I achieve it, I have to thank you in return, enhancing your prestige. Truly cunning calculation."

At this point, the Great Demon Tao's expression suddenly changed, he chuckled, and his mind started flickering.

Since the two are one, needless to say, Tao Qian also knew what the Demon Child Body intended.

It's nothing else, just wanting to find an opportunity in the future to tarnish his good reputation, perhaps with some scandalous rumors.

The Demon Child Body took away some of Tao Qian's cunning and black-hearted nature, and once unleashed, it was rather mischievous.

He didn't care, others cultivate the "Chaos Soul Splitting Method" at the cost of being unable to control their avatars, essentially splitting themselves. But Tao Qian was exempt from this price, the Demon Child Body, however powerful, was still Tao Qian, with life and death, freedom within a thought.

"You bragged about reaching enlightenment before me, let's see if you truly have that ability."

"All Heavens Buddhism is known for its cunning and expertise in calculations. Quickly let the Divination Worm grow, thoroughly see through Buddhism's grand plan. You and I will coordinate internally and externally, see if we can pull Tao, Demon, Side Door, and Great Abyss Demon all in, stirring up the situation, giving those bald monks a taste of the Yellow Sparrow comes later."

"No need for you to say more, just watch."

With that, the Great Demon Tao disregarded the pain, showing a happy face, and took stock of the gains from this refining practice.

The people of Liang Country helped him obtain four types of alien organs.

The numerous believers from Gold Country, having just been converted, had slightly thinner wish power but still contributed three types:

"Vajra Unbreakable: This alien organ serves as the dharma body's outer shell, also formed from the integration of Vajra Dharma and the wonders of Outer Realm Demons through the wish power of millions of spiritual thoughts. With a single thought, it can make the outer shell become Vajra Unbreakable, impervious to water and fire. The only price to pay is that once this alien organ is used, the

dharma body immediately seals off everything, only absorbing without releasing, which might lead to potential constipation unless the secret cleansing organ is employed."

"Punishment Divine Eye: This alien organ is lodged in the dharma body's chest. Normally closed, but with a single thought, it can observe the hidden secrets of all things, from All Heavens to the Nine Netherworld. In battles, it has miraculous uses, can see through flaws and secrets. It is a formidable wondrous eye. The price of using it is being sensed by Xingtian. As usage increases, these eyes may become unwilling to close again, consistently occupying the chest."

"The people of Gold Country are truly lacking in creativity compared to those from Liang Country in this regard."

"These two alien organs are clearly plagiarized. The Eight Heavenly Dragons and Headless Deity Lord."

"Why do they have to occupy my chest?"

The Great Demon Tao had yet to sense the third alien organ and was already feeling the effects. But he didn't let it bother him. Instead, he found joy in taking stock of his new spiritual treasures.

Chapter 1013 - Three Demons Swear Brotherhood at the Ten Thousand Gods Banquet, Tao Da the Plague God Roams the Four Directions

With the "Punishment Divine Eye" as a foundation, Tao Qian wasn't all that surprised when he looked at the equally bizarre third kind of alien object.

No suspense, just seeing that its origin also came from the [Headless Deity Lord].

"Sweet Dew Juice!"

"This alien object is born from the Dharma body itself, known as when sweat turns to juice, akin to sweet dew, containing the wishes of the countless believers from the former Golden Country. Once activated, it instantly causes sweet dew to gush out from every pore, with a divine fragrance capable of bringing the dead to life and flesh to bones. It also contains Divine Demon oil, with one drop equivalent to hundreds of stones of grain, possessing infinite wonders."

"But each use weakens the Dharma body slightly. If used excessively, it could result in significant blood and Qi deficiency."

"There is another cost to this object, as the sweet dew's fragrance is too alluring, potentially attracting some evil spirit god demons to seize the Dharma body."

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Sensing these, Tao Qian wasn't dramatically surprised, but couldn't help but jest.

Of course, he couldn't be blamed.

Compared to the four major alien organs obtained earlier within the borders of Liang Country, these three, besides the [Vajra Indestructible Skin], though extremely peculiar, seem somewhat useful upon further thought, yet all carry a sense of being somewhat redundant, making the Great Demon Tao rather displeased.

However, with the refining process now complete, he couldn't blame his believers but instead needed to reward and pacify them, being a good king.

At the same time, he comforted himself:

"Perhaps it's due to unfamiliarity. The next time we cut, the believers will surely know what kind of alien organs the Peach Blossom God desires."

"Refining a few more times, I am bound to subjugate the [Spirit Treasure Sublime Body] below me, then I will truly become the original, hehe."

It's not the believers' or my blame, the Great Demon Tao must now ponder other matters.

Especially now that he has refined powerful divine skills, with mana becoming even more vigorous, and his heart swelling with uncontainable urges, he must find an outlet for release.

"Just one Golden Country is hardly enough to satiate the appetite of this demon."

"Quickly, little worm, explore and spy, are there any vicious neighbors nearby that require the compassionate and merciful Tao to enlighten?"

As he asked this, there was indeed a response.

Perhaps by devouring another country, the Divination Worm accelerated its growth, with an increase in both the number of worm silk and power.

Thus, this time there was no need for Tao Qian to lead the Buddha Soldiers and Bodhisattvas to knock on the door, as the worm itself forcefully penetrated the defenses of several neighboring countries with the Divination Worm Silk.

Tao Qian originally thought this peep would reveal another malicious neighbor similar to the [Golden Country], ruled by an outer realm God Demon avatar, or a God Demon descendant, or perhaps an inheritor of a certain Daoist lineage.

Contrary to his anticipation, he guessed wrong this time.

The situation was unexpectedly complex. Based on the Divination Worm's judgment, the seemingly peaceful small countries around him were all, without exception, vicious neighbors.

Moreover, they had already secretly connected.

At this moment, a large amount of secrets surged into Tao Qian's mind, broadening his perspective.

"Around Liang and Golden Countries, aside from [Tang Country] a major country under the All Heavens Buddhism, there are also the three countries of Liao, Qi, and Wei."

"These three countries, whether in terms of territory or population, are similar, with borders connecting each other."

"The ruler of Liao Kingdom is the [Yellow Robed Primordial Lord], barely fitting into the Great Abyss Demon category, originally a wolf-shaped God Demon, near Daoist Transformation, potentially able to upgrade to [Kui Star Lord] to prove the Great Dao. However, during the Dao struggle, they fell short, had their Dao Path usurped, and fled into the Search God Realm to heal. Rumor has it that they have ties with the Taishang Dao lineage, and their Lifebound Scripture is the 'Taishang Inner Elixir Mixed Scripture.' Originally, a Daoist Devil Beast Demon, now has fallen into demonhood, attempting to alter the Lifebound Scripture to find a new path to Daoist Transformation"

"The ruler of Qi Country is [E Yue True Monarch], originally an acquired God Demon, and a servant of the innate God Demon 'Taiyin Moon God', rabbit-bodied with human face. Together with another servant under the Moon God, the Rabbit God, they form a pair, one male and one female, embodying Yin and Yang. However, this one secretly developed a demon nature, feeling blasphemous towards their master, the Moon God, thus was demoted, and exiled to the Search God Realm after leaving Guanghan Palace. They reversed cultivated the 'Taiyin Star Scripture' to try and reclaim their Dao Heng and Divinity."

"The ruler of Wei Country is [Baimu Demon Lord], offspring of a God Demon, their father being the innate God Demon 'Primordial Yang Demon God.' Their Lifebound Scripture is the 'Taishang Yuan Yang Nourishing Essence Demon Scripture,' from the Taishang Demon Sect. The Primordial Yang Demon God is one of the Taishang Demon Sect's ancestors, but due to peculiar nature, seldom appears, even when the Taishang Demon Sect suffered in their ancestral land. Baimu Demon Lord did not wish to retreat to the secret realm with their father and decided to emerge to prove the Dao."

"Their method is extremely straightforward and crude, but as its base, they use their Lifebound Demon Essence to cultivate a new race, and progress has been made. This new race is egg-born, initially

appearing as a pinkish-white flesh egg with a hundred eyes and feet... Upon maturity, the alien form sheds, resembling human shape, but internally bearing the bloodline of God Demon, possessing various divine powers, known as [Egg People]. Baimu Demon Lord is the progenitor of the Egg People, just waiting for this race to gain recognition by the Heavenly Dao and be listed in the 'Great Abyss Races' register, allowing them to realize the Daoist Transformation Realm."

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Upon seeing this, Tao Qian was greatly astonished.

Well then!

Not only did three new vicious neighbors emerge, but some had considerable connections, and others had a mighty background.

"That Yellow Robed Primordial Lord sounds like an old wolf God, and being able to compete for Kui Star Lord indicates they are a strong figure nearing Daoist Transformation Realm, and with ties to Taishang Dao, they have a substantial backing, potentially even stronger than the previous [Headless Deity Lord], quite the handful indeed."

"And as for that E Yue True Monarch, originally a God Demon and daring to harbor lust over an innate God Demon, must indeed be formidable."

"Lastly, that troublesome Baimu Star Lord sounds the most terrifying. Not only are their Dao Heng and background greater than the first two, but they also have the strength to spawn a new race, likely the leader among the Three Demons."

"If I could tackle them one by one, starting with that Yellow Robe Demon, it would be manageable, but alas, these Three Demons have already connected, they surely won't give me such an opportunity."

Tao Qian pondered and commented while continuing to observe.

The Divination Worm, bearing more secrets, peeked in:

"The Three Demons each have their schemes, originally in a state of mutual non-interference."

"Indeed, the movement within All Heavens Buddhism was notably significant, along with the Golden Country governed by the Headless Deity Lord being besieged by Spiritual Mountain Buddha Soldiers. Unable to avoid the inevitable, the Three Demons decided to unite to prevent being defeated by Spiritual Mountain's divide-and-conquer strategy."

"Even though they have allied, the Three Demons hold ulterior motives and trust is non-existent. They are unwilling to enter anyone's territory, thus they constructed a new city at the Three Countries' borders within half a day, named 'Proving City', which symbolically represents their intention to plunder resources and realize their own grand Dao."

"After the fall of the Golden Country into the hands of Spiritual Mountain, the Three Demons gathered in Proving City, indulging daily in feasts and ecstatic cultivation."

"Their camaraderie deepened over these days, leading them to vow brotherhood yesterday: Yellow Robe as the elder brother, E Yue as the second brother, and Baimu as the third brother."

"With their alliance, the Three Demons' power skyrocketed, confident to confront Spiritual Mountain in battle. Hence, they began to call upon allies within the Search God Realm, gathering Gods and Demons from every corner, constantly expanding their influence, and sending out the 'Ten Thousand Gods' Invitation', inviting all Wild Gods and Disgraced Sacrifices struggling under major powers to meet in Proving City."

"Nine days from now, the 'Ten Thousand Gods Banquet' will be held in Proving City to discuss great matters."

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Having read all this information, Great Demon Tao couldn't help but become interested.

His eyes sparkled, face full of excitement as he said:

"The Ten Thousand Gods Banquet... just listening to it sounds like a fine amusement."

"My master Duobao wasn't mistaken, indeed the Heavenly Mechanism is volatile in this world. The alliance of the Three Demons clearly results from the upheaval caused by my campaign against the Golden Country."

"In that case, how could I, the Great Demon, miss such a wonderful event?"

This fellow is clearly a lover of fun; upon spotting an opportunity, he cannot hold back.

He immediately instructed the Divination Worm to spy further, swiftly learning the details and progress involved.

The so-called Ten Thousand Gods Banquet, is indeed more windbag boasting.

The original Search God Realm, truly had Divine Spirits everywhere, but then the Heavenly Dao Origin became vicious, harvesting in waves, leaving only the tougher Wild Gods and Outer Realm Wandering Gods, along with remnants of heresy and heterodoxy, surviving cautiously within the gaps of major forces, barely hanging on.

The Three Demons rallying to host a banquet, claiming to offer territory and benefits, in truth has two major calculations.

First, recruiting cannon fodder, to drive these Wild Gods into the first charge when Spiritual Mountain Buddha Army descends.

Second, stockpiling supplies, for great Gods and Demons to devour Wild Gods and Wandering Gods as a matter of course, ordained by Heaven.

However, to enter Proving City and attend the Ten Thousand Gods Banquet is not something any tomcat or stray dog can do.

Yellow Robe, E Yue, and Baimu each enacted Great Divine Powers, forcibly relocating three great mountains from elsewhere, then stacking them together, assembling an unprecedentedly enormous mountain, relocating Proving City to its peak, and setting many trials within the mountain, starting from its base, numbering over dozens.

The Three Demons declared: only those Gods and Demons who pass the trials may enter the city, join the banquet, and participate in the great realization of the Dao.

After sending out invitations, numerous Wild Gods, Wandering Gods, and Outer Realm heresy and heterodoxy disciples have ventured forth these days, with over a dozen Gods and Demons already passing trials and entering Proving City.

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"Ha, I didn't expect the wisdom and methods of these Three Demons to be impressive."

"This painstaking selection of so-called 'Gods and Demons' will likely ensure that all are resilient cannon fodder or hardy supplies."

"The root of the Three Demons is sturdy, not foolish like the Headless Deity Lord; challenging them head-on would indeed be difficult."

"Nevertheless, it is no matter; direct confrontation doesn't work, but I, the Great Demon, am adept at stealth."

"Hmm, let me ponder for a moment, which kind of God Demon should I disguise as using the Secret Demon Transformation Technique to blend into the banquet...?"

Tao Qian was sparkling with ideas while rummaging for tools within his personal treasure bag.

He is now the Peach Blossom God, whose form and appearance, along with Divine Power, have been remembered by the Three Demons and labeled as a Spiritual Mountain stooge, thus he naturally cannot go.

However, fortunately, he now has plenty of treasures.

As he picked through them, Tao Qian suddenly noticed an object, causing his eyes to light up and a brilliant smile to spread across his face.

Casually picking it up, it was a large black umbrella.

This item had quite a background, crafted by the Outer Realm Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord using Heavenly Talisman Blood and Flesh, containing countless Plague Qi, with the umbrella's surface being inscribed with the Plague God Exorcism Spell handwritten by Emperor Heavenly Talisman, even in the Great Abyss, it is considered a rarity.

Tao Qian had acquired this treasure umbrella but has barely used it.

Now, however, he was inspired to use it.

Activating the Secret Demon Transformation Technique, he chuckled:

"A Plague God is still a God."

"Since it's called the Ten Thousand Gods Banquet, how could it lack a Plague God, why not let me, the Great Demon, join the count?"

Upon finishing speaking, Tao Qian had completed his transformation.

The handsome young boy was no more, replaced by a ragged and tattered God Demon, filthy all over, barefoot, with an unbecoming face and a drunken red nose. Although his face was smiling brightly, it gave a sense of misfortune.

Most importantly, this being constantly emitted Plague Qi and decay Qi from every inch.

Chapter 1014 - Primordial Yang Demon God, Lord of the Egg People

At the border of the Three Kingdoms of Liao, Qi, and Wei, there lies an ordinary barren land.

But now, there stands an unbelievably magnificent and infinitely strange God Demon Mountain.

This mountain is truly peculiar and terrifying.

At its base, it seems to have grown living roots, immensely thick and resembling earthen dragons or muddy serpents, penetrating deep into the earth and voraciously absorbing the earth essence.

Looking upwards, besides the jagged rocks that stand in clusters, the grasses, flowers, and trees all seem to have transformed into devils and demons, possessing supernatural abilities like blood-sucking, soul-swallowing, and mind-bewildering. Common wild beasts and birds can hardly survive here.

These are mere ordinary sights.

The truly astonishing aspect is a terrifying mountain stream that resembles the "Nine Netherworld," flowing down from the unseen depths of the clouds, traversing the entire mountain. It's more of a great river than a stream, filled not with common water but with putrid, thick blood, toxic black water, and filthy pus-like water.

Amongst the toxic liquid, many bodies of beings, remnants, and relics are soaked, with conspicuous numbers of damaged statues of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas floating within.

Such a scene clearly displays the aspirations of the Three Demons.

On either side of this vile stream, many checkpoints guarded by devils and God Demon Clans stand as one ascends.

The entire mountain is currently bustling with activity.

These devils and clans have clearly received an edict, each looking on with excitement at the influx of various visitors gathering at the mountain's base from all directions.

Roars, murmurs, and chants resound continuously:

"This is the Ten Thousand Gods Mountain, with a Proving City at its summit, where three great sages reside. Enter the feast and worship the sages to partake in Dao mysteries."

"Come, come, let's ascend the mountain."

"The Ten Thousand Gods welcome you from all directions; break through the barriers and join the feast."

"Hahaha... all you wild gods, come quickly and break through; if you succeed, you can be among the Ten Thousand Gods and enjoy endless benefits. If not, you'll become our blood food."

These cries, word for word, are heard by the many Fake Gods and Demons, as well as some Evil Demons and Heretical types, around the mountain's base.

However, few dare to express anger or speak out.

On the contrary, most Fake Gods and Demons appear eager to try.

Great Demon Tao is also among them at this moment.

His current appearance is nothing short of perfect.

Outwardly, he looks like a shabby Daoist, holding a large black umbrella in one hand and a conspicuous flag in the other.

On the flag are eight large characters: [A Grain of Rejuvenation, Helping All Things].

If one only sees this, they would think him to be a wandering doctor, likely a Righteous person. But why he would dare to come here is unknown?

Soon, however, many nearby wild gods, wandering gods, and evil demons became aware of his prowess.

Merely approaching him slightly would cause any God or Demon to become afflicted with disease within three breaths. Although most were annoying but non-fatal minor illnesses like malaria, itching, or colds, they were troublesome enough.

Thus proving his extraordinary origin, for how could ordinary means make a "God Demon" sick?

Consequently, the moment this man shook his head and introduced himself, "I am the Plague God..."

He hadn't finished when the surroundings cleared instantly, with everyone avoiding him as if he were a plague.

Tao Qian, seeing this, was not annoyed at all, only using his unfortunate-looking eyeballs to sweep over the bizarre assortment of fake gods and demons around, feeling both disappointed and surprised in his heart, saying:

"The Three Demons sent out invitations many days ago, yet so many wild gods, wandering gods, and Outer Realm Daoists have come."

"Though they're all odd and fragmented, the numbers are still astounding."

"It seems all major forces are still biding their time, not planning mutual conquests anytime soon, allowing these fake gods and demons space to exist."

"Plus, the peculiar landscape of the Search God Realm is continuously fostering all kinds of God Demons. This scene is, therefore, reasonable."

As Tao Qian commented, he raised his head, eyes penetrating the sea of clouds to gaze towards the mountain's summit.

The thick sea of clouds was evidently set with prohibitions to prevent prying.

Of course, it was of no use against Great Demon Tao.

He hadn't expected that at this glance, his face would show immediate astonishment.

It was nothing else; he had seen a great entity.

Above the sky and sea of clouds was only the waist of the Ten Thousand Gods Mountain; further upward lay numerous isolated and stacked mountain peaks, a truly peculiar sight.

There were three fearsome entities that captured Tao Qian's attention, each occupying a lone mountain peak pillar, each with a uniquely terrifying God Demon skill gaze looking at the ant-like wild gods and immoral rituals below.

On the lone mountain pillar resembling the Flame Mountain sat the first giant creature, its body like a grey wolf with bat wings, its tail like a dragon-serpent, and its face an ugly human likeness, like a dying

old man with matted, straw-like mane, and wearing a vast yellow robe that could envelop an entire mountain.

Behind its head, a peculiar essence Source Qi surged like a vast tide.

Needless to say, this beast must be the Yellow Robed Primordial Lord.

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The second giant entity was even more eye-catching, simply a giant rabbit, its body as large as a mountain, covered in needle-like sharp and tough grey-black rabbit hair, its human face quite handsome, albeit terrifyingly red-eyed with unbridled lustful expression.

Suspended behind it was a Taiyin Blood Moon, within which countless rabbits were mating, the largest one beneath a female rabbit but raises its rabbit head, attempting to lick the Jade Foot of a Taiyin Female Immortal, white as jade.

No need to guess, this fellow must be the so-called E Yue True Monarch.

Even after being banished to the Search God Realm, it still doesn't forget to desecrate the Taiyin Moon God, a daring act indeed.

Judging by its appearance and behavior, if someone could introduce the Evil Lustful Lecher to it, they would likely become kindred spirits.

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The third giant was at the highest point, perched on a pitch-black mountain peak, the most treacherous in appearance. It is a massive pink fleshy egg, covered with things like cauliflower and buds, amongst which divine demon secret patterns flow, interspersed with inherently malicious divine demon eyes.

Seeing these, Tao Qian's head buzzed, blood and Qi churned within, and miscellaneous thoughts surged.

In the next moment, a shiver overtook him, his mind erupted:

[Undergoing erosion from the "Innate Primordial Yang Demon Secret Form," this is the Baimu Demon Lord's innate divine skill that triggers instantly upon any living being witnessing its true form.]

[The Dao Rhyme it contains is less than one ten-thousandth that of its father.]

[If willing to follow the "Primordial Yang Demon God," one may cease resistance and immediately receive the "Taishang Yuan Yang Secret Scripture" and become a Taishang Dao True Disciple, able to enter the Primordial Yang Secret Realm and gain complete inheritance.]

[Exempted!]

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"What an impressive Primordial Yang Demon God!"

"Who could have thought that the Taishang Demon Sect, so oppressed in the Longevity Realm, still had such an ancestor hidden."

"Unfortunately, I'm a legitimately titled Ancestral Land Secret Demon Seed, reading the 'All Heavens Secret Demon Scripture,' destined to become the revival master of the Secret Demon, not suitable to defect and join the Taishang Demon Sect."

As his mind flashed, Tao Qian touched his forehead's nonexistent cold sweat.

With this glimpse, his calculations became clearer in his heart.

"The foundation and strength of the Three Demons are above the Headless Deity Lord, especially the Baimu Demon Lord, seemingly capable of achieving Daoist Transformation Realm anytime."

"Once united, they indeed appear to have the qualification to contend with the Spiritual Mountain."

"Sadly, it's just an illusion."

"The reason All Heavens Buddhism hasn't taken action, even allowing humiliation, and even their Saint Monk voluntarily captured as treasure, lies in Tarnished Compassion and Evil Dust not having truly launched. Once the calamity breaks out, the entire Search God Realm will be transformed by Tarnished Compassion and Evil Dust. At that time, when All Heavens Buddhism strikes, except for the major powers, neither God Demons nor Daoist Lineages will have any chance to resist."

"The same goes for the Three Demons. Their territory has most likely already been marked by the Buddhas of the Spiritual Mountain."

"Hmm... On the surface, I'm considered a member of the Spiritual Mountain, so being tasked as the first disciple of the Saint Monk to handle these demon territories is quite reasonable, right?"

As Tao Qian muttered, the commotion around him suddenly surged.

Suddenly, the wild gods, wandering gods, and Outer Realm Daoists gathered from all directions almost simultaneously rushed towards the God Demon Mountain ahead, all kinds of strange God Demon skill names resounding in unison.

Chapter 1015 - All Demons Recite Food Names in Turn, Tao Qian Performs Magic for the Three Gods

Tao Qian initially thought that the "Mountain Crossing" ordeal would be taken one step at a time.

However, the restless demons, unable to endure silence, charged up the mountain all at once.

This wasn't enough; some peculiar Wild Gods and their Immoral Sacrifices, seemingly afraid that the Gods' and Demons' descendants and clans guarding the entrance wouldn't know the names of the blood offerings, began announcing themselves midway. The more considerate ones even revealed their own flavors, leaving Tao Qian both amused and exasperated.

"Three God Demons, the Little God [Arrogant Wolf Lord] is here. I was originally a wild wolf in the mountains, fortunately enlightened and achieved the Tao, cultivating for over five hundred years. Before the sky changed, I had dozens of temples in the Search God Realm. Those who pay tribute to this God will surely thrive and be arrogant. Today I come to seek admission under Yellow Robe Grandpa, begging for acceptance."

"This God is called [Donkey Dragon Immortal], originally a domestic donkey. By chance, I ate Dragon Blood and gained wisdom, then obtained a scroll of the 'Dragon Transformation Scripture' to achieve the Tao. The Little God's flesh and blood scent penetrate the sky. Haven't you heard the saying, 'Dragon Meat in the sky, Donkey Meat on the ground'? In this realm, those who love fine food have built hundreds of temples for me, but now all are destroyed. I specially come to meet E Yue Immortal Monarch, willing to offer flesh and blood in exchange for an Immortal Book."

"Little God is named [Gorgeous Carp God], and my true form is a beautiful carp with a natural ability to change fortunes. Before the sky changed, I had hundreds of temples inside the realm, worshipped by millions, though most believers were insincere. However, they still helped me achieve God Demonhood. This time I am here to meet E Yue Immortal Monarch, seeking a roll of the 'Taiyin Dao Scripture'. Henceforth, I will follow the Immortal Monarch's lead."

"I am [Toilet God], having heard that the Three Gods gather here, and All Gods follow, ensuring that all filth is handled properly. Why not leave it all to the Little God? It is guaranteed to please everyone."

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These gods and demons, with mediocre Taoist power yet strangely quirky personalities, were already deemed as cannon fodder in Tao Qian's eyes.

Especially those like "Donkey Dragon Immortal" and "Gorgeous Carp."

Their self-introductions sounded as if announcing dishes no matter how you hear it.

Of course, there were also serious gods and demons, like these below:

"To the Three Gods above, the junior is named [Cloud Jiao God], originally an alien species Cloud Jiao skilled in flipping clouds and covering rain. Within the realm, I originally had several Divine Palace Temples and could often taste sacrificial offerings such as virgin boys and girls. Nevertheless, of late, I've been hunted by a Buddha's son with no place to go. I've come to cross the mountain and partake in the feast, seeking a way out."

"Three seniors, please look at me. The Little God is named [Star Pond Turtle Lord], originally a life from the Source Sea, accidentally drifted into the Search God Realm and once protected local life, warding off disasters and extending life. But inexplicably, I was noticed by a Buddha's son, who insisted on capturing me to the Spiritual Mountain. Hence, I come seeking refuge, willing to serve under Baimu God for protection."

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The various gods and demons invited by the Gathering Gods Tie were indeed numerous, half announcing themselves while the rest appeared smarter, keeping silent and directly crossing the pass.

However, the former might not entirely lack intelligence, most were foolish, but a few with high Taoist power and strong divinity spoke upfront, directly catching the eyes of the Three Gods and Demons, just waiting to pass the checkpoint and perhaps gain some favorable task or benefit.

Of course, whether announced or not.

The origins and backgrounds of all the gods and demons here were entirely glimpsed by Great Demon Tao, mixed in at the end of the procession.

"Overall, more than half are rabble, Wild God Blood Food."

"If I didn't guess wrong, the banquet should commence next."

Tao Qian's statement seemed like a prophecy.

Almost immediately upon finishing his words, a shocking, gut-wrenching feast scene unfolded on the Ten Thousand Gods Mountain.

Previously warmly welcoming the gods and demons, the descendants and clans of the Three Gods and Demons now revealed their true nature:

First came the crowd belonging to the command of [Yellow Robed Primordial Lord], a large group of Kui Star Wolf Demons, each wielding Dipping Steel Blades, grinning at the gods and demons climbing the mountain, shouting:

"No problem, please come worship our Star Lord. As long as you pass our checkpoint, you may freely view the 'Kui Star Heavenly Book', and freely use Kui Star Divine Qi."

"If you can't pass, it's fine, just rest inside our stomachs."

No sooner said than done, the terrifying blade light imbued with Kui Star Origin Qi rained down like a storm.

In the blink of an eye, blood and wind raged as gods and demons with slightly weaker Taoist power were sliced into tender meat slices, cooked midair by Origin Qi, and voraciously devoured by the pack of wolves.

And this was just the first pass.

Looking further, a large group of fluffy "Rabbit Demons" leapt forward giggling, each inherently lewd and ugly, wielding God Demon Soldiers like the Herbal Crushing Pestle and Cutting Jade Axe, speaking with grandiose words while their actions betrayed harshness.

With a frenzy of pounding and hacking, blood and flesh flew all over the mountain.

These rabbits, evidently more savage than the Wolf Demons, scorned using utensils and insisted on using their mouths.

Any god or demon showing weakness immediately had them hopping over, using door-board-like incisors to gnaw at the flesh.

Of course, compared to those under Baimu Demon Lord, the [Egg People], whether wolf or rabbit, were considered acceptable domains.

What are juvenile Egg People?

At this time, Tao Qian witnessed it.

Scattered across the steep Ten Thousand Gods Mountain were giant meat eggs.

Their bodies were white and bloated, possessing hundreds of evil eyes capable of emitting a Divine Light to immobilize blood, flesh, and body and soul completely.

No matter if you claim to be "Immortal" or "God," when faced with the [Nature Determining Divine Light], you're instantly immobilized.

Then, watching helplessly as those meat eggs, supported by numerous dry limbs, crawled over with a rustle, subsequently squeezing into any slightly larger orifice on your body, be it mouth, nose, or the other end.

Chapter 1016 - All Demons Announce Their Names in Turn, Tao Qian Performs Magic to Amuse Three Gods (Part 2)

After being parasitized by them, everything inside the body will be transformed into nourishment and consumed in the blink of an eye, leaving only a shell to be taken over, which means the Egg People officially come of age.

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"So this is the coming-of-age ceremony for the Egg People Clan?"

"What a ferocious temperament, what terrifying Divine Skills, it seems even more fearsome than the [Destiny Defining Divine Light] of the Buddhist Sect and the [True Light of Spirit Fixing] of the Daoist."

"Taishang Demon Sect is truly foolish. Knowing there's such a formidable ancestor still residing within, why not invite him sooner? If they could truly rely on the 'Primordial Yang Demon God,' even if they couldn't restore their ancient glory, they wouldn't be subjected to repeated ravages by the Evil Sect, Demon Buddha Temple, and Secret Demon Sect."

Tao Qian intentionally lingered at the back of the team.

With great interest, he watched the lively scene of demons dancing on Ten Thousand Gods Mountain, a sight terrifying enough to frighten ordinary Cultivators to death, but to him it was nothing.

This is normal, don't look at those passing the trials claiming themselves as God Demons, in reality, that's just the special environment of the Search God Realm.

In the Longevity Realm, they would only be referred to as Demons.

Tao Qian watched for a long time, seeing that the damned God Demons had turned into dishes, the ones needing to ascend had successfully passed the trials, and the descendant clans of the Three God Demons were starting to linger, he immediately understood it was time for him, Tao Da Plague God, to make an appearance.

Choosing to disguise as Plague God to join the Ten Thousand Gods Banquet was not just for amusement, but also for another consideration. The Three Demons thought of using cannon fodder, thus too strong God Demons would be assassinated, while those too weak couldn't attend the banquet.

Gods Demons like [Plague God], not highly skilled but adept at group attacks, were just right, and highly likely to be utilized.

Of course, the prerequisite was he had to operate well, at least first show saintly presence in front of others, stepping over other Wild Gods and Wandering Gods as well as worthless heresy and heterodoxy, to demonstrate his own value.

Thus, he finally didn't hesitate, laughed aloud and shouted:

"The Three Gods are above, Little God is here."

"You may call me [Plague God], Human Clan attains Dao, yet the flesh is truly sour and stinky, inedible, do not bite please."

"Of course, for our first meeting, Little God should offer some greetings to fellow Daoists, to express my intention."

Tao Qian had seized the moment, precisely when the excitement had subsided, his shout instantly drew the attention of all the gods.

Especially those descendant clans guarding the gates, they were all startled, then saw a Human Clan Wild God with a perpetual bad luck look, emanating plague poison at all times, turning into a streak of light, starting from the mountain foot to charge upward.

Some initial checkpoints, he really passed through them unimpeded, for the Wolf Demons and Rabbit Immortals guarding the gates instinctively did not wish to chop him, neither wanting to consume sour, stinky flesh nor to soil their own treasures.

Unfortunately, they did not wish to trouble Tao Qian.

This Plague God, however, didn't want to spare them.

Just as he uttered the words "greetings," he suddenly began to rub various parts of his body indiscriminately. Before long, a large black elixir, as big as a calf, abruptly appeared, with plague poison surging, mold breath rampant.

Considering the god demon title he shouted out, aside from the fearless Egg People, both Kui Star Heavenly Wolf and E Yue Rabbit Immortal, these two major clans, had an ominous premonition.

As expected, this fellow shouted next:

"Little God has refined a [Heavenly Plague Revitalizing Pill], to help fellow Daoists progress further in their cultivation."

"Just slightly odorous, fellow Daoists bear it a bit."

With these words spoken, the grand elixir cradled in Tao Qian's hands immediately exploded.

Then a massive gale arose, sweeping across carrying a sky full of pill dust, blowing towards the top of Ten Thousand Gods Mountain.

Where it passed, whether struggling Wild Gods Wandering Gods still among trials, or Kui Star Heavenly Wolf, E Yue Rabbit Immortal or even Primordial Yang Egg People, these three God Demon Clans, were all hit.

Each alike seemed drunk, all flushed, staggering, and then... began breakthroughs.

Indeed!

Anomalous, unbelievable spectacle birth.

Whether willing or unwilling, all inhaling the pill dust had their Mana Source Qi simultaneously start rampaging.

Breaking through the boundary checkpoints in a nonsensical way, cultivation universally inflating.

The enjoyment within, difficult to articulate.

A few breaths earlier still reeking with wind and blood rain, Ten Thousand Gods Mountain during Tao Qian's "Plague God" trial, actually became a smooth path.

He slowly flew up, receiving grateful gazes from the Wolf Demons, Rabbit Immortal, and the Egg People.

Tao Qian, seeing this, was inwardly delighted, mocking himself:

"My true self, Spirit Treasure Subduing Evil Lord, is indeed skilled in alchemy, whether it's Immortal Pills or Demon Pills, shouting [Outer Heaven Flame Essence] comes effortlessly."

"But I, this Demon Child, can only refine Demon Pills, and they're the kind that gets one addicted, unable to resist, responding to my call."

"Heavenly Plague Revitalization is just the first addictive poison."

"I just need to win the trust of these Three Demons, then apply the second... "

As he was contemplating, Tao Qian already raised his head, his eyes penetrating through the clouds, looking at those three god demons perched on the solitary peak of the Heavenly Pillar, infinitely close to the Daoist Transformation Realm.

At the same time, they, along with those who successfully broke through challenges and were of formidable strength, also cast their gaze toward Tao Qian.

"Huh? A Plague God has arrived, interesting."

"True plague or false plague? How can a Plague God arrive doling out benefits right away, shouldn't it bring calamities to qualify as a plague?"

"Hmph, this fellow cheats, we exhausted all methods to arduously climb the mountain, and this fellow uses dirt from his body to make a pellet and gets up? "

"Ridiculous, an insignificant fellow dares to call himself [Plague God], while in the Great Abyss, there's a true Plague God [Plague God Immortal Monarch], who can kill billions with a breath of true Source Qi. "

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Tao Qian leisurely passed all checkpoints, breaking through the sea of clouds, heading directly to the mountain top.

Soon, his eyes reflected a magnificent city entirely soaked with God and Demon Origin Qi, beginning to evolve into numerous Dao Rhymes and peculiarities, with three big characters inscribed on the city gate:

Proving City!

Seeing this city, Tao Qian couldn't help but feel nauseated, yet also praised:

"What a Proving City, every part within is already saturated with Kui Star Origin Qi, Taiyin Star Essence, and Primordial Yang Demonic Qi."

"To achieve this, it's not enough for just the Three Demons to preside, they must have fought frequently in the city, shedding the divine nectar filled with Origin Qi within their bodies."

"No wonder earlier they were on guard against each other, and after some time, they became close friends, sworn as three brothers."

"Just don't know whether the one harmonizing yin and yang in the middle is E Yue True Monarch, the licentious Rabbit Lord, or Baimu Demon Lord, the descendant of Primordial Yang Demon God? Ordinarily, it should be the former, but I suspect it's that huge meat egg... "

Although the three god demons didn't know that this unfortunate Daoist, claiming to be a Plague God, was scheming in their hearts.

It didn't stop them from feeling aversion at first sight, towards this fellow.

No other reason, the face of this Great Demon Tao was indeed disdainful.

Knowing this long beforehand, Tao Qian, despite breaking through successfully, didn't enter the city immediately. Instead, he first bowed to those three enormous god demons filling the sky, then intentionally revealed a flattering smile, saying:

"This Little God greets the Three Gods, came to pay respects for indeed having a request."

"This Little God was merely an ordinary member of the Human Clan in this realm, by chance obtained a scroll of the 'Heavenly Plague Scripture' flying from the Outer Realm, thus entering the Dao, practicing, traveling everywhere, spreading plague and controlling poison, and have gathered no less than a million

believers, who have built at least a hundred [Plague God Temples] for me, thereby acknowledged by the Heavenly Dao, granted the name Plague God."

"Having gotten the divine duty, naturally, this Little God should calmly cultivate."

"But recently, this Little God has foreseen a sign, that the All Heavens Buddhism will take an interest in my divine skills in the future, using poisonous schemes to enlighten me, and send me to the Spiritual Mountain to become some Spirit Plague Venerable, which sounds like a good post, but in reality, it's to completely obliterate this Little God's spirit, turning into puppet servants for those bald donkeys."

"Through calculation, I knew that my path to survival lies only with the three seniors, hence I come seeking shelter."

"To show my sincerity, this Little God is willing to exhaust a hundred years of Dao cultivation to perform the 'Ten Directions Heavenly Plague Gathering Technique' once, to collect blessings for the three seniors, if it proves true, all sorts of treasures should come from the Outer Realm."

At this point, the three demons—Yellow Robe, E Yue, and Baimu—could not refuse, and they too became interested.

Each nodded, allowing Tao Qian to try.

He was not polite, directly setting up the ritual, performing the divine arts.

At first, all the gods and demons thought this 'Plague God' was just putting on a show, at most summoning some phenomena, then bragging some more.

But the next moment, an anomaly appeared that astonished even the Three Demons.

This place, almost at arm's reach of the sky, suddenly split open, revealing inside endless rushing treasure light...

Chapter 1017 - Baihua Immortal Presents the Yellow Robe, Taiyin Ascension Bestows E Yue

On Ten Thousand Gods Mountain, the top of the Heavenly Pillar cracked open, and amidst the surging treasure light, a large number of Golden Ingots and Blessing Money and spiritual materials poured down, showering the heads and faces of the three demons in Yellow Robe, E Yue, and Baimu.

This kind of scene, this kind of technique, is extremely rare here.

Usually, it's only the Demons who are greedy and plunder resources and benefits; who would give them away so generously?

Especially the one sending the gifts, claiming to be Plague God?

If he had not spoken and only focused on casting spells to send gifts, the Demons would certainly regard him as a Blessing God or Treasure Immortal, a rare and weak Divine Spirit.

Of course, many well-informed individuals from the Outer Realm, after their initial surprise, guessed something more.

The three Great Demons could see it at a glance.

As the "sworn brother," the Yellow Robed Primordial Lord emerged from the mountain of money with a majestic Kui Wolf Head and then looked at Tao Qian.

It was clear that including himself, the three demons who received the grand gift were all in a good mood.

As the saying goes, "With money, even ghosts will push the mill!"

The three Great Demons, although they have an unusual heritage and high Dao practice, in the Great Abyss Origin Sea, few would actively refuse a "gift from the Toad God."

The reason being that those Golden Ingots are not just simple wealth and resources but treasures manifesting fortune.

Even carrying them brings various benefits.

The greater the quantity, the more the benefits.

Because of this, the Yellow Robed Primordial Lord curiously asked, "Younger, what is your relationship with the Innate God Demon [Toad God] from the Outer Realm?"

E Yue and Baimu also turned their gaze, speaking one after another: "Younger, you are quite dishonest, are you truly practicing the 'Heavenly Plague Scripture'? It seems more like 'Heavenly Fortune Scripture' or 'Treasure Fortune Toad Scripture' magic skill, doesn't it?"

Upon hearing this, Great Demon Tao's well-prepared acting instantly came into play.

Showing admiration on his face, he then bowed and said:

"The Three Gods truly have Dharma Eyes like torches; this Little God indeed has some relation to the [Toad God], strictly speaking, I should call the Toad God my grandmaster."

"The great book I practice is fully named the 'Heavenly Plague Golden Toad Fortune Scripture,' passed to me by my master [Heavenly Plague Golden Toad Immortal Monarch]. I've heard that the Immortal Monarch and the Toad God are distant relatives and often visit the Toad God Palace. If other Heterodox Practitioners go to beseech the Toad God for treasures, it would be impossible to succeed."

"But when this Little God performs this spell, it is different since there is some familial honor at play."

"Alas, those bald donkeys on Spiritual Mountain do not give [Toad God] any face, saying that my background fits perfectly to ascend the Spiritual Mountain and perhaps even qualify to walk through the

Eight Treasures Pool, upgrading my title from Spirit Plague Venerable to Spirit Plague Blessing Venerable and so on."

"Heh, an upgrade would just be becoming a puppet servant, what's the interest in that?"

"This Little God would rather present my skills of spreading plagues and capturing toxins, accumulating fortune and calling treasures to the three seniors for a life of pleasure and freedom."

"I just wonder if the Three Gods are willing to risk offending Spiritual Mountain to take in this Little God."

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Tao Qian's dialogue, while seeming verbose, in fact communicated all he intended to say.

Being reasonable and non-threatening about his background and lineage while also showcasing his value.

As long as the three demons aren't foolish, not only will they accept him, but they will also make good use of him.

Indeed, once his last words fell, though Yellow Robe and E Yue had not yet spoken, the Baimu Demon Lord, who couldn't be provoked, directly said:

"What are those bald donkeys on Spiritual Mountain anyway? So what if they are offended?"

"Not only will we take you in, but this God will also make extensive use of you, appointing you the 'Heavenly Plague Blessing General Manager' on Ten Thousand Gods Mountain. From now on, the spiritual materials and provisions for feasts and sundry matters on this mountain will be handled by you."

"Furthermore, send the little ones down to Tang Country, at the foot of Spiritual Mountain, to proclaim this matter. This God would like to see which Buddha's son and Bodhisattva dares to come here to seek trouble with you?"

Once Baimu finished speaking, a clamor broke out among the group of demons in Proving City.

One after another, eyes filled with jealousy and resentment fell on Tao Qian, which were from those Wild Gods, Wandering Gods, and Outer Realm Evil Demons who had struggled through numerous trials to secure a position in Proving City.

They had yet to even sip blood food or Immortal Wine.

And this untraceable "Plague God" directly becomes the General Manager?

Hearing these words, Yellow Robe and E Yue could not help but show expressions of helplessness.

They too initially intended to take in Tao Qian with some rewards, but didn't expect it to escalate to directly giving the position of General Manager.

However, neither demon wished to contradict the Baimu Demon Lord over this; although he's the third brother, his Dao practice and foundation far exceed theirs.

Since it's just a laboring General Manager position, they decided to give it.

With this thought, the two demons also spoke up one after the other, acknowledging the task and even granting additional benefits.

After achieving his goal, Tao Qian did not forget to dispel the ill intentions of his colleagues, replying loudly:

"With the Three Gods' generous gifts, this Little God can only humbly accept the position of General Manager."

"Fortunately, this Little God is quite skilled at these tasks, promises to provide the best blood food and Immortal Wine, ensuring Ten Thousand Gods Mountain has a grand feast every day."

"As for the Heavenly Plague Revitalizing Pill and such Spirit Pills, this Little God will not be stingy. Any Daoist who needs one may come to seek it from me."

"Additionally, this Little God will diligently practice the 'Ten Directions Heavenly Plague Gathering Technique' daily, to gather luck and fortune for the Three Gods, so they may soon reach Daoist Transformation."

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With these many pledges and kind words, the atmosphere in Proving City was uplifted with joyous laughter.

Tao Qian seems like a Plague God, but is in fact a Blessing God.

Even being among the likes of Evil Demons and Sinful Spirits, they are willing to draw near to the latter, given the benefits.

Thus, from that very day onward, Ten Thousand Gods Mountain gained a 'Heavenly Plague Blessing General Manager.'

Even Tao Qian himself did not expect such a development, but the position fits well with his current enjoyment-seeking attitude.

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Of course, it also made his actions extremely convenient.

The Great Demon Tao, disguised as a 'Plague God', eagerly came to the Ten Thousand Gods Mountain, not truly to seek allegiance, but intending to investigate before devouring the Three Demons along with their three great nations. He wanted to act only after fully understanding the Three Demons' backgrounds and methods.

To accomplish this was extremely difficult for other cultivators and god demons, but for Tao Qian, it was a piece of cake.

Although the Divination Worm Silk couldn't temporarily peek in, it did not hinder Tao Qian's 'divine ability'.

Once he took office, he indeed started organizing various banquets as promised.

When it came to killing or other matters, the Great Demon Tao was not as good as his original form, Tao True Monarch, but when it came to indulgence, he was naturally adept.

Even though a large number of strange and eccentric god demons gathered on the Ten Thousand Gods Mountain, it didn't prevent him from using his means to win them over one by one.

It should be known that under his command, there were a million Outer Realm Heavenly Demons at his beck and call.

With just one command, there was nothing they could not come up with or fetch.

In this way, naturally, he could organize all sorts of banquets to please all god demons.

Especially since this fellow had a trump card, collecting a hundred million demon thoughts, plus some of the Evil Sect inheritance obtained from his original form, he began frantically refining so-called 'Heavenly Plague Revitalizing Pill', 'Ultimate Happiness Freedom Elixir', 'Joyful Soul Nourishing Powder', 'Longevity Toad Elixir', and other spirit pills.

For a time, the entire Ten Thousand Gods Mountain was in chaos thanks to Chief Tao's doings.

To the group of demons, that was the most correct and comfortable style.

Of course, the Great Demon Tao's real targets were the three god demons: Yellow Robe, E Yue, and Baimu.

At first, these three demons were quite reserved and looked down on those low-end banquets.

But soon, when Tao Qian targeted their preferences, in just a few days, they too succumbed.

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Ten Thousand Gods Mountain, Proving City.

The grand banquet of joy, never ceasing, all kinds of new god demons who just crossed the mountain gate would immediately see such a scene upon entering the city:

The grand banquet spread across the city towards the highest point, where three towering figures releasing terrifying source Qi pressure were seated. Undoubtedly, they were the three god demons with great backgrounds, ready to transform anytime.

Among the Three Demons, was a human Daoist looking like a Plague God, wandering back and forth, drunkenly presenting treasures and introducing them to the Three Demons.

The first gift for the first Yellow Robed Primordial Lord was a grand gesture that amazed and envied hundreds of various god demons present.

Chief Tao, with a face full of mystery, took out a treasure painting. Once unfolded, it revealed countless flowers, and the city was instantly filled with the fragrance of human world flowers.

Even more astonishing was the next moment of transformation, with just a shake, the flowers were reborn.

Amidst the surging spirit light, a hundred extremely charming Flower Fairies with their unique features flew out from the scroll.

Then they transformed from illusion to reality, becoming incomparably real flesh and blood, surging towards the Yellow Robed Primordial Lord.

During this, Chief Tao's voice echoed:

'Little God has heard that Yellow Robe King loves flowers the most, so I thought of a way to obtain this treasure from the Outer Realm.'

'This painting is called [Baihua Immortal Map], it contains a secret realm that accommodates a total of one hundred Immortals, each of whom is a Flower Immortal born and enlightened by heaven and earth.'

'Today, it's all offered to the King.'

When Tao Qian said the second sentence, the Yellow Robed Primordial Lord was already showing a face full of delight, even his breathing had hastened considerably.

Upon seeing the appearance of the Flower Fairies, his old face broke into a wide smile.

If it weren't for a bit of self-restraint, this fellow would have been so excited that he'd reveal his original form and howl like a wolf on the spot.

So excited, he naturally did not think of anything else.

Before indulging, he even directly pulled Tao Qian over for a drink, speaking so intimately, as if directly treating Chief Tao as a trusted confidant.

Especially in the following few breaths, after being submerged by the enchanting bodies of a hundred Flower Fairies, that kind of bliss from the depths of his soul raised his trust in Tao Qian to another level.

It's pitiful for this old wolf god who failed in competing for [Kui Star Lord], for he had always cultivated hard in the past without ever indulging.

Naturally, he didn't know the wonders of the 'Joyful Demon', let alone how powerful it becomes after the 'Joyful Demon' ascends.

Fortunately, he had an extremely strong god demon body, even if being absorbed, he could persist for hundreds of years without getting weak, the initial years without even noticing.

And the intimacy of the Yellow Robed Primordial Lord, added to his defenseless will, led him to hand over all his secrets to Tao Qian.

A multitude of records burst forth in his mind.

After succeeding, Tao Qian did not immediately go to observe, but maintained his performance, still wearing a brilliant and obsequious smile, as he approached the second king [E Yue Immortal Monarch].

With the example of the Yellow Robe Primordial Lord before him, E Yue Immortal Monarch naturally had expectations.

Smiling brightly at this Heavenly Plague Blessing General Manager, he assumed he would not be easily fooled like the Yellow Robe Primordial Lord, fearing that ordinary gifts could not win his favor.

As he was contemplating this, in the next moment, his expression changed.

It wasn't anger!

But surprise!

He saw Tao Qian suddenly take out an elixir, immensely familiar to him, from his bosom, with a cool moonlight surging out, and before Tao Qian could speak, E Yue Immortal Monarch called out the name of the elixir.

"Taiyin Soul Extinguishing Immortal Ascension Elixir!"

"Where did you acquire this?"

"Quick, give it to me quickly."

The originally composed E Yue Immortal Monarch was now extremely excited, impatiently standing to receive the spirit pill.

As Tao Qian handed it over, he explained:

"Let it be known to King E Yue, that this little god, to repay the king's kindness for sheltering me, willingly took some risks, and pleaded with [Toad God] for me to seek the treasure of Taiyin."

"At a considerable cost, I finally obtained this elixir."

"Is the king satisfied?"

Before Tao Qian finished speaking, E Yue Immortal Monarch was already nodding frantically.

Swallowing his previous thoughts, he pulled Tao Qian over, as the Yellow Robe Primordial Lord did, with an expression of deep affection, drinking several jars of wine, and continually exclaiming:

"You, junior, are quite thoughtful."

"When this god left Guanghai Palace, except for my personal Great Book, all items related to the Taiyin Star were confiscated by that old rabbit, not leaving a bit for me, much less a supreme treasure such as the [Taiyin Soul Extinguishing Immortal Ascension Elixir], which wasn't originally mine to have."

"I never expected to obtain this elixir while hiding in this realm."

"Wonderful, truly wonderful."

"If I were to consume this elixir, I wonder if the Moon God would be willing to..."

The lament of E Yue Immortal Monarch, most of the gods and demons at the banquet likely heard only as if in a fog, not understanding.

Only the Great Demon Tao knew the whole story.

After hearing it, his belly nearly burst from laughter, and he mocked the fellow in his mind, saying:

"This old, lustful rabbit daredevil, is about to end up with nothing again."

"He has no self-awareness at all, gulping down this [Taiyin Soul Extinguishing Immortal Ascension Elixir], indeed might offer a chance to become the Moon God's concubine, and enjoy a pleasure with a fragment of Taiyin Moon God."

"Unfortunately, Taiyin Moon God has exceedingly high standards, ordinary life couldn't catch his eye."

"Even my true self, known as the number one pretty boy of the Great Abyss, was noticed by the Moon God because of much flaunting, who sent a daughter to deliver an elixir, speaking of mother and daughter jointly enjoying, shameless indeed."

"You, the ugly old rabbit didn't manage to acquire even a single Ascension Elixir in Guanghan Palace, clearly indicating you won't ever win the Moon God's favor."

"Consuming the Immortal Elixir is pointless as well."

These thoughts of Tao Qian also revealed the origins of this Ascension Elixir.

His narrative, naturally false, about requesting the Toad God, was clearly inherited from his true self, Tao Master.

Indeed, at this moment, far away in Penglai Sea's Ascending Immortal Star Acupoint, Tao Qian was watching as his demon child avatar deceived three gods and demons, nearly equivalent to the Daoist Transformation Realm.

At the Yellow Robe Primordial Lord's place, things were fine, since Joyful Demon is precisely the method Secret Demon Child should employ.

Reaching E Yue True Monarch's location, Tao Qian's face turned dark, gritting his teeth, saying:

"This scoundrel, again tarnishing my reputation."

"This Immortal Elixir, along with my real self, has already been registered at [Taiyin Moon God], if you give it to E Yue Immortal Monarch to consume, won't it soon expose my cover...."

Chapter 1019 - The Fourth Master of Ten Thousand Gods Mountain, Returning to Spiritual Mountain to Borrow Buddha Soldiers

Upon hearing the warning from the true self, Tao Buddha's son raised an eyebrow and replied in his heart:

"Do not panic, do not panic. The background of this old lecherous rabbit is already known to me, and it won't take long before it is subdued by the methods I'll employ."

"Moreover, even if the [Taiyin Moon God] truly becomes aware of your presence in the Search God Realm as the Suppressing Evil Tao Master, what of it? At most, He will send another daughter over. If she truly comes, I, the Buddha's son, will receive her myself, be it the Daughter of the Fire God, the Primordial Female Immortal, the Green and White Snakes... I have already experienced such Emotional Tribulations before, and a mere female Rabbit Immortal is no big deal."

"My Ten Thousand Refinement Spirit God Dharma Body is the most robust; I can handle even more."

These three sentences directly rendered Tao Qian speechless.

The temperament of the Demon Child Body is indeed rather indulgent, almost indiscriminately impudent.

While the true self said no more, Tao Buddha's son chuckled and approached the last king, [Baimu Demon Lord].

The latter, along with many gods and demons, and Daoist lineage inheritors at the banquet, also cast curious glances his way.

With examples from the first two, all the demons shared the same thought in their minds when they looked at him:

This Plague God!

Truly impressive.

The General Manager spared no effort to please the three kings, which is only natural, but astonishingly, this fellow completely pinpointed their preferences and managed to procure extraordinarily rare treasures.

Neither a hundred Flower Fairies nor the Taiyin Soul Extinguishing Immortal Ascension Elixir is something an ordinary person could obtain.

These two items also indirectly confirmed that the origins of the Plague God General Manager, as he described them a few days ago, were not lies.

"Among the Great Abyss Gods, the Toad God is considered one of the Innate Gods and Demons with many treasures."

"For the Heavenly Plague Blessing General Manager to be a distant relative of the Toad God and procure these rare items seems quite reasonable."

"But I wonder what this fellow will present to the Baimu Demon Lord? The father of this king is the Innate God and Demon [Primordial Yang Demon God], and there's nothing he hasn't seen. Ordinary items may not please him."

As the crowd of demons grumbled.

Tao Buddha's son approached, but he did not immediately reach into the treasure bag to produce any treasures. Instead, he first cupped his hands and inquired of the Baimu Demon Lord:

"Little God has heard that after the Baimu King entered the world, he made a grand vow to propagate a new race of gods and demons in this realm."

"And it is nearing great success, especially the [Egg People Clan] under the king's command."

"However, creating a new race according to one's own mind is prone to heavenly envy. Therefore, the Egg People Clan lacks the Innate Spiritual Resonance necessary for reproduction. It must be extremely difficult to conceive, and there are many instances of inexplicable premature deaths. Is this not the case?"

Upon hearing these words, the Baimu Demon Lord's face immediately showed displeasure.

The swollen pinkish-white skin instantly turned a shade of crimson, and a hundred evil eyes of gods and demons sparkled coldly.

Everyone knew that this revealed a sore spot for the Baimu Demon Lord, and without a valid explanation, troubles were likely.

Being watched by an Innate God Demon Descendant who could transform at any moment and whose combat power was no weaker than a Daoist Transformation, an ordinary Ultimate Happiness Cultivator would have already broken down. Fortunately, the background of great demon Tao was not insignificant.

Feigning fright, though in reality unconcerned.

Feigning a few shivers, he suddenly cast a spell, summoning an image.

Within it was an exceptionally peculiar Source Sea Divine Qi: thread by thread, resembling slurry and mist, with a milky hue, starlight flashing within it. An indescribable vitality was contained within, making it hard to look away.

At this moment, the enticing voice of great demon Tao sounded again:

"Little God heard of the king's troubles and was sleepless at night. Therefore, I decided to offer all the supplies accumulated over the years to the Toad God and asked my main god to intercede, finally prompting the Toad God to give some advice."

"The Toad God said: Since the king is the son of the [Primordial Yang Demon God], he naturally has the ability to propagate a race, but solitary Yang cannot give birth. Especially the Egg People Clan, being very powerful God Demon Clans, require a certain kind of Source Qi for perfection, which they call..."

"Innate Yin Qi!"

Tao Buddha's son didn't even have to finish; the excited and eager voice of the Baimu Demon Lord preemptively rang out.

This massive fleshy egg couldn't remain seated on the throne, those withered arms reaching outward, instantly appearing in front of Tao Qian, staring intensely at the Source Qi with fervor.

Yearning yet daring not to reach out and touch, lest the illusion shatter.

The piercing, ominous god demon voice, sharp and needle-like, pierced into Tao Qian's mind, resonating throughout the banquet.

"Quick, tell me."

"How can I obtain this [Innate Yin Qi]? If you can truly present it, I will acknowledge you as a brother and make you my father's adopted son."

This statement caused a stir throughout the grand banquet.

All the gods and demons present, even the Yellow Robed Primordial Lord and E Yue Immortal Monarch, looked at Tao Qian with amazement and envy.

Though the Three Demons are sworn brothers, the most formidable in terms of lineage and background is indeed the Baimu Demon Lord.

Primordial Yang Demon God!

That is a being ranked alongside the three supreme of the Daoist, Buddha, Emperor Wa, Chaos Demon Ancestor, Outer Realm Yellow Robe, and other Innate Gods and Demons.

As his biological son, the Baimu Demon Lord has never regarded any force with importance.

If Tao Qian could also become his son, even just an adopted son, he would gain numerous benefits.

Yet, looking at the extraordinarily rare [Innate Yin Qi], the demons thought again and found it reasonable:

"Now everyone on Ten Thousand Gods Mountain knows that the key to Baimu King's Dao attainment lies in whether the Egg People Clan can achieve perfection. If the General Manager can truly find Innate Yin Qi and present it, it's equivalent to assisting Baimu King directly. Such a great favor, becoming sworn brothers, is only natural."

"Even though Baimu King has not attained Dao, his combat power is already infinitely close to Daoist Transformation. If it succeeds, ordinary Daoist Transformation Realms won't stand a chance against him."

Chapter 1020 - The Fourth Master of Ten Thousand Gods Mountain, Returning to Spiritual Mountain to Borrow Buddha Soldiers (Part 2)

"Tsk tsk, this is Innate Yin Qi, which has always been controlled by the lineage of [Doumu Yuanjun]. Only a few powerful gods and demons like Emperor Wa and the Emperor Mother have been able to touch it. The Primordial Yang Demon God is the least likely, as his true form is [Innate Yang Essence], making them natural enemies."

"Can this Plague God General Manager truly summon Innate Yin Qi?"

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Amidst the noise, upon hearing the terms given by Baimu Demon Lord, Great Demon Tao himself was quite tempted.

"Such a big temptation, Primordial Yang's adopted son. If I acquire this identity and go to [Taishang Demon Sect], wouldn't becoming a sect master be within my reach?"

"What a pity, what a pity, I am already set to become the revival master of the Secret Demon. A good woman doesn't serve two husbands."

"Of course, I also cannot truly bring Innate Yin Qi to you. My original form, who is afraid of his wife, would never agree. Besides, if I let you, this big fleshy egg, gain Yin Qi and comprehend the marvels of yin and yang, allowing you to breed a clan of Egg People capable of massive reproduction, it would surely become a major threat to all the human clans in the heavens."

"Helping the enemy is something I definitely cannot do."

Flashing thoughts passed rapidly.

Immediately, Tao Qian's acting skills exploded once again, his unlucky face now gathered with excitement, greed, helplessness, urgency, and other expressions, continuing from his previous words:

"That's right, it's this supreme Wonderful Qi."

"But the king needs to wait a little bit. The Toad God has promised the little god that in ten days to half a month, it will be possible to bypass the Doumu Yuanjun lineage and exchange for some Innate Yin Qi with the clan under Emperor Wa's command."

"Then, as long as the king continues cultivating safely in the Search God Realm, he will surely fulfill his wish."

"Good! Good, good, good!"

"Heavenly Plague Brothers, you truly are remarkable, being able to associate with the Toad God. Such heavenly means, just being a general manager in our modest Ten Thousand Gods Mountain District is truly an underestimation of your talent. As soon as that Innate Yin Qi arrives, you and we four brothers will become sworn brothers. You will become our fourth brother, and we older brothers will take good care of you."

"Not to mention protecting you from the bald-headed monks, whatever you need to prove the Dao in the future, feel free to ask any of the three brothers."

"Big brother, second brother, wouldn't you say the same?"

These bold words immediately made all demons and Tao the Demon Child look at this Baimu Demon Lord in a new light.

It was thought that among the Three Demons, this guy was the least cunning and very honest.

It turns out, this guy was pretending too.

Tao Qian painted such a big cake for him, and he simply returned an even bigger one. Not only did he pretend himself, but he also dragged Yellow Robed Primordial Lord and E Yue Immortal Monarch into it.

But who told the Two Demons to receive great benefits from Tao Qian as well? With mouths full of food and hands softened, they nodded in agreement upon hearing the words.

They came over one after another, together with Baimu Demon Lord, and started addressing Tao Qian as brother, wildly drinking.

The other gods and demons saw Tao Qian smoothly promoted, about to be elevated from [Heavenly Plague Blessing General Manager] to [Fourth Master of Ten Thousand Gods Mountain], and they all came to offer drinks and flattery, the atmosphere was extremely wonderful.

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Poor the Three Demons, how could they know that the Plague God, indulgent and carefree, who is hugging the Fox God, Charming God, and other female gods and demons in revelry, was carefully observing the detailed records bursting in his mind at this moment.

Among them, all the secrets pertain to them.

Ordinary backgrounds or divine skills are no longer of interest to Tao Qian.

What truly concerned Great Demon Tao were the bottom-line divine powers of the Three Demons.

At other times, it couldn't be seen through, but now, with the Three Demons being so buddy-buddy, almost wearing the same pants, the remaining defenses couldn't resist Tao Qian's abnormal soul's probing.

In the distant Penglai Sea, Tao Qian's original form watched as the demon child used this way of spying, and couldn't help but praise:

"This Demon Child acts so wantonly, it certainly is convenient. These Three Demons are all peerless in divine skills; if they fight without restraint, even if I were to intervene, I wouldn't fare much better."

"Now that the Demon Child has set his sights on them and deceived them, it won't be long before they're finished."

These words of Tao Master seemed like a prophecy.

The Demon Child reveled with the demons on the mountain for several days in succession, getting each of them drunk, then quietly summoned the Three Body Demons from the Ten Thousand Demon Gourd to replace himself.

Afterwards, he slipped down from Ten Thousand Gods Mountain and fled to Tang Country.

Upon entering the territory, he transformed, and the "Peach Blossom Buddha's son," who had visited not long ago with ostentatious misconduct, appeared once more.

He made his way smoothly to Spiritual Mountain, where he met the old acquaintance Jin Tuo Monk in the Zen courtyard.

Jin Tuo Monk seemed surprised by the return visit of the disciple of the Saint Monk, calling out with a grin: "Nephew, instead of waiting out your Emotion Tribulation in your Peach Blossom temple, why have you come to our Spiritual Mountain again? Are you perhaps here to drink with the Eight Heavenly Dragons and White Dragon Venerable?"

At this moment, Tao Qian was indeed reeking of alcohol, perhaps due to drunken misconduct, or maybe to express familiarity and let this particularly special elder know that he was an ally.

With a grin on his face, he approached and grabbed Jin Tuo Monk's wrist, then exclaimed:

"If it's drinking and feasting you're after, I must first seek out Senior Jin Tuo."

"I've come to Spiritual Mountain for important Demon Suppression matters. There's currently a rare opportunity that occurs once in a hundred years. With the assistance of Spiritual Mountain, we could decisively bring down the Three Kingdoms of Liao, Qi, and Wei, rescuing over a hundred million humans

living in those lands from peril. I hope the senior can mediate and not let the Three Demons escape this tribulation."

"Oh? I'm somewhat aware of the situations in the Three Kingdoms of Liao, Qi, and Wei. The rulers are the [Yellow Robed Primordial Lord], [E Yue Immortal Monarch], and [Baimu Demon Lord], each a formidable diety with extraordinary roots and deep Taoist power. They are close to stepping into the Daoist Transformation Realm, especially the Baimu Demon Lord, whose father is an Innate God Demon and is quite formidable."

"Moreover, I've heard that these Three Demons have already allied with each other, so dividing forces to attack them is no longer feasible. How could you dare claim you can take down the Three Demons in one fell swoop?"

This was precisely the question Tao Qian was waiting for. Hearing it, he immediately responded, recounting his recent actions in full detail.

The more Jin Tuo Monk listened, the brighter his Buddha-like eyes became.

Especially when he heard that this fellow had infiltrated Ten Thousand Gods Mountain as a spy, and was soon to mix into the position of Four Masters, he couldn't help but laugh.

The next moment, he also heard a very heavy secret:

"Just so you are aware, the Three Demons were deceived by me, regarded me as a brother, and with my secret techniques, I have already unearthed the origins of their mightiest divine skills and their most treasured possessions."

"Firstly, the Yellow Robed Primordial Lord. After failing in the fight for Kui Star Lord, he deceitfully siphoned off at least one-tenth of the Kui Star Power, storing it within his body's source aperture. He can unleash it in emergencies to perform a divine skill [Great Cycle Kui Star Chongdu Divine Skill], which is immensely potent. Moreover, he has hidden a treasure called [Relic Bead Exquisite Inner Elixir], which, when worn, renders the wearer immune to all techniques and frees them from all calamities. Clearly, this item is a Buddhist treasure; I have no idea from where he stole it."

"Next, E Yue Immortal Monarch, who was once a subordinate under the Innate God Demon Taiyin Moon God. Unfortunately, he indulged in his lewd desires and attempted to violate the Moon God, leading to his expulsion from Guanghai Palace. Although his Taoist power exceeds that of the Yellow Robed Primordial Lord, he lacks such formidable divine skills as the Chongdu Divine Skill. However, caution is advised as he harbors a secret treasure known as [Jade Fire Clamps]. Though it sounds unremarkable, it is actually a miraculous treasure from Emperor Wa Palace, requiring careful handling."

"Lastly, there is Baimu Demon Lord, who boasts the most impressive background, strongest backing, and deepest mana. Even in a fight against true Daoist Transformation Realm foes, he'd hold his own, and could summon the aid of his father [Primordial Yang Demon God] at any time. He possesses many treasures, some comparable to the Exquisite Inner Elixir and Jade Fire Clamps."

"Yet this fellow has one fatal weakness—his obsession with attaining Daoist Transformation profoundly tied to the Egg People Clan."

"By exploiting this vicious race, we can break the Demon Lord's divine skills... At worst, we can drive him out of the Search God Realm."

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By the time Tao Qian finished speaking, a smile had already appeared on Jin Tuo Monk's face, his eyes shining brightly, and he praised:

"Nephew's techniques are extraordinary! The Saint Monk has indeed accepted a good disciple."

"Since you've already thoroughly investigated, I presume you've also planned which Bodhisattvas and Arhats to borrow from Spiritual Mountain to counter the Three Demons."

With this said, even Great Demon Tao couldn't help but smile, nodding in agreement.