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Oath
As Tao Qian's final words fell, he had already fled the battlefield, leaving no trace behind.
Even the captive Lord Red Rope could not help but curse at this moment:
"Shameless Secret Demon Child, escaping to the ends of the earth is useless. I have transmitted your features and aura back to my Lord's Divine Country. Once you leave the Search God Realm, you will surely be captured by the Red Rope, your life and death out of your control."
After expressing his anger, the lord turned to Fish Basket Guanyin, disregarding the piercing pain from the Female Bodhisattva's killing intent, and said in a serious tone:
"Bodhisattva, let us not act rashly. Unlike the Heavenly Talisman Great Saint, my backing is far more formidable, even the Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva would have to fear my lord to some extent."
"Moreover, I still have strength left. If the Bodhisattva truly wishes to kill me, it would take at least a day or two of battle, by which time that little demon would have long escaped to who knows where."
"How about this, spare my life, and I will accompany the Bodhisattva to hunt down that Secret Demon Child, what do you say?"

Lord Red Rope's words were indeed logical and convincing.
But for someone like Fish Basket Guanyin, whose killing nature was overwhelming, it was not so easy to persuade, leaving them in a dilemma.
While the incarnations of Red Rope and Fish Basket were in a stalemate, Tao Qian returned to Langya County.
He appeared to be fleeing, yet he walked leisurely without any panic.
It's no wonder, after all, the Divination Worm was thriving wildly within the borders of Liang Country, and everything that changed was within his perception.
Instead of escaping, it was better to stay in Liang Country and contend with Fish Basket Guanyin. It wasn't difficult to preserve his life, and killing her in return wasn't impossible either.
Of course, there was another reason for not leaving Liang Country: the urgency to refine treasures.
"I've been in this realm for many days, dodging and maneuvering, only regaining my cultivation, while busy feeding that fool."

"This time, it's only fair that I, Great Demon Tao, gain some progress."
As he muttered to himself, Tao Qian waved his hand, and before him appeared pieces of magical fish meat, as large as mountains, completely black yet shimmering with endless fluorescence.
Simply put, it was the flesh and blood of the Heavenly Talisman Great Saint.
The Source Sea Demon Dog forcibly snatched it from Fish Basket Guanyin.
Ten breaths later, it was taken forcefully by Tao Qian from the dog's mouth.
Poor these Demon Dogs!
Previously, under "Tao Qian's Body, Subduing Evil True Monarch," they were untamed and untrainable, but the True Monarch was kind-hearted and would at least give them a full meal.
Now, having fallen into the hands of the Demon Child, they have become tool dogs entirely.
Used when needed, called good doggies, and after use, knocked unconscious by the Toad God Seal, all benefits taken away—they are worse off than those Outer Realm Demons, truly miserable.

Looking at the sky full of God Demon flesh and blood, Tao Buddha's son was in a great mood, carefully observing while clicking his tongue in admiration:
"Each piece of flesh has been purified of filth, leaving only the purest source Qi of Emperor Heavenly Talisman, dispelling sickness and capturing toxins, without any taboos good meat, good meat indeed."
"Although the Heavenly Talisman Great Saint is not renowned among the Source Sea Gods, the Great Dao he cultivates is the rightful path. If he could ruthlessly cut away all his filthy incarnations, he might progress further."
"However, he has been refining plague poisons and filth for tens of thousands of years; it would be hard for him to sever that, even if he knows the way forward, he is powerless."
"This time, it benefits me."
"Refining treasures?"
"Or alchemy?"
Looking at the fluorescent God Demon flesh and blood, Tao Qian pondered.

He originally thought that the first benefit he would gain in the Search God Realm should be the local spiritual materials and provisions.
Unexpectedly, he obtained the corpse of an outsider, stolen from Fish Basket Guanyin.
The flesh and blood of a God Demon Body!
In the Source Sea, it's also well-known as a good material.
He needs to refine it quickly to avoid complications.
In the blink of an eye, Tao Qian made a decision.
"If the true body were here, alchemy would be easy, one mouthful of True Fire of Suppressing Evil would suffice."
"But I can't achieve that, those little things don't obey me."
"Fortunately, I, the Demon Child, am a prodigious talent. Since alchemy won't work, I'll just refine a treasure, it might even be better."

With his thoughts settled, Tao Qian immediately pulled out the Ten Thousand Demon Name List from his personal treasure bag.
Refining treasures and tools is an extremely profound art; an ordinary cultivator might not achieve success even in a lifetime. Tao Buddha's son, while sweet-talking and indulging in impertinent affairs, was not skilled in such serious arts.
Luckily, he had a clever method to resort to.
In the Heavenly Demon Realm, among the myriad demons of All Heavens, there is a powerful Demon Lord who governs all demons.
His name is called Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord.
It is said that he was an "Artisan Demon" who attained the Dao, cultivated for more than a hundred thousand years, and finally became a Demon Lord.
His Dao Path lies precisely in the art of refining treasures.
And to advance further, after attaining the Dao, Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord declared to all heavens:

He is willing to take refining orders from all sectors of the Great Abyss, as long as the price is paid, summoning him can have a Demon Lord specialized in refining treasures create a Magical Treasure for oneself.
Who can refuse such a wonderful thing?
Of course, ordinary cultivators or even some talents of Daoist Lineages cannot afford the price and cannot summon him.
Even a Secret Demon Child like Tao Qian would typically need to prepare well for over a decade to possibly summon the incarnation or part of the limbs of the Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord to aid him.
However, Tao Buddha's son had another sublime method, greatly increasing his chances.
Just see Tao Qian first move a thought, flipping the name list to the Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord, ther meticulously following the method written there:
Write a "Secret Demon Chapter" containing spiritual materials, requirements, the current world, willing payment and so on, and then summon the Demon Flame to ignite it, transmitting it to the Heavenly Furnace Demon Realm.
This, is the normal procedure.

If the Demon Lord is willing to accept, he will naturally descend.
A few moments later, Tao Qian did not see any trace of the Demon Lord, only receiving a cold response: "The journey is long, spiritual materials are commonplace, the reward is meager, not accepting."
These few words left Tao Qian speechless.
However, thinking about the status of the Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord, ordinary refined magical treasures might need to be of higher level. Although the blood and flesh of the Heavenly Talisman Great Saint is considered rare, it might not catch the eye of this Demon Lord.
Tao Qian anticipated this, and with a light chuckle, he immediately wrote another Secret Demon Chapter.
This time, it did not contain those verbose requests.
Instead, it was quite brief, but for the Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord, it was an infinitely tempting phrase:
"Let it be known to the Demon Lord, I am the Ancestral Land Secret Demon Child, currently competing as the Secret Demon Revival Master with support from many Demon Lord mentors. If I succeed, I can allow the Demon Lord to participate in the creation of the Secret Demon Supreme Treasure [All Heavens Secret Demon Nest]"

Clearly, the Great Demon Tao intends to use the same trick again.
When he first entered the world, he used this "Big Pancake Technique" to successfully persuade the Innate God and Demon Yin Yang Elder to voluntarily bestow treasures and protection. This time, he set his sights on the Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord.
Though the Demon Lord's status isn't low, it is essentially an Outer Realm Heaven Demon.
In the eyes of those formidable ancestors in the Secret Demon Sect, it is considered a powerful prey that can be captured, and under normal circumstances, would not be allowed to get involved in the construction of the All Heavens Secret Demon Nest.
At this moment, Tao Qian had no certainty, but it did not hinder him from drawing a big picture to entice the Demon Lord to place his bet.
As for the price?
This matter has never been a concern for the Great Demon Tao.
What he manipulates is indeed the cost.
Sure enough, as soon as the Secret Demon Chapter burned.

Only after ten breaths, the heavens and earth trembled, and a huge shadow suddenly descended.
The entity appeared like a giant copper furnace, but with a body of flesh and blood, legs as pillars, arms as knobs, a demon head as the lid, the heavens and earth collected within its belly, and demon fire burning within
Even with just a faint glance, Tao Qian immediately felt the punishment of being burned by Heavenly Fire, his flesh and blood withered, and his eyes were scorched blind by poison smoke.
Fortunately, the giant soon realized and dispersed the pollution on its own.
In its eyes, no sight of the Heavenly Talisman Great Saint's flesh and blood could be seen, only staring at the Great Demon Tao, after examining him briefly, it commented:
"Dao cultivation is acceptable, heavy with karmic ties, indeed connected with many Secret Demon ancestors, the identity of Ancestral Land Secret Demon Child is true."
"Under his command are a million demons, capable of binding the Source Sea Demon Dog, possessing such fine items as the All Heavens Demon Net, more rare is the ability to conquer the Evil-slaying Sword Hmm, not bad, not bad, no wonder he has the confidence to sit in that position."
This was also deliberately arranged by Tao Qian, as he intended to deceive, naturally, he had to put on a grand display; otherwise, how could he gain people's trust?

Therefore, before the Demon Lord's arrival, he intentionally posed in an impressive manner.
Now observing, the Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord indeed took the bait.
While he was being scrutinized, timely secret knowledge from the Divination Worm emerged in his mind:
"This is the belly of the Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord!"
"In order to arrive at the Search God Realm as quickly as possible, this demon took a risk using secret techniques, traversing the Source Sea to come."

"In such a hurry to come, wouldn't it be a shame not to take advantage?"
This was the thought in Tao Qian's heart, yet his face was full of flattery.
Then, smiling, he responded to the Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord:



After several rounds of negotiations between the Demon Child and the Demon Lord, an agreement was finally reached.
"That's them, as the Ancestral Land Demon Child, I've had an impeccable reputation since my debut, never having any blemish"
"Haha, who in the Great Abyss doesn't know? Secret Demon Child promises are untrustworthy."
"The first time is unfamiliar, the second time is better acquainted, if we come and go a few more times, accumulating some causal ties, I will definitely take an oath and invite a group of ancestors to witness."
"Hmph, unwilling to swear promises, yet wanting treasures, is there such a good thing in the world?"
"No, no, refining a treasure once is not worth a junior's oath, you must know that oaths cannot be taker lightly, the ancestors are all watching."
"This flesh and blood seem like the avatar's flesh of that 'Emperor Heavenly Talisman' bastard, infused with Divine Origin Qi, containing some Great Dao Essence, definitely capable of refining something decent, but for a fair trade, your thin wealth would require several years to accumulate enough compensation."

First, the Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord laughed heartily and said in a loud voice:
"Good! I will trust you once, and without any compensation, refine treasures for you three times in exchange for an oath."
"On the day you take over the Secret Demon Sect, you must allow me to enter the Secret Demon Nest. If you fail to ascend, you will need to come to my Heavenly Furnace Demon Realm and serve as a Fire Burning Demon Official for five hundred years before gaining freedom."
Upon hearing this, Tao Qian also laughed heartily.
Then, just like when he first entered the world, he solemnly made a Daoist oath:
"Rest assured senior, I promise that if I, Tao Qian, can take the position of Sect Master, there must be a place for senior in the [All Heavens Secret Demon Nest], and senior is free to observe the many secrets within."
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The Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord heard the vow and was overjoyed.
He thought this time he had struck gold; just three free treasure refinings in exchange for a significant promise from the future Revival Master of the Secret Demon Sect.

Even if the Secret Demon Child before him met misfortune and failed to ascend, it still wouldn't be a loss. After all, as a Talent Secret Demonic Child, capturing him to serve as a "Fire Burning Official" for five hundred years far exceeds the price of three treasure refinings.
The Demon Lord planned well, but he still fell into Great Demon Tao's cunning trap.
This one had thoughts swirling in his head, secretly musing:
"The infinite spiritual materials needed for this treasure from the All Heavens Secret Demon Nest, apart from the remnants of nearly shattered worlds like the Search God Realm, also require the flame divine objects and myriad artisan life forms During the last forging of the Demon Nest, numerous ancestors captured a large number of 'Flame Demons' and 'Artisan Demons' to fill the core apertures of the Demon Nest."
"The Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord possesses both traits and has always been a target for capture by the ancestors, but as he had also attained the Dao, hiding in the Heavenly Demon Great Realm, it's impossible to catch him unless the ancestors all step forward."
"If success comes one day, luring him with just a single avatar into the Demon Nest might leave many subsequent troubles. Using this vow as a lure, I should refine both his true body and the entire Heavenly Furnace Demon Realm into the Secret Demon Nest. He wants me as a fire-stoker, and I want to turn him into a fireplace; our thoughts are mutual."
"Let's see what kind of treasure this old demon can craft for me."

As these thoughts concluded, the Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord, having received the promise, began refining the treasure.
He often tempered treasures for the Source Sea Gods, having seen all kinds of rare spiritual materials. The blood and flesh of the Heavenly Talisman Great Saint seemed ordinary to him, far from surprising.
Suddenly he opened his mouth and inhaled; like a storm sweeping through clouds, he drew chunks of mountainous flesh into his belly.
There, as the furnace door opened, it immediately reflected the inner scene.
Tao Qian, with keen eyesight, at once saw that within the belly of the Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord, apart from countless inter-realm spiritual fires, there resided millions of 'Artisan Demons', 'Flame Demons', 'Power Demons', and other Outer Realm Heavenly Demons related to forging.
In other places, these demons could wreak havoc, and a Demon Cultivator summoning even one would carefully tend to it for rewards.
But alas, here they were reduced to "Working Demons," bound within the belly of the old Heavenly Furnace demon, branded with numerous demonic runes, exploited recklessly, likely without any compensation, quite pathetic.

Tao Qian saw this clearly, and the million-strong army of demons under his command also saw it clearly. The strict military discipline immediately dissolved, and mocking comments spewed from these pampered demons:
"Wow, so many fellow natives; what happened to them? They all look awful, their aura weak, their Demon Thoughts not strong, quite pitiable."
"Hush, they're just pitiful demons, don't laugh at them."
"Alas, we Outer Realm Demons look fierce, but in reality, we bully weak life forms and suffer when we encounter strong ones."
"Isn't that the truth? The worst is when a clansman attains the Dao, knowing our roots, exploiting us ruthlessly, leaving no path to survival."
"Seems like our Master is the best, kind and honest, prepaying us before work, occasionally rewarding us with good demon pills; the Substitute Demon that followed Master first has not only ascended early to become a Three Body Demon but has completed a task and is nearly attaining the Dao, making demons quite envious"
The Outer Realm Heavenly Demons communicated through Demon Thoughts.
The chatter of these demons turned into a storm, pouring into the belly of the Heavenly Furnace.

Instantly inciting unrest among the previously numb and stagnant Artisan Demons and Flame Demons inside, as a riot seemed imminent, suddenly the furnace world shook violently, exotic fires sprang forth, pervasive; before the furnace door closed again, a roar suppressing millions of demons echoed:
"Open the furnace!"
"Refine the treasure!"
The old Heavenly Furnace Demon, having attained the Dao, naturally possessed the divine power of Saying and Following.
Even if the millions of demons were unwilling, once the branded demonic runes lit up, they had to obediently begin working.
Soon after, the furnace door opened again, spraying forth treasure light.
A parasol-shaped treasure flew out, unfurling in mid-air.
It appeared to be a gigantic parasol seemingly made from tanned human skin, with the canopy covered in Plague-collecting and Poison-seizing Secret Rune Divine Spells, and the ribs pure white and immaculate, capable of repelling all-world plague and poison, containing a small secret realm within it that cleanses all filth and subdues all evil wherever it goes.

The old Heavenly Furnace Demon seemed quite satisfied with this treasure, yet introduced it in an offhand manner:
"This treasure is named the Plague God Umbrella, tempered from the Heavenly Talisman's blood and flesh, Divine Origin Qi, and Great Dao essence. Not only is it indestructible, but it can also collect all world's plague toxins."
"Within the parasol is a small inner world brimming with the Seizing Plague and Poison Origin Qi refined by the Heavenly Talisman Great Emperor. Combined with the Plague God Exorcism Spell on the canopy, it can be used for offense or defense."
"You, Secret Demon Child, have quite the fortune; this treasure is already top-grade, very versatile."
After the introduction, the old demon closed the belly furnace door again.
He cast spells to escape outside the realm, and before leaving, he nagged Tao Qian:
"Remember, you only have three treasure refining opportunities, and regardless of whether you use them all, once you become the Secret Demon Sect Master, you must fulfill your promise and allow me unrestricted viewing within the All Heavens Secret Demon Nest."
"Additionally, you young one should properly teach your subordinates; your million Heavenly Demons have been spoiled rotten by you, with no respect for hierarchy, what a disgrace."

Tao Qian listened to this, smiling, as he watched the old Heavenly Furnace demon depart.
Soon after, he mentally criticized the old demon with no reservations while looking at the Plague God Umbrella with glee.
"Hehe, the old demon is truly shameless, being an 'Artisan Demon' who serendipitously attained the Dao, yet after climbing to a high position, not only does he not help his clansmen but oppresses them worse, including the related Flame Demons, Blood Demons, Spirit Demons among these Heavenly Demon races."
"Overexploitation will lead to rebound eventually, yet he has the face to critique my demon-leading techniques."
"Being forthright, prepaying rewards, the Drawing Pie Skill, mixing favor with authority which of these is not more brilliant than you?"
"However, your refining methods are indeed exceptional."
Upon speaking this last line, Tao Qian reached to capture the Plague God Umbrella.
In the blink of an eye, he refined it, fully understanding its nature and usage.
Immediately, he beamed with joy, praised:

"Capable of attack and defense, it can even perform large-scale group Divine Skills, truly a wonderful treasure."
"The first gain after entering the realm, extremely satisfying."
As they say, blessings bring disaster, and just as Tao Qian was rejoicing, feeling relaxed with the Divination Worm as his major reliance.
Who would have expected that with this slight relaxation, disaster would strike unexpectedly.
He didn't even have time to open the Plague God Umbrella to experience its power.
The mind suddenly became drowsy, and then a familiar gentle voice called out: "Junior Tao, Junior Tao"
Tao Qian instinctively opened his eyes to see, and the flickering light and shadow before him indeed revealed a woman walking out.

This woman wore a wide robe with large sleeves, extraordinarily beautiful with an innate grace. Although she appeared pale, as if gravely injured, that unmistakably familiar spiritual resonance could not be faked.
Great Demon Tao, who is also Tao Qian, was utterly certain at this moment:
This woman is precisely Xie Lingji.
Or rather, she must be one of Xie Lingji's avatars.
Just as he was confidently about to act, the woman's figure dissipated like an illusion, followed by an overwhelming sense of impending crisis that made Tao Qian's heart skip a beat.
At a second glance, the world had truly changed in appearance.
White flesh surged, and red ropes fell like rain.
The wild laughter of Lord Red Rope echoed:
"Hahaha So that's how it is, this Secret Demon Child actually went to the Daoist sect as a spy and seemed to have fallen in love with a Daoist fairy because of it."

"Immortal and demon are different, such karma is destined to be a fateful bond. Witnessing such a grand scene was worth the cost of depleting my original essence to cast a forbidden technique to frame you."
Before this fellow's laughter could resound.
The world shifted once more, and a fish-basket phantom flew in, capturing this small world completely within it.
Then those terrifying "Heavenly Intent Killing Needles" fell like raindrops, seizing the moment of Tao Qian's hesitation to fully pierce his body.
Fish Basket Guanyin's true form, teleported over.
With a hundred arms moving in unison, many killing divine weapons struck down upon Tao Qian, who was nailed like a dead fish.
Good Bodhisattva!
Not a single wasted word.

It seemed she took the previous lessons to heart, seizing the opportunity of the ambush to first skin and dismember Tao Qian, then attend to other matters later.
Up until this moment, the "prediction and warning" from the Divination Worm finally tardily appeared in Tao Qian's mind:
"Lord Red Rope has convinced Fish Basket Guanyin to temporarily spare Him and used a secret technique to communicate, deducing you possess foreknowledge-type divine power and exotic skill."
"Fish Basket Guanyin first cast a secret technique to obscure heavenly mechanisms for three instants, then Lord Red Rope depleted more than half of his original essence, also casting the divine power forbidden technique 'Destiny Karma Body Observation Divine Spell.'"
"This spell has significant origins, being one of [Red Rope God's] attained divine skills, able to remotely summon the karmic body of any lifeform's fateful bond, causing all observers to temporarily lose their heart soul and all perception."
"The divine spell ranks extremely high, and with Red Rope God communicating across all heavens and examining the Source Sea, it genuinely captured a wisp of an aura from Xie Lingji's eighth avatar shell, manifesting as a phantom descending upon this realm."
"Came and went swiftly, known only by the name Liu Yupu, gravely injured, whereabouts unknown."
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"Worm, you misled me, too late to say now."
Nailed alive onto the ground, Great Demon Tao shouted inwardly while immediately casting to struggle and counterattack.
Although there was only an instant of spare time, it was sufficient for him to utilize various measures.
First came a whistle, and dozens of Source Sea Demon Dogs instantly leapt out, half to entangle Fish Basket Guanyin, the other half planning to grab Tao Qian and flee. Though unable to carry away the whole body nailed down, they could dismantle the head, limbs, and torso to carry separately, reassembling them with spells later.
Unfortunately, this trick was ineffective.
Fish Basket Guanyin evidently learned from past lessons, seemingly putting in more effort and bringing in more divine origin qi and divine demon clans from the main body.
With an angry shout, tens of thousands of evil ghosts from the [Bodhisattva Group] capable of at least the Hundred People Slaughter and Thousand People Slaughter surged out, employing a human wave tactic to hold back all the demon dogs.
She saw also the million demon heads under Tao Qian's command rushing forward shouting "Save the master", and with her dharma body's hundred heads and thousand arms moving simultaneously, vast

divine skills and exotic skills, as well as killing demon soldiers, swept forth, temporarily isolating even the million demons.
Another sound came from behind his head, wind approaching once more.
The Bodhisattva was amused with anger, scolding: "Good demon child, such a vile trick, where can it fool me a second time."
With these words, her main head suddenly twisted, using her face to forcibly strike the [Ten Thousand Desires Yin Yang Pillow], though it bashed her head bleeding, it avoided the disgraceful fate of falling into the ephemeral dream.
Despite having all his consecutive moves resolved, this did not stop Great Demon Tao from exerting his remaining strength, hurling the Evil-slaying Sword at Fish Basket Guanyin.
Then the demon sound rolled and echoed throughout the scene:
"Good Bodhisattva!"
"Though you cultivate a contrary Buddhist law, you are nonetheless a Buddha."
"Therefore, this time, you shall receive one 'Destroying Buddha' from me!"

Before the words finished, the sea-like sword intent entirely targeting the Buddhist sect aura was already unleashed.
The vast Fish Basket Secret Realm was filled with the Destroying Buddha Sword Qi.
But what surprised Tao Qian was, the next instant he heard not the anguished howls of Fish Basket Guanyin, but rather those of another, Lord Red Rope.
His pale white flesh, bound by endless red ropes, was forcibly pulled over by Fish Basket Guanyin to block before the sword intent.
Having cast a forbidden technique, he was extremely weak, incapable of even a struggle.
Though the Destroying Buddha Sword Intent did not specifically target Lord Red Rope.
Yet such a grand and ferocious sword technique struck him, unable to resist further, after a wail, he perished in an utterly straightforward manner.
This also meant that the domain demon god, Red Rope God, has lost all his investments in the Search God Realm.

And Great Demon Tao, for the first time, felt a sense of his own skills reaching their limits.
Seeing Fish Basket Guanyin swallow the thoroughly deceased Lord Red Rope into her abdomen, then come towards himself, he couldn't help but want to shout:
"I am doomed!"
Chapter 953 Guanyin Master Weaves the Red Thread, Fish-basket Beauty Marries as Wife
After entering the Search God Realm, the Divination Worm frequently assisted Tao Qian, unfailingly successful.
Who would have anticipated that before the little worm had fully matured, it would still be susceptible to some Exotic Skills' deceptions.
The Fish Basket Guanyin, as one of the Avatars of the Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva, must have cultivated the Buddhist Law that conceals the Heavenly Mechanism.
Taking this opportunity, Lord Red Rope launched a Forbidden Technique surprise attack, causing the Demon Child to lose focus for an instant, finally nailing this extremely slippery big fish firmly onto the chopping board.
A perfectly benign Bodhisattva, now truly murderous.

A hundred twisted and terrifying heads, smiling grimly, with a thousand arms wielding Divine Weapons, rushed forward.
Seeing this form, it seemed intent on gutting Tao Qian alive, to devour him whole.
The Great Demon Tao shouted, "Woe is me!" while struggling desperately.
The combo of Magical Treasure and Divine Power, first activated and gathering demon pets, was all resolved, so he quickly changed his thoughts and released the newly acquired treasure, the Plague God Umbrella.
This umbrella excels at collecting plagues and toxins, but alas, Fish Basket Guanyin is not of the plague or poison type.
Fortunately, the umbrella conceals a Source Qi of plague toxins; once released, it can turn into an astonishingly foul stench.
Sure enough, as soon as he concentrated, the umbrella opened, and the Source Qi surged, immediately transforming into an enormous turbid yellow sea of clouds, enveloping the Fish Basket Guanyin within.
Ordinary Cultivators, God Demon Clans, and even God Demon Avatars, struck by such a blow, might not survive without shedding a layer of skin, with endless troubles afterwards, Dharma Body decaying, Heart Soul besieged, taking thousands of years to heal.

But Fish Basket Guanyin was different.
From within the murky cloud sea, a mocking voice came:
"You have some tricks for a little demon, turning the remains of that Heavenly Talisman Great Saint into a Magical Treasure within a few dozen breaths, surely with the help of that simple-minded Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord."
"But such filthy things, how can they affect me?"
"My title is Fish Basket, but I'm not an empty basket. This treasure was born with me, capable of holding the Four Seas Water, refined into 'Killing Fluid,' not only these plague clouds, but even if you summon Samadhi True Fire and Six Yang Immortal Flames, they will be extinguished by me."
As he spoke, Fish Basket Guanyin demonstrated her Divine Skills again.
With the sound of rushing water, suddenly there was a thunderous roar between heaven and earth, water mountains and jade waves, coming with a sky-full of killing intent.
In an instant, the cloud that could cover mountains and vast cities was washed away cleanly, not a trace of filth or plague being left, all purified.

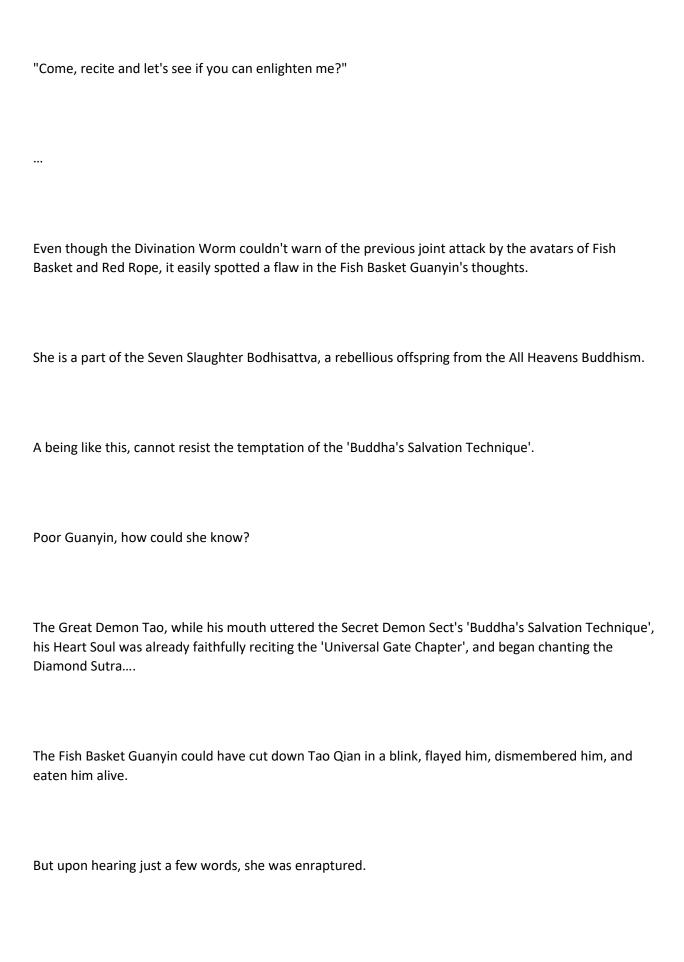
Indeed, the previous Heavenly Talisman Great Saint couldn't withstand even a few moves from Fish Basket Guanyin.
Now his blood-refined Magical Treasure was even more vulnerable against this Bodhisattva, buying Tao Qian only the brief time of two breaths.
It's not that the Heavenly Talisman Great Saint was too weak, but between these two God Demon Avatars, the Heavenly Talisman was utterly restrained by the Fish Basket.
Luckily, the Great Demon Tao had anticipated this, and immediately followed up with calling out the All Heavens Demon Net.
Seizing the moment when the Bodhisattva was casting, the Demon Net unfolded, with forty thousand Hunger Demons roaring up, each pulling Demon Ropes, igniting Demon Flames, binding Fish Basket Guanyin tightly in an instant.
This treasure is extremely sinister.
Once touched, the invisible Demon Flames burn madly, but the most terrifying aspect is that the forty thousand Hunger Demons transform into tiny germs, invading the Buddha body Dharma Body, gnawing at the flesh, devouring the internal organs.
Years ago, when the Secret Demon Sect was besieged, this treasure killed more than one Arhat, making it highly renowned.

Even a Great Divine Power like Fish Basket Guanyin would need time to break free.
At this moment, Tao Qian thought again, planning to have the Evil-slaying Sword cut open those Heavenly Intent Killing Needles for a chance to escape.
Yet, an unexpected change occurred in an instant:
Fish Basket Guanyin evidently bore intense hatred for this Secret Demon Child.
Though caught in the All Heavens Demon Net, she was unwilling to give even a sliver of life.
Allowing the Demon Net to bind her into a jumbled mess, the forty thousand Hunger Demons crazily burrowing into her body, the Demon Flames burning, she strode on the ground, sneering:
"No matter how many divine skills or fierce treasures the Secret Demon Child has, they're useless."
"By the time I flay you alive, those Hunger Demons will have been tamed by my body's killing intent, advancing to become Killing Demons under my control."
"Let's see what other means you might have?"

This scene seemed to completely cut off Tao Qian's path of escape.
Having lost the initiative, no matter how cunning and slippery he might be, it was indeed difficult to act effectively.
He could only glance at the sky, secretly determined:
"The Search God Realm is indeed perilous; I barely entered and already provoked a formidable adversary."
"It seems only by having the Divination Worm act, though it will consume the nutrients and secrets it devoured, allowing the Heavenly Chaotic Destiny Divine Spell to be cast once. Once this spell is unleashed, my enemy will instantly become the enemy of heaven and earth, with all manner of heavenly punishments and misfortunes descending, possibly summoning a powerful God Demon out of nowhere to devour this Bodhisattva."
"But in doing so, the worm will lose its essence, and maturing will require enduring numerous hardships and setbacks, such a cost is truly great."
"It's also my true body to blame, you Lord Suppressing Evil True Monarch, worrying about face, fearing trouble at the rear, thus putting me in such peril. If the promised reinforcements don't come, I will abandon this task of trial and cultivation for you"

Good people aren't meant to be missed, as soon as Tao Child said this.
Across all realms, the true body's instructions came immediately:
"You are me, and I am you; this task you cannot abandon."
"The matter of reinforcements has not been forgotten. Daoist Mingzhen has personally gone to Guanyin Temple and has already invited Guanyin Master to act, but due to the unique customs of the Search God Realm, you must first complete the ritual of inviting the Bodhisattva to gain this great assistance."
"Remember, first chant the Universal Gate Chapter, then the Diamond Sutra, lastly the Sutra of the Lotus of the Dharma. With heart and mind, the Great Master will send an avatar to the world, assisting you in capturing the Fish Basket Guanyin."
The true body and the avatar are one person, such thoughts are known instantly.
Though a Secret Demon Child chanting Buddhist scriptures might seem absurd, he has always been fearless in matters of benefit.
Yet time is of the essence, not a breath can be wasted.

To gain more breathing space, Tao Qian continued casting, rummaging treasures from his personal treasure bag to hinder Fish Basket Guanyin's ferocious and unruly Dharma Body, that could tread mountains, seize sun and moon, while simultaneously bluffing:
"Bodhisattva, don't be hasty. I know you're eager to kill me, but before that, dare you have a duel with me?"
"I've nearly exhausted my Divine Power Treasures, but I still have one spell left, called 'Secret Demon Magic Skill of Buddha Transformation'. I'll recite it for you."
"Either I enlighten you, or gift you this Exotic Skill."
Tao Qian's words made the Fish Basket Guanyin indeed pause.
Still approaching, but obviously much slower, she sneered again:
"This Secret Skill is indeed one I've heard of, a core Exotic Skill of your Secret Demon Sect, and you dare offer it to me, not afraid of losing both wife and soldiers?"
"I forgot, someone like you, a little demon, would grasp at any chance of survival at any cost, disregarding everything else."



Her eyes lit up even brighter, her steps slowed.
What should have been a moment's breath was dragged out by Tao Qian into several.
She found herself multitasking, nearly completing both chants at once.
Enlightenment?
That was impossible; for the Buddha's Salvation Technique to succeed, the conditions are extremely harsh, let alone against a God Demon's avatar. Reciting once or even nagging a thousand or ten thousand times by her ear wouldn't shake her Heart Soul a bit.
The effect of the recital was equivalent to imparting one of the core Secret Skills of the Secret Demon Sect to Fish Basket Guanyin.
At this, the Bodhisattva, rarely, was joyful:
"It is said, when a person's about to die, their words are kind. Even you, a little demon, are like this."
"This minor skill, albeit crude, was stolen from the Dharma Cakra Temple, yet it's somewhat useful."

"Having benefited from you, I can now kill you with less pain."
"Additionally, I'll grant you an opportunity. Before death, sincerely chant the Venerable Name of the Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva, and after death, you may be reborn among the Bodhisattva Group, enter the Seven Slaughter Buddha Country. Given your Soul body's talent, perhaps my true self may even favor you, bestowing you fortune"
Fish Basket Guanyin, saying this in high spirits, didn't delay in delivering a lethal move.
A thousand arms, shrouding the sky.
A myriad of killing intents, penetrating the Dharma Body.
Under such killing intent, Tao Qian couldn't even make a sound, not to mention his Heart Soul almost frozen.
The next moment's scene which would unfold, the Divination Worm had already foreseen: being slaughtered, flayed alive, and eaten
Seeing the tragic outcome about to unfold, suddenly at this moment, a new change occurred:

A ray of Buddha Light pierced through the sky, descending between the two.
As the Divine Light surged, a Dharma Body appeared, revealing an old monk with a kind and compassionate face.
Upon arrival, the old monk reached out, halting those thousand killing Divine Weapons about to descend, as he praised:
"Fish Basket Guanyin, who removes obstacles, your compassion unsurpassed, resonates in perfect harmony."
"The Pure and True sees through all ocean of karmas, the six realms of delusion are enveloped by Ci'en."
This Song Rhyme, all three present knew its significance.
It was the 'Fish Basket Guanyin Praise', but belonging to the orthodox Fish Basket Avatar of the Guanyin Master, not the Fake Bodhisattva from the Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva.
Hearing the praise, the Fake Bodhisattva indeed became furious.
Though it appeared to be just an old monk, that Supreme Buddha Light was undeniably genuine.

The Fake Bodhisattva instantly knew why the visitor had come, it must be an avatar of the genuine Guanyin Master.
The two already bore deep animosity.
Now, seeing the enemy come to interfere, the Fake Bodhisattva's thousand arms, hundred heads creaked and quaked, struggling to kill, cursing:
"Thief Bodhisattva, this child profaned the Seven Slaughters, deserved to be skinned alive and enter my belly."
"What intent do you come with? If you dare obstruct me, the Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva will not spare you."
This threat held no effect at all.
Upon hearing this, the old monk even broke into a smile.
He then swayed where he stood, transforming into a beautiful woman carrying a Fish Basket.
Gazing left and right, she then smiled and spoke words that to both were earth-shattering.

"Wait, don't act out of anger."
"You are Fish Basket Guanyin, I too am Fish Basket Guanyin, my path precedes yours, I can rightly instruct you."
"What you seek is nothing more than enlightening this Secret Demon Child. Since you've taken my name, why not imitate my Method of Enlightenment too?"
"You can manifest as a Human Clan maiden, a Fish-basket Beauty, as long as this child sincerely recites the three sutras, then marry that human form to him as wife"
Chapter 954 - The True Monarch and Great Master Scheme, Forcing Tao Lang to Become Ma Lang
The Bodhisattva Guanyin's avatar spoke, and instantly Tao Qian and the Fish Basket Guanyin paused in surprise.
Great Demon Tao originally thought that the true form would invite the Great Master Guanyin to cast great divine powers to capture this fake "Fish Basket Guanyin."
Yet, who would have expected this turn of events?
"Good heavens!"



Sure enough, as soon as the Bodhisattva Guanyin's avatar finished speaking, the Fake Fish Basket Bodhisattva rolled around furiously, shouting:
"Thief Bodhisattva, you're dreaming."
"I am of the Seven Slaughter, not of your Guanyin's blood bone."
"I am the master of slaughter, all living beings are fish, at my mercy."
"To marry me to this kid, does he deserve it?"
Fish Basket Guanyin shouted as she continued to struggle.
Yet, she seemed extremely restrained by Guanyin Great Master's avatar; under the Buddha Light, she couldn't move at all. Though upon closer inspection, it was evident that after suppression, the avatar's energy wasn't flowing smoothly, but still had some spare power to deal with.
The confrontation ended swiftly, proving the superiority between the genuine and counterfeit.
Hearing her shouting, Tao Qian sneered at her:

"Me, undeserving?"
"Know that I am the Ancestor Land Demon Son, the destined Secret Demon Sect Master, the future reviver; you, slaughterer of fish, drenched in foul odor, are truly unworthy of me."
"The Great Master's kindness, this village girl cannot withstand."
"The real reason she rejects this method is indeed fear of the 'Ten Thousand Desires Yin Yang Pillow' I hold. She fears that not only she won't be able to enlighten me, but she might end up trapped in the ephemeral dream I weave, losing both her dignity and her army."
Tao Qian's words hit the mark.
At this moment, the Fake Fish Basket Guanyin could not contain the growing killing intent in her heart soul and was filled with regret.
She initially thought she would easily subdue this little demon disguising as god demon as the avatar of the "Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva."

Yet, the Secret Demon Child's traps repeatedly put her in disgrace and cost her dearly.
Now, she risked losing everything.
No, starting from Tao Qian's ritual summoning of the Great Master Guanyin's avatar, the true "Fish Basket Guanyin" entering the world, she was already doomed to a crushing defeat.
At this very moment!
In the Seven Slaughter Buddha Country, the mighty god demon Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva was jumping in rage, frantically cursing the "Great Master Guanyin" for meddling, vowing never to forget this animosity.
Alas, it was futile angry ranting.
Her avatar copied others' Buddhist law, thus subject to its restraint, as expected.
Were it a fight between true forms, the Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva might truly not lose to the Great Master Guanyin.
Right now, it was clear who was the fish on the chopping block.

The Great Master's avatar, after hearing Tao Qian's words, turned to him, seemingly seeing through his mind at a glance, and mysteriously smiled: "A tale can be replicated; since you've asked that child to speak, I shall bestow upon you a great fate."
Upon hearing this, Great Demon Tao had no time to complain about the Buddhist Sect's telepathy technique, as he saw the Great Master's avatar suddenly transform into a ray of Buddha Light, piercing into the Fish Basket Guanyin's body.
Midway, the sound of Buddha echoed:
"All cultivation comes at a price."
"My enlightenment method is not meant to trouble you deliberately; bearing the Fish Basket name entails this cost."
"Previously, your true form cast a spell to forcibly delay; now that you encounter me again, you cannot escape."
"You needn't be anxious; if you can enlighten this child, you won't need to follow the couple's path; if unable to do so, falling into it, becoming his wife or concubine, wouldn't be a loss as he is a Secret Demon Genius, broad in Dao path."
Before the words fell, both the Fake Fish Basket Guanyin and Tao Qian guessed the avatar's intention.

Forcing union!
The counterfeit Fish Basket unwillingly resists, so the genuine one merges, demanding the payment of the previously avoided cost.
This scene was indeed rough.
Yet Fish Basket simply couldn't resist.
And Great Demon Tao faced a difficult decision, full of internal complaints, grumbling:
"What happened to the merciful Guanyin, I exerted great effort to invite her here, only to resolve it this way."
"I, Tao Qian, a dignified Secret Demon Genius, if truly to wed, should marry a Daoist Fairy, Buddhist Saintess, or Outer Heaven Witch How did it come to this fierce shrew?"
"Should I just run away?"
Just as Tao Qian pondered fleeing.

"This opportunity is a great fortune for you, embrace it with ease."
After speaking, this beautiful woman suddenly revealed a look of joy on her face.
She reached into the fish basket and drew out a vibrant red string, inscribed with evil fate, smiling as she continued:
"Indeed, the karma runs deep."
"A fragment of the Red Rope God was swallowed by her, yet a [Evil Fate Red Rope] remains in her stomach."
"Once I perform a ritual, it will be perfect for invoking good fortune."
As she spoke, this striking Bodhisattva had already grasped the red rope and was rubbing it with her hands.
After nine strokes, all the evil aura was gone, and Buddha light flowed.
The beautiful woman waved her hand to withdraw the Heavenly Intent Killing Needles, and placed the [Ten Thousand Desires Yin Yang Pillow] into Tao Qian's arms, deftly tying the red rope around their wrists.

"This rope should be called the [Heart-binding Rope]. Once it's tied, it ensures that you both will be free from evil and calamity, and enjoy heavenly fortune."
"To enter the bridal chamber, other arrangements must also be made, although time is short, let this Jade Pillow transform in the dream. The accompanying spiritual treasure of the Yin Yang Elder, of great utility in big matters, yet versatile in small ones."
Tao Qian gazed at the scene before him, truly bewildered.
Is this really an avatar sent by the Guanyin Master?
Where in the world does a Guanyin Bodhisattva play matchmaker, could it be another impersonation?
The doubts just arose, but were quickly dispelled by the Divination Worm's predictions, as he saw the conclusion, Great Demon Tao's heart was left with no resistance, instead overwhelmed with joy.
Standing firm, in perfect harmony.
Soon, they lay with earth as their bed and sky as their blanket, the red rope binding them, sharing the Yin Yang pillow.

In a blink, they entered an ephemeral dream.
In the dream, Great Demon Tao was evidently more uninhibited than in reality.
He paid no heed to the fact that the "beautiful woman" in front of him had a Blood Bone Body, though indeed a Fake Fish Basket Guanyin, yet her appearance and sovereign will were truly that of the genuine Fish Basket Guanyin. He brazenly attempted to remove her clothes, showing a hurried demeanor.
But quickly, his hands were bound by the red rope, and the beauty smiled playfully, pointing a slender jade finger at Tao Qian's forehead, saying:
"Husband, take it slow!"
"Though it's merely a formality, the ritual cannot be abandoned, otherwise this divine demon woman body won't be transformed."
"You recite three sutras to summon me to enter the world, but this Blood Bone Body stems from [Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva], and the three sutras hold no restraint over her; to her ears, they are just an unbearable nuisance."
"However, she has borrowed my name indeed, so by earnestly reciting once the 'Guanyin Heart Sutra', you might subdue her"

The beautiful woman's body trembled suddenly, her face showing a struggle.
Once twisted, she immediately cursed:
"Thief Guanyin!"
"How contemptible and shameless of you, falsely claiming to be a Great Saint."
"I am Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva, forged through refining Guanyin's Buddhism; to complete the ritual truly, one should recite the 'Seven Slaughter Reversed Buddha Guanyin Bodhisattva's General Gate', 'Seven Slaughter's Saying of Vajra Sutra', and 'Seven Slaughter Interpretation of the Lotus Sutra'. When did it become your 'Guanyin Heart Sutra'? What does the sutra have to do with me?"
As soon as these words were finished, her body was quickly seized back by the Guanyin Master's avatar.
Seemingly unheard, she continued smiling gently: "Lend your ear to me, I'll recite it once for you."
Seeing these scenes, even a fool could tell the underlying oddity.

Yet Tao Qian, without a hint of caution, leaned in.
At the next moment, he experienced the good fortune of whispering close, as the beautiful woman breathed softly, truly reciting the 'Guanyin Heart Sutra' tenderly and eloquently.
Great Demon Tao, being a Secret Demon Genius, could recite even Buddhist sect scriptures fluently after hearing them once.
But this time, he stumbled for a full fifteen minutes before managing to complete the Sutra.
After listening, the Master paused, and then on her divine, solemn visage appeared a look of disbelief.
Yet quickly, it changed to a joyful expression.
She brought her hands together in prayer, nodded with a smile, and said:
"Tao, indeed, you are a Great Master cultivating all Three Teachings, such skill, such insight."
"The ritual is complete; Seven Slaughter Daoist's piece of Blood Bone Body is now left to you to handle."



Goodness gracious!
It was indeed humiliation.
And so, the next moment, Great Demon Tao exclaimed with wonder, and promptly began planting the soul seal.
If the original body were here, it might hesitate for a moment.
But the demon child body, when does it ever stand on ceremony?
During the imprinting process, the Master's avatar leisurely replied to the Fish Basket Avatar of Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva:
"Don't clamor further!"
"Seven Slaughter dare not trouble me, having stolen Buddha's tooth, they must retreat within Seven Slaughter Buddha Country for no less than a millennium to refine it somewhat."
"I do hope they come seeking trouble, as I have some interest in that Buddha tooth."

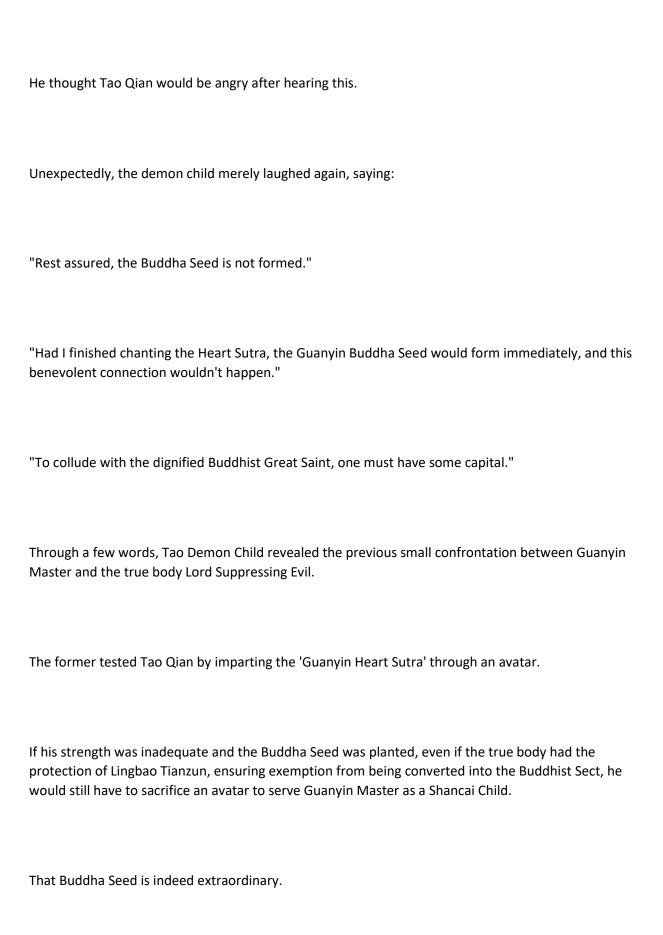
As these Buddha sounds fell, a streak of Buddha light departed from the beautiful woman's body and shattered the ephemeral dream illusion, heading beyond heaven.
Only amidst the dream, the Fish Basket continued wailing incessantly, and shortly transformed into a series of strange rustling sounds, eventually becoming an obscene sound that made one's face flush.
Evidently, Tao Qian's demon child body truly didn't know politeness, and would never leave empty-handed.
Chapter 955 - The Demon Child Seeks to Refine the Spirit God Body; The Lustful Great Master
No one knew how long had passed when suddenly divine light surged, and between the heavens and earth, both Guanyin and Tao Lang awoke simultaneously.
Before Tao Qian could say anything, the Female Bodhisattva with the fish basket flipped up, showing both hatred and surprise upon discovering the secret, and said:
"Unexpectedly, you, this little demon, are merely an avatar. The main body is that Daoist prodigy [Lord Suppressing Evil]. Previously, your repeated displays of foreknowledge must be the work of that Spirit Treasure Sky Displaying Skill."

"What's even more unimaginable is that thief Bodhisattva, as one of the Buddhist Great Saints, secretly colluding with your true self in this manner. Could it be, like my true self Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva,

she also wants to defect from the All Heavens Buddhism?"

"What collusion, how unpleasant to hear. The Great Master just wanted to form a benevolent connection with the true body."
Tao Demon Child laughed heartily, not giving any hint even when facing the fish basket, who had already become his female slave.
Exactly!
The slightly eerie scenes before were, in truth, the Bodhisattva Guanyin communicating from a distance with the real body, Lord Suppressing Evil.
This was naturally to avoid the eyes and ears of the Buddhist Sect and to prevent trouble.
The reason for the Great Master's actions was also straightforward.
No other reason, forming benevolent connections, just making more bets.
Whether Tao Qian or Duobao Daoist, they are destined to have Great Fate Technique with the "Buddhist Sect."
Especially Tao Qian, who has received half of the Buddhist scripture inheritance from the Great Abyss Zen Master, has been recognized by some as bearing the appearance of a Buddha.

Guanyin Master's move might not necessarily be an act of rebellion against the current All Heavens Buddhism but a small gesture of affiliation.
Simultaneously, it also serves as a test.
Then, the fish basket girl revealed her dissatisfaction, saying:
"Benevolent connection?"
"Heh, do you know that thief Bodhisattva's 'Guanyin Heart Sutra' contains hidden killing intent? Listening to its teaching and chanting sincerely, the numerous Buddhist principles within will transform into a 'Guanyin Buddha Seed,' deeply planted into the heart soul. When the time is right, you'll also become her subordinate clansmen, like some Shancai Child."
"You are a demon child; she might not fancy you."
"The Buddha Seed should go to your true self. No matter what kind of avatar magical technique you have, you can't avoid such insidious matters."
The fish basket girl, having merged with the Great Master's avatar for some time and with hearts and souls intertwined, became aware of these secrets.



It could directly trace the soul through the connection between the avatar's heart soul and the main body's heart soul, implanting the Buddha Seed into the main body's soul.
Neither Daoist, Buddhism, nor the Demon Path, or even heresy and heterodoxy None of the branch cultivation avatars techniques could combat this sublime dharma.
Certainly, exceptions exist, such as the 'One Qi to Three Pure Ones Technique,' jointly held by the Lingbao, Primordial, and Taishang Sects.
Guanyin Master calculated that Lord Suppressing Evil had not yet learned this technique, believing the Buddha Seed could succeed.
But unexpectedly, while Tao Qian hadn't mastered the One Qi to Three Pure Ones, he refined the Exotic Skill Secret Demon Power 'Chaos Soul Splitting God Transformation Technique' from such a terrifying god demon as the Chaos Demon Ancestor. Its efficacy was not much inferior to One Qi to Three Pure Ones, making exemption from the Buddha Seed's soul tracing rather easy.
This exchange led Guanyin Master to recognize Tao Qian's methods, forming a benevolent connection.
Waiting for the right time in the future, this Buddhist Great Saint with a remarkable reputation even in the Great Abyss Origin Sea might stand with Tao Qian.

After a series of tumultuous entanglement and struggle, the Great Demon Tao exhausted all means and carefully planned them, finally reaching the time of harvest.
Forming a benevolent connection with the Bodhisattva Guanyin was a gain, while refining the 'Fish Basket Female Body' of Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva into a servant was another benefit.
Additionally, there were treasures like the 'Plague God Umbrella' and the 'Heart-binding Rope,' and he even tricked the future tool man, Heavenly Furnace Demon Lord.
Moreover, there were some implicit benefits.
Such as his true body unexpectedly gleaned some information about Senior Sister Xie Lingji from Lord Red Rope.
Even learning the name of her eighth split avatar.
"Liu Yupu!"
Currently, the true body of Tao Qian in the distant Ascending Immortal Star Acupoint murmured this name, holding the jade given by Fairy Yunhua, conveying the secrets he had glimpsed.

"Aunt Yunhua left the sect many years to find Senior Sister, and the Source Sea is perilous. I hope this bit of information can aid her."
"Even the forbidden technique exerted by Lord Red Rope at the cost of origin could only capture a remnant shadow and name of Senior Sister, indicating the terrifying troubles she has provoked."
"But having glimpsed the secret of Senior Sister back in the Fire Cave Mansion, where nine avatars are left behind, the eighth still being alive suggests there is still some chance of life"
While the main body muttered this.
The Great Demon Tao had begun counting the spoils of war, and other things like Magical Treasures, inheritances, or female slaves were easy to handle, but the territory was somewhat troublesome.
Since overthrowing the [Seven Slaughter Army] in Langya County with cunning maneuvers, he used the cleverness of the Divination Worm to consecutively scheme against the Red Rope and Heavenly Talisman armies, eventually causing the Red Rope Divine Monarch, Emperor Heavenly Talisman, and Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva—three renowned God Demons of the Source Sea—to lose everything in their investments in the Search God Realm.
The so-called victor takes all!
Such a conclusion naturally signifies that Great Demon Tao finally secured his first foothold after entering the realm for several days.

Liang Country!
Though this country is categorized as a medium-small nation in the Search God Realm, Ten Thousand Gods Continent.
But having the territory of a nation means a massive gain indeed.
"If I were to follow the usual Secret Demon Child's approach!"
"After controlling a nation, I should become the King and start using the nation's territory and tens of millions of people as resources to cultivate secret demon power and collect world spiritual materials."
"But doing so is really short-sighted, akin to draining the pond to catch the fish, just like the Red Rope and Seven Slaughter God Demons, which will attract the hostility of the Search God Realm Heavenly Dao. Although this 'fool' sets limits and can't interfere, when the world completely shatters, things will be very different."
"Even the dumbest Heavenly Dao Origin can be nasty to you when it comes to a fight to the death."
"Moreover, the spiritual materials to create the [All Heavens Secret Demon Nest] are mostly born during world-breaking, so how can one secure the largest share without establishing a good relationship with that 'fool' beforehand?"

Great Demon Tao didn't think long before deciding. After making up his mind, he once again sought out the Divination Worm and sent his thoughts through sound transmission:
"Good worm!"
"Quickly deduce a heavenly path for me, allowing maximum use of this nation's territory and people to benefit myself, while also pleasing that foolish Heavenly Dao Origin."
"By the way, also maintain the ability to expand outward."
"There are multiple continents inside the Search God Realm, with Ten Thousand Gods being one of them, with various nations. Liang Country is just a medium nation among them; how can it satisfy my appetite?"
If the Divination Worm had a strong self-will, it would surely have ridiculed this fellow.
Wanting all the benefits, truly a greedy boss.

But the worm only focuses on peering into the secrets of the mortal and heavenly realms, without wandering thoughts.
Upon hearing the order, it soon returned with a plan.
Tao Qian, after reading it, his eyes lit up immediately, exclaiming with excitement:
"Good, good, it is indeed a comprehensive plan."
"The Heavenly Dao Origin of the Search God Realm is too dull-minded, only recognizing God Demon affiliations, and the stronger they are, and the wider their doctrines spread within the realm, the more it can impress it and grant more authority."
"The 'Peach Blossom God' I fabricated for fun is still a Wild God in this realm; with few temples or divine palaces, it's no wonder this foolish snob of a Heavenly Dao doesn't take notice."
"If so, let's put in more effort and create a powerful God Demon in the Search God Realm."
"The first step, let's conquer and demolish all other God Demon Temples within Liang Country, replacing them with [Peach Blossom Temples], making all the people convert to the Peach Blossom God."
"Liang Country has been ravaged by warfare, and by using this method, I can unify the people quickly, making it easier for me to transform them. In a few years, I might be able to nurture a god demon clan

army possessing unmatched conquest power, named [Peach Blossom Army], but in reality, a Secret Demon Army."
"Additionally, with such immense wish power to assist, I can cultivate another great divine power of the Secret Demon Sect, the 'Supreme Secret Demon Refining Spirit God Method'"
At this point, Great Demon Tao's exuberance was almost overflowing.
It's no wonder, as he is different from the main body and has only recently been born. What he possesses has been appropriated from the main body.
He hasn't undergone three years of bitter cultivation; now, it is his first-time practicing the great method.
This 'Ten Thousand Refining Spirit God' method sounds abstruse, but it's actually a body refining exotic skill, using a vast amount of living being's wish power to forge a terrifying physique capable of killing God Demons.
No need for rare spiritual materials!
No need for extraordinary comprehension!
As long as believers think of their own god as mighty enough, he can be forged as powerful as imagined.

Though it might lose some effectiveness, as long as there are enough believers, the power of this method is also limitless.
If wish power can be easily obtained, this method is a highly profitable business.
Thinking of this, he couldn't help but criticize the main body's wastefulness.
"Compared to these oblivious and insecure humans in the Search God Realm, the humans within the Longevity Realm are far superior, both in understanding and foundation."
"The main body has made such great achievements, spreading the 'Spirit Treasure Subduing Evil Lord Temple' across the Longevity Realm, amassing immense wish power, yet he doesn't use it for refining; it's such a squandering of resources"
He was grumbling about this.
Immediately, a warning came from the main body.
"You, demon, creating this 'Peach Blossom God' using me as a cover is fine, but don't go overboard."



"You and I are one entity. What I do is naturally also your doing. Why are you crying injustice?"
"Stop rambling. I sought a trial for you to find a path, and upon entering the world, I encountered troublesome ones like the Seven Slaughter Bodhisattva and Red Rope Divine Monarch. It's like climbing mountains of swords and plunging into seas of flames. What's a little tarnish to your reputation?"
"Besides, it's not necessarily tarnishing you"
The muttering of the Demon Child made Tao Qian's face grow darker.
Yet, he indeed couldn't do much against this guy.
The Incarnation Technique bestowed by the Demon Lord Yin Zhou had effects comparable to One Qi to Three Pure Ones, allowing him to easily evade the Guanyin Master's subtler implantation of Buddha Seeds.
Having received benefits, the cost was inevitable. Although the "Abnormal Soul" exempted him from various costs, allowing him a certain power over the Demon Child's body, it was only in dire situations that it was best to use. Using it ordinarily was truly wasteful and would impair the growth potential of the Demon Child's body.
Deciding left and right, he could only sigh and say, "Forget it, perhaps it's part of the Daoist Transformation Tribulation. A little reputation, tarnished as it is, is tarnished."

Tao Qian had no interest in the power of the throne, so he continued to have the children of the two goddesses under his command succeed to the throne without even bothering to change the national name.
Also, the Search God Realm customs were quite different; royal power was the lowest, and godly power was supreme.
Peach Blossom Temples!
Like bamboo shoots after a spring rain, they began to proliferate crazily within Liang Country.
Normally, such large-scale construction of temples and palaces would be detested by the populace.
Even in the Search God Realm, it often aroused some resentment.
This is understandable. No matter how many "sweeteners" All Gods may offer initially to the Search Good Realm, in the end, every god demon will expose their true nature. They are essentially here to plunder and oppress. People in the Search God Realm are only influenced by the Heavenly Dao to believe in All Gods, but they are not fools; they will eventually realize the truth.
But the Peach Blossom God seems completely different. Constructing so many temples, there is not a trace of plundering or oppressing believers.

Instead, it brings benefits to the believers.
In addition to many accompanying miracles, there are also numerous truly bestowed good items.
For a time, the entire population rejoiced.
The efficiency of temple construction was unprecedented.
Approximately three days later!
Within Liang Country, the great feat of one temple per village had been accomplished.
Millions of members of the Human Clan all began chanting the Peach Blossom Scripture, which Tao Qian made up, praising the name of the Peach Blossom God day and night, especially during intimate moments, with the utmost zeal.
Even surrounding countries of Liang, like Tang Country, Song Country, and Zhou Country, gradually started seeing signs of the Peach Blossom God. Some highly imitative citizens in these countries quietly began spreading the Peach Blossom Scripture, secretly building Peach Blossom Temples, hoping to enter the Paradise free from illness and calamity where they could live peacefully.
With such a booming trend, the first to reap great benefits was not Great Demon Tao, but the Divination Worm.

Now, this worm's body had grown to half the size of Liang Country, covering several counties. Its insect silk filled every corner of Liang Country and began to crazily expand to surrounding countries.
Almost every moment, Tao Qian heard joyous thoughts transmitted back by the worm, along with numerous secrets.
The secrets of this country were as clear as palm lines to him.
All this was also sensed by Tao Qian's main body, and thus he couldn't help but sigh in the Ascending Immortal Star Acupoint:
"So clear, so many difficulties in the world seem not so difficult anymore."
"No wonder Master could become the Spirit Treasure Elder Brother, destined next Sect Master. With the divination power of Spirit Treasure Dao and Ten Thousand Treasures Method, there really aren't many things or people in the world that could trouble him."
"This worm's power goes without saying, if you hadn't lent it to me when setting out, do you think I, the Demon Child, would be willing to move?"
"The divination might of Spirit Treasure Dao has been tested. Now let's see the Ten Thousand Refining Spirit God Method of the Secret Demon Sect. Who knows what powerful Dharma Body can be cultivated

from it? With the blessing of countless devout believers, it's possible it might even surpass your so-called Spirit Treasure Sublime Body."
While boasting with his main body, Tao Demon Child sat firmly in the Peach Blossom Temple, ready to begin refining.
This temple was called the main temple, but its setup wasn't vastly different from other Peach Blossom Temples.
The greatest distinction lay in its location, as the temple was built within the palace and guarded by the two Empress Dowagers of Liang Country.
There was no clay statue of a deity in the temple, only him, shamelessly sitting on the central divine platform, with a satisfied and curious look, observing the incredible scene before him.
To others, it was invisible, but only he could see it.
The world became ethereal, while the sound of people was deafening.
The million-strong population of Liang Country seemed to float before Tao Qian's eyes.

Their prayers!
Their chants!
Every word and thought was incredibly clear.
All turned into endless billowing clouds and mist, filling heaven and earth.
This scene, though awe-inspiring, was extremely perilous.
The current calm was only because it had not yet entered his body.
If it were a cultivator of another Daoist Lineage, even the most skilled in refining such Magic Skills, whether God Demon or someone from Buddhism, would feel immensely troubled if faced suddenly.
Without a Great Bodhisattva's level, it would be impossible to refine.
Tao Demon Child was also amazed, but fortunately, this Secret Demon Method was precisely what he needed to cultivate this time. He had much confidence and was not afraid.

He suppressed his distracting thoughts, adorned with a dignified demeanor, and shouted solemnly, "I beseech the supreme Secret Demon of All Heavens to grant me their blessings. I shall, with the thoughts of all living beings and all people, refine a world-renowned Spirit God Dharma Body capable of subduing devils, suppressing demons, destroying Buddhas, and slaying immortals"
As soon as the words fell, Tao Qian's previously impenetrable Secret Demon Body suddenly opened entirely.
In a moment!
His body, like a whale swallowing the sea, turned hundreds of thousands of apertures into whirlpools to absorb and devour, drawing the ocean of spiritual thoughts that permeated the world before him into his body.
Just in that instant, the Great Demon Tao experienced what was akin to heaven and earth collapsing.
His face contorted to the limit, his eyes bulged out as if he was about to explode and die.
His heart and soul let out a painful wail that shook his very being.
Even previously when pinned by the Fish Basket Guanyin's "Heavenly Intent Killing Needle" by the thousands into a dead fish didn't hurt this much.

"This pains me to death!"
"Which ancestor with a thousand cuts created this Great Method, and how dare they describe it in the inheritance as: the initial refining method is somewhat painful, but it's only a matter of a thousand cuts, which should pose no threat to the Secret Demon Sect people?"
"This is far from just a thousand cuts; even a hundredfold addition wouldn't be an overstatement"
With the cultivation of the Great Demon Tao, for him to wail in such an indiscriminate manner, it was evident the pain he was experiencing was extraordinary.
The terrifying changes to his Dharma Body that followed further validated this.
Boom!
A sound explosion, crisp and neat.
The Great Demon Tao exploded.

The Demon Child Body, which had never been defeated since its debut, unexpectedly exploded without warning?
Fine and small fragments of blood and flesh painted the entire inner walls of the Peach Blossom Temple, incredibly vibrant.
Soon after, in another instant, divine light surged as if time was reversing, and that flesh and blood reassembled; he then sat back calmly and unharmed.
Before the painful look on his face eased, the next moment came again
Boom!
For the second time, Tao Qian exploded again.
And so it was, in the following unending hours, the sound of booming echoed incessantly within the Peach Blossom Temple.
Merely because the Great Demon Tao was enduring a punishment called "exploding body."
Because the process of exploding, gathering, and exploding was so rapid and brief, the Great Demon Tao could barely sustain his swearing, only letting out some intermittent, incoherent curses.

This scene, once again alarmed his entity, who, while knowing many things, was not privy to such secret mysteries of Secret Demons, so he had to call upon Yuan Gong for advice.
Listening to the depiction left Yuan Gong equally puzzled and bewildered, leading him to consult with Mother of Thousand Puppets, Jiang Luan, who knew more, to finally get an answer:
"Why did this child go to refining the Spirit God Method?"
"This method's power is immense, yet it doesn't match his temperament, usually only followed by those walking the Divine Dao and preferring brute force battles like the Secret Demon Child would try to temper the Spirit God, and where does it begin with absorbing the spiritual thoughts of millions of the Human Clan?"
"Even with the highest talent, one should start at the level of 'one hundred thousand people' to withstand it."
"The key to this method is to actively relinquish the right to transform the Dharma Body, then absorb the devout spiritual thoughts of believers to transform one's body, leveraging the wisdom and abundant wish power of all beings, and after innumerable tempering, the Spirit God is formed."

"Once cultivated, it possesses immense divine power, yet immense suffering is unavoidable in the tempering."
"Listening to the nagging and tearing of a hundred thousand people was already torture let alone millions?"
"Among the All Heavens Secret Demon Dao Lineage, only a few ancestors cultivated this divine skill, and most only dabble half-heartedly. It's said that many realize the wording used by the founder describing the cultivation technique was somewhat inappropriate, yet ironically it passed verification, recorded entirely in the 'All Heavens Secret Demon Scripture,' not even requiring the ancestor's name."
"This child never mentioned having a notion to cultivate the Divine Dao, hence the lack of warning, how did this happen?"
After hearing Jiang Luan's reply, both the entity of Tao Qian and Yuan Gong exchanged looks, not knowing whether to laugh or cry.
The entity certainly knew why the Demon Child Body fell into the trap, but he wasn't willing to say.
The reason being that the one suddenly had a wild idea to use the entity as a facade, insisted on creating a "Peach Blossom God," and after doing so gained a large number of devout believers, not wanting to waste it, simply used it for refining upon careful consideration, it had an air of self-inflicted consequences.
Tao Qian just wanted to leave such black history as the Peach Blossom God in the Search God Realm, even Yuan Gong and Jiang Luan, he didn't want to divulge too much.

Thus, he smiled and saved face for his avatar, saying:
"It doesn't matter!"
"Pain is just pain, once this method is cultivated, its divine power is immense surely this part isn't false?"
After Tao Qian finished speaking, Jiang Luan first nodded.
Then suddenly gave a bitter smile, shook her head, and added:
"The pain is just the first threshold, as the conflicting thoughts of millions of devout believers lead to continuous exploding bodies."
"Following this are various other abnormal sensations, such as the 'Body Shaping Punishment' entwined within. Most ancestors and Secret Demons practicing this method either abandon it at this threshold or manage it half-heartedly."
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Jiang Luan's words were quickly verified within the Peach Blossom Temple.
The Great Demon Tao was still incessantly cursing at the certain second-generation ancestor who created this perverse technique, when suddenly, after a certain "blood and flesh gathering," he was completely dumbfounded.
It wasn't just because there was no immediate subsequent body explosion this time, but because the reshaped form after gathering left one not knowing what expression to make.
Even with the unpleasant temperament of the Great Demon Tao, he didn't know how to describe it.
Fortunately, he didn't need to, for as soon as the first body shaping was achieved, the corresponding thoughts of the believers emerged.
The densely overlapping jumbled voices erupted:
"Our Lord let us freely imagine His grand divine body, this is of great importance, it requires careful consideration."
"Since our God takes the name of Peach Blossom, He should preside over affairs of the bed, liaisons of dew, the wonders of fleshly desires, and such divine duties. Hence, His Dharma Body should brim with allure, converging the essence of the corporeal of all beings."

"Our Lord's body should be covered in peach blossoms, constantly exuding essence, never exhausted for eternity."
"All worldly 'wonders' that bring pleasure, our Lord's Dharma Body should possess them, no, these wonders should originate from our Lord."
"It's rumored there are pillars of flesh connecting heaven and earth, only that our God's body is probably full of these"
Chapter 957 - Pure Yang Essence Root and Annoyance Hair, Ten Thousand Marvelous Mystical Pearl Can Attain the Dao
Dharma body in a different form, almost every cultivator cannot avoid it.
Since Tao Qian began his journey, he has seen countless strange dharma bodies, such as the Meat Pillar Yang Body and the Xuanpin Yin Body, he's seen some.
Like the "Yin Yang Elder" who previously used the Ten Thousand Desires Yin Yang Pillow to forge a connection early on, this God Demon's true form is indeed based on a Yin Yang Meat Pillar Body.
Having seen it does not mean becoming that way, not to mention it's even less so.
At this moment, he did not explode, but would rather have exploded, and rarely lost composure, complaining:

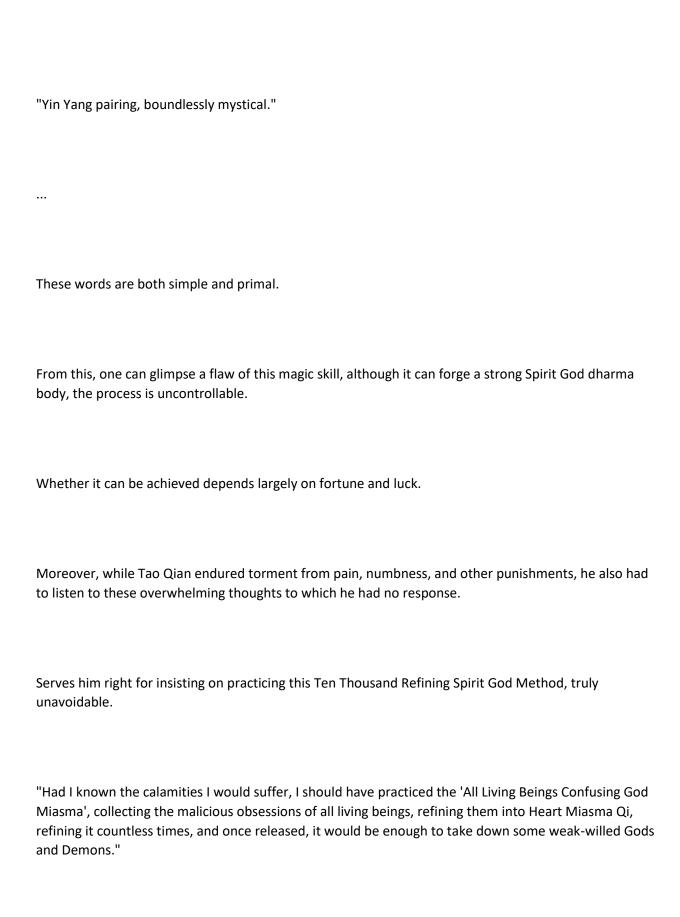
"Although such innate Gods and Demons as Yin Yang Elder have bizarre and strange true forms, they can also be called ugly, still they are nurtured by heaven and earth, with Dao Rhyme on their bodies, holding unique charm."
"But this body of mine now, is clearly a fantasy of some riffraff, not to mention Dao Rhyme, it doesn't even have a touch of rationality, it's all sinful creations, all sinful creations!"
"Don't let me find that ancestor who left behind the spell, if I am indeed fixed in this body, this feud is bound to deepen."
The resentful thoughts of Tao's demon child soared and could be felt even by the main body across all realms.
He first laughed mercilessly, and then comforted:
"Do not panic!"
"As Uncle Jiang has said, the body shaping punishment happens not only once, this is just the beginning, you just happened to encounter the filthiest thoughts of the believers."
"Wait a moment, surely you will be able to change to another dharma body."

"You can only blame yourself, creating a God Demon is not a crime, yet you had an evil interest, creating that 'Peach Blossom God' just to mock me, and even assigned the divine function to fleeting romances, matters of the bed, it's inevitable that believers see this and have misguided fantasies, it's the price you pay for attempting to tarnish my reputation."
These words from the main body only made the demon child more upset.
Just as he was about to retort, without realizing it, the vulgar dharma body that embarrassed him exploded again.
In the last moment before the thin, fragmented flesh pulp burst, one could distinctly see Tao's demon child's dark face soaring high.
Rejoicing over self-explosion, he was indeed the first.
However, he could not be happy for long, as the magic skill operated, countless chaotic thoughts surged, how could it stop once?
The next moment, blood and flesh gathered again, writhing and evolving, the second "Spirit God form" was born in an instant.
After Tao Qian observed it, his expression changed wonderfully again.

This time, it appeared to be a female God Demon.
In a blink, a light mirror was summoned, revealing a goddess in a Peach Blossom fairy dress, with a flurry of peach blossoms dancing behind her, accompanied by many Peach Blossom spirits and treasures, it can be described as splendidly beautiful, full of charm, as if anyone in the world who sees it would submit beneath her skirt.
The believers' thoughts flooding in, seemed even more self-righteous than the body-shaping thoughts for that towering Meat Pillar Body.
They were filled with sayings like "My Lord should be the Peach Blossom Goddess.", "Peach Blossom's beauty is unparalleled, and so too should my God be." etc.
There were both male and female believers, and indeed, many people thought this way.
Though this appearance was indeed much better than that of the Meat Pillar dharma body, Great Demon Tao was still unsatisfied.
Full of helplessness, he complained outright:
"Next one, quickly change to the next one."
"I love beautiful women, not cross-dressing, don't disturb me."

As many participated in his cultivation of this magic skill, it was naturally impossible to have only two dharma bodies appear.
As soon as he finished speaking, indeed, not long after, with a "bam", the Peach Blossom Goddess form also exploded, the meat paste not yet fully smoothed over, began to gather and transform again.
The third time, perhaps due to too many conflicting thoughts, took even longer.
But once formed, it once again triggered Tao's demon child's complaints.
Inside the temple, there was no longer any human body sitting upright.
Replacing it was a towering peach tree that left people speechless upon seeing it.
Producing a peach tree was not much of a surprise, the rarity lay in the fruit it bore.
Each one was enormous, fresh, and juicy.

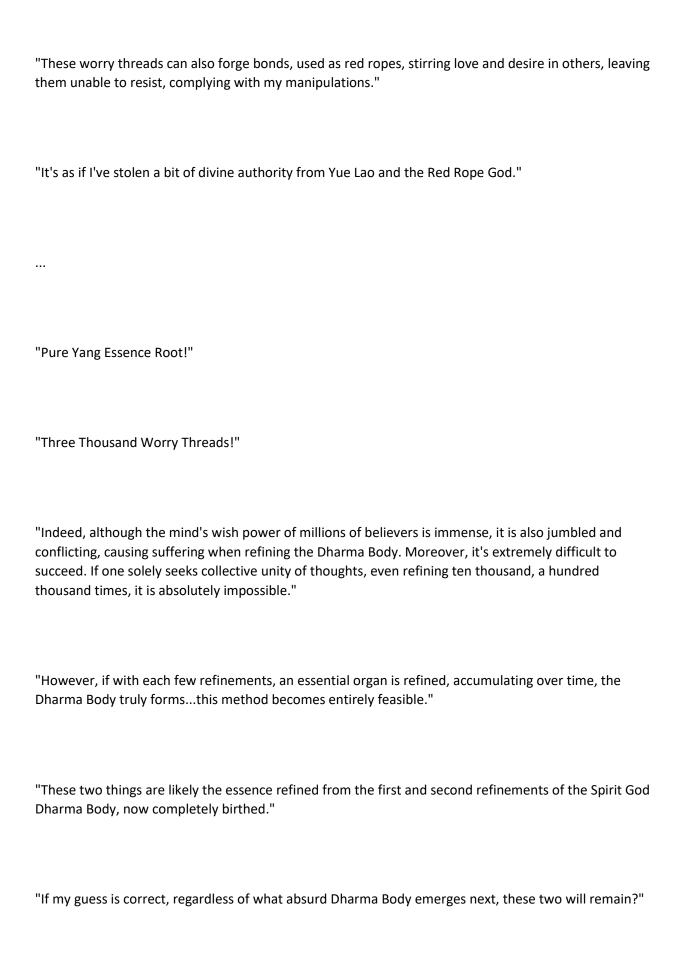
Yet inside those clear and thin skins, was not fruit flesh, but white, bare human bodies.
Momentarily, it bore a resemblance to the true form of the Lord Red Rope.
Each fruit contained various human bodies, unclothed, all of which could evoke desire, with handsome young men and beautiful women in abundance.
Even non-human clans were included.
Surging thoughts of believers emerged at this moment to articulate their reasons for their fantasies:
"My Lord, master of Yin Yang, and matters of marriage, would naturally gift the most suitable partners to his cherished believers, indeed the perfect Mother God."
"Piously reciting the Peach Blossom Scripture surely grants a fated lover."
"As long as one impresses My Lord, they can gain the most wonderful partner in the world."
"My Lord's divine body produces fruit every moment, each fruit contains the essence of an immortal."



"Unfortunately, I regret it too late, and I don't know what kind of dharma body it will ultimately give me."
"But since other ancestors and Secret Demon Child all gave up halfway, doing it perfunctorily, it probably won't be very good."
Chapter 958 - Pure Yang Essence Root and Annoyance Hair, Ten Thousand Marvelous Mystical Pearl Can Attain the Dao (Part 2)
"Hmm?"
"Seems there's a sign of something?"
As Tao Buddha's son murmured these words, the Spirit God Dharma Body within the temple had already transformed into countless forms.
Gradually, he perceived some auspicious signs.
At this moment, the Dharma Body generated from flesh and blood was a rather mundane, clichéd God Demon Body, with a thousand heads, a thousand arms, a thousand eyes, and covered in peach blossom patterns, blooming with Immortal Peaches. Innumerable hands held treasures, such as the Vajra Pestle, Ruyi Bag, Golden Ingot, Yin Yang Sword, and the like.
At first glance, it seemed nothing special.

But Tao Buddha's son fixed his gaze on two regions of his Dharma Body, and a joyful expression gradually appeared on his face.
These two places were, respectively, the thing below his waist, and the head of red hair.
Though the Spirit God's creation relied on the chaotic thoughts of the millions of believers in Liang Country at this hour.
Yet the Dharma Body was his own, and with a single thought, he naturally knew many secrets.
At this moment, he realized the peculiarity of those two organs, containing the God Demon essence being nurtured, far surpassing other regions.
"Even that thing below the waist can become significant?"
"The residence of Primordial Yang, termed Pure Yang Essence Root, not only can it merge with all life, produce strong bloodline descendants, but also generate Pure Yang Essence Qi, continuously without end, making the Dharma Body mighty, ferocious like a dragon and tiger. Even cutting it off, flesh will regenerate, miraculously restoring the divine form."
"Indeed, with one root preserved, the Spirit God remains."

Tao Buddha's son was clearly a person without much scruples.
Previously, when his entire being was a towering meat pillar, he was very unwilling, preferring to explode the body to change it.
Now, all benefits and essence condensed into that one thing, and he was willing, even delighted.
As for the other thing, he quickly guessed the reason.
"An anomaly of the God Demon red hair, not in its scarlet color, but in the roots."
"Now, it should be named 'Three Thousand Worry Threads'."
"In the mortal world, all living beings are troubled."
"With this head of worry threads, any life form fighting against me, unless they cultivate the [Taishang Forgetful Dao], likely cannot escape my disturbance."
"With a single thought, I can provoke the worries in their heart, attracting myriad karmic burdens to seek them out."
"With this head of worry threads, any life form fighting against me, unless they cultivate the [Taishang Forgetful Dao], likely cannot escape my disturbance." "With a single thought, I can provoke the worries in their heart, attracting myriad karmic burdens to



Tao Buddha's son had this thought.
In the blink of an eye, he received confirmation.
The Dharma Body exploded again, and amid a chaotic myriad of thoughts, a new flesh and blood Dharma Body emerged.
He immediately looked below his waist, sensed above his head.
Indeed, both were present.
"Marvelous, truly marvelous."
"Given such a refining method, I can certainly look forward to what's next."
"Perhaps, truly obtaining a Dharma Body treasure more mysterious than [Spirit Treasure Sublime Body], not letting the original exclusively excel."
Tao Buddha's son delightedly murmured, even refraining from complaining about the many pains and penalties during the body-sculpting process.

Silently enduring, observing the emergence of strange and peculiar Spirit God Dharma Bodies, assessing which essences could be preserved.
Upon closer look, there were many gains, revealing yet another secret:
Though the population within Liang Country was vast, almost all were common folk, with few [God Demon Spirit Cultivators].
Stronger Spiritual Cultivators had already received divine hints and escaped Liang Country before Tao Buddha dispatched armies and Fish Basket Slaves to attack mountains and destroy temples.
The rest were weak, ultimately forced to convert to the Peach Blossom God.
Perhaps these very people brought Tao Qian many benefits.
The reason?
The common folk, despite their strange imaginations, had limited knowledge, failing to infinitely enhance the Dharma Body's power, stopping at certain limits.

But the real refiners of this "Ten Thousand Refining Spirit God Method" were thousands of believers, all mere mortals; for them, persisting for a day and a night was not a trivial matter, many believers had to retreat midway, quickly reaching their limits.
This night, at midnight.
In the Liang Country's Palace, the bedchambers of both the Great and Minor Empresses, within the Peach Blossom Temple.
Suddenly there was a great explosion of Divine Light, soaring to the sky, visible for ten thousand miles, and in a blink, it detonated, a halo sweeping across the entire territory of Liang.
All the believers who were reciting the "Peach Blossom Immortal Scripture" and meditating on the divine body, were instantly freed.
They all collapsed on their beds, their faces ashen, very weak.
No mistake!
This was also one of the costs.
The Spirit God's body was not something that could be obtained through mere fantasy.

Unknowingly, the believers all offered up a large amount of Essence Qi and heart power as sacrifice.
If it were other Secret Demon Child, or Demon Cultivator.
Seeing this, they would not find it odd, for believers and servants giving themselves to the refining method is only right and proper, not worthy of much consideration.
Tao Buddha's son, however, neither wished to drain every last drop nor sought something much larger.
Thus, majestic Dao sounds reverberated in every mind very soon:
"The Great Method is completed!"
"You have all contributed, rest well, and tomorrow you may go to the Peach Blossom Temple to receive your reward."
"Our Master is generous."
"Thank you, my God."

Then, his sturdy demon body, utterly unclad, abruptly underwent an alien transformation, fully mirrored in the light.
It was seen that on his perfect flawless flesh, "meat beads" began to sprout.
Densely packed!
Starting from the head, moving down to the feet.
Every inch of skin was not spared, covered with small, round, peach blossom-colored meat beads about the size of soybeans, flawless in their roundness.
As Source Qi surged, these meat beads seemed to come alive, features beginning to surface on each one, and so forth
This scene!
Truly eerie, truly horrifying.
Anyone slightly timid would be scared to death by it.

Suddenly, Tao Qian gave a shudder, and all the meat beads fell off; the moment they touched the ground, they instantly transformed into new "Tao Qian."
In the blink of an eye, the main temple was crowded with Tao Buddha's son.
The energy mingled, the divine might persisted, without flaw, and simultaneously sighed:
"Flesh and blood derivation, avatars by the millions, undying and immortal."
"Each Mystical Pearl Avatar can cultivate separately, can be a substitute for death, can regenerate, all have the power to transform into myriad forms."
"Their birth is to respond to the believers' wish for 'companionship,' each person's desired companion varies, thus the Mystical Pearls naturally have infinite transformations, further deriving the ability to gather essence and steal souls."
"If I were ruthless, I could now split into millions, or even tens of millions of Mystical Pearl forms, consume every person in Liang Country and its neighboring nations entirely, with little cost, for it is the believers themselves who desire it"
"Tsk tsk, this is clearly a shortcut on the Demon Path, if indeed Liang Country and several surrounding nations were completely devoured, wouldn't it be possible to enter the Realm of Dao Transformation overnight?"
Chapter 959 - The Descent of Ten Tribulations, Rebirth Heart Demon

"First, I deceive all living beings into believing, then I use the wish power of their minds to refine the Dharma Body. With just the first attempt at refining, I've obtained the Pure Yang Essence Root, Three Thousand Worry Threads, and Ten Thousand Marvelous Mysterious Pearl—three great divine alien objects. If I continue, eventually I shall refine all the people of the Search God Realm; it's probable that not only will I create a Dharma Body stronger than the Spirit Treasure Sublime Body, but I may also step into the Daoist Transformation Realm, or even the Tribulation Immortal Realm."
"Such evil techniques, who knows which talented master created them; they are truly exquisite."
"Unfortunately, the cost is high; such speculation can only be a fool's dream."
"However, this method is most suitable to be cultivated inside the Search God Realm, where the customs are 'divine power supreme.' It truly attracts the Source Sea Gods, and the key step of the Ten Thousand Refining Spirit God is to steal the essence of Qi from all gods. No other world inside the Great Abyss offers such convenience. Could this also be destiny's design?"
While Tao Qian praised, he also reflected on the drawbacks of this method, considering whether he could withstand them.
If he could endure, this technique was enough to help him attain the Dao.
At the thought of this, Tao Buddha's son became increasingly excited.

Though he was a fragment of the [Spirit Treasure Subduing Evil Lord], he was also considered an independent person. If he could find and realize the Great Dao belonging to himself, how could he refuse?
"This technique is easy to learn but hard to refine and should be carefully planned."
"The boundless pain brought by thousands of people together tormenting and ravaging the heart soul is one."
"Then there are the fundamental conflicts with the essence of all gods, the backlash after being disturbed by the minds of all living beings, the constant threat of falling into madness, and heart soul mutation each price is not to be underestimated."
"Though self-proud, I'm clear-minded enough to know that my talent hasn't reached the extent of crushing all ancestors and other Secret Demon Children. Since most of them have given up halfway, ending hastily, there must be endless difficulties."
"For now, let's continue refining, responding to challenges as they arise. Fortunately, I have many trump cards and means."
With this thought, Tao Buddha's son immediately used his strong trump card.
He looked up towards the sky above the Imperial City of Liang Country, at the immense, pale insect, whose boundaries couldn't be seen, and bluntly ordered:

"Good insect, hold off on eating for now."
"Help me predict whether your master—me—can refine the 'Supreme Secret Demon Refining Spirit God Technique' to great success?"
"Whether the obtained Dharma Body can suppress the boastful Spirit Treasure Sublime Body of my true self?"
Tao Buddha's son achieved initial success in forming his Dharma Body, and immediately relaxed a bit.
Unexpectedly, the next day, he had to pay additional costs outside of the refining method.
Because his ambition was great, his true target was the 'Heavenly Dao Origin' of the Search God Realm, intending to swallow an entire realm; he didn't plan to recklessly exhaust resources and miss the greater opportunity.
Therefore, unlike other demon cultivators who consume or ignore those common folks and civilians assisting in refining the technique, he took a soothing and rewarding approach.

He didn't expect this move to be so rare, something even ordinary Good Gods couldn't achieve.
The saying goes, people who are kind get bullied!
God and Demon, likewise.
Within the Search God Realm, every member of the Human Clan was experienced.
Knowing they encountered such a divinely powerful yet benevolent God Demon, they wouldn't miss the chance, seizing the opportunity to exploit fiercely.
Thus, starting the next day, Tao Buddha's son was subjected to the "recitation by All People" punishment.
Within Liang Country's borders, a large number of believers simultaneously recited the "Peach Blossom Immortal Scripture" he concocted, while praying to him, the God Demon, for various benefits.
If it weren't for the Ten Thousand Refining Spirit God Technique, being recited wouldn't matter; the Peach Blossom God was his creation, so even if his main body was disturbed, it wouldn't affect him as Tao Buddha's son.
But this time it was different; refining the technique established a connection between him and these believers' heart souls, naturally allowing him to hear them.

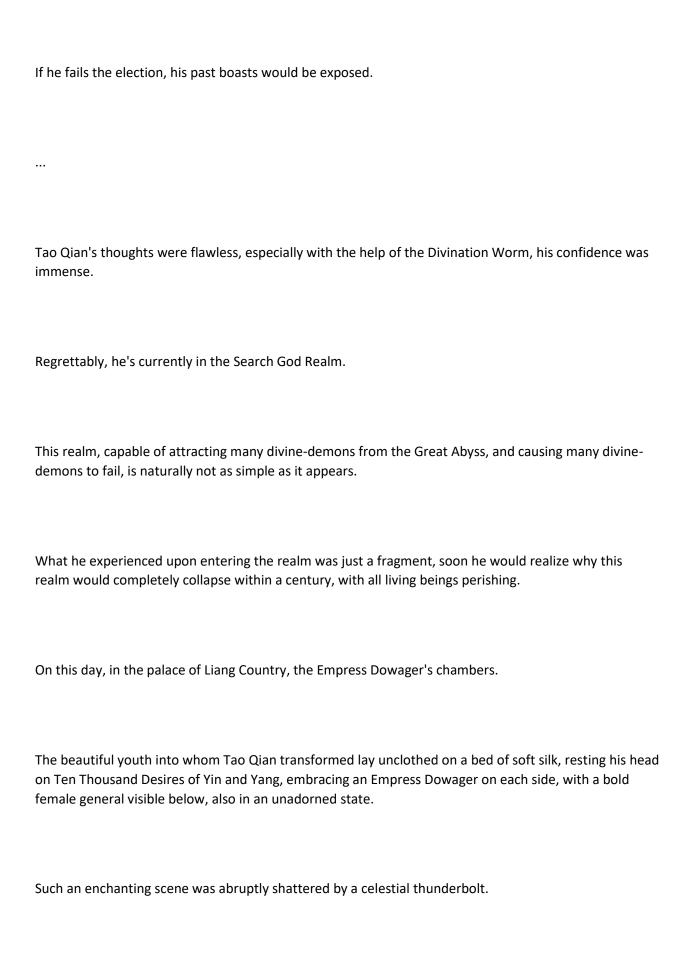
The entire day, he dealt with this matter.
Matters like desire for food, fortune, offspring and more were easily resolved, as many Peach Blossom Temples capable of utilizing all of Liang Country's resources weren't mere ornaments.
However, there was one matter that left Tao Buddha's son quite helpless.
The pursuit of a partner!
This was truly his deserved retribution.
Who told Tao Buddha's son to fabricate a name like Peach Blossom God instead of other God Demon names; it was no surprise the believers sought their god to grant them a partner.
Most requests were normal, nothing more than having the God Demon help find the most suitable one.
A few believers, being greedy, made various absurd demands, clearly custom orders Requests from such people were nearly twisted and disgusting, shocking, and unsuitable for public announcement.

Some even rarer believers directly focused on the "Peach Blossom God" itself, requesting to become Peach Blossom Goddess or Peach Blossom Immortal Man, and accompany the God Demon.
"Women ask, men also ask."
"Humph, if I were truly a God Demon indifferent to warmth, embracing both genders, what of it? With the [Ten Thousand Marvelous Mysterious Pearl] as a divine alien object, just a few shakes would summon a million bodies, all transformed into wonderful flesh; every believer would get one, everyone would have a share, all could enjoy Ultimate Happiness, but alas, I am not."
"However, responding solely to female believers isn't good either. Though capable of night guarding a million women, I lack that interest or appetite. Besides, doing so has a high cost, likely reducing the Peach Blossom God in All People's eyes to an Evil God; the loss would outweigh the gain."
"Hmm? It must be this way then."
In thought, Tao Buddha's son took action.
With great divine power, he transmitted a message to all believers:
"Conjugal partners should be considered carefully."
"The regular recitation of Peach Blossom Scripture naturally brings harmonious connections."

"If wishing to gain a perfect Daoist couple, diligently cultivate the Peach Blossom Scripture, offer unique sacrifices, and when the time arrives, you may advance to become [God Demon Spirit Cultivation], obtain my teachings, and fulfill your heart's desire."
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"If you wish to stay by my side, you must be promoted to the [Peach Blossom Goddess], this is fate, we don't look at anything else, we only look at how karma unfolds."
With some coaxing, Tao Buddha's son successfully resolved the believers' excessive demands.
As for the promotion pathways such as divine-demonic spiritual cultivation and Peach Blossom Goddess, it was entirely at his discretion, not troublesome at all.
After settling matters this way, just as he was about to continue refining and cultivating, Jiang Caiyun and Jiang Caiping, these two Empresses Dowager, came together with their talk, insisting on staying by his side, even bringing in Shi Beiniang, this uniquely gallant female general.
After all, they were his subordinate Goddesses, so Tao Buddha's son had to transform into a handsome youth to calm them one by one.
And so it was!
Tao Qian had a few peaceful days in Liang Country.

With his protection as the "Peach Blossom God," the entire nation enjoyed peace.
Not only was there no war, but natural disasters like the Golden Evil Annihilation Wind, Earth Orifice True Fire, Five Evil Poison Mists, and Yin Fire Poisonous Sludge—all common calamities on the mainland of the Search God Realm—were nullified by Tao Buddha's son's spells before causing any harm.
Such a peaceful nation could be rightfully called a paradise.
For a time, Liang Country's appeal greatly increased.
Around it, people from Tang Country, Zhou Country, Ming Country, and other nations of the Human Clan began migrating here with their families.
Upon verifying the rumors to be true, the Peach Blossom God, this divine-demon, gained great fame on the continent of Ten Thousand Gods.
As the influx of foreigners surged, the growth of the Divination Worm accelerated, revealing more secrets and information for Tao Qian to know.
"In the Search God Realm, across the vast expanse, there are altogether eighteen nations of varying sizes."

"Countries like Liang are considered medium-sized."
"Smaller ones include Han and Zheng, with territories only as large as Langya County within Liang; they were long ago governed by powerful divine-demons."
"And countries like Zhou, Tang, Song, Yuan about six or seven truly large nations remain contested by many divine-demons, with numerous Daoist lineage inheritors emerging, and traces of Secret Demon Child appearing frequently, even a few known figures have already surfaced."
"In a while, expansion might be considered."
Tao Buddha's son, having mastered the Ten Thousand Refinement Spirit God, with aides like the Fish Basket Bodhisattva, acquiring treasures like the Plague God Umbrella and Heart-binding Rope, had many trump cards and naturally could not be satisfied with merely controlling Liang Country.
A century of time!
To listen, it seems quite long.
But without careful planning, it's uncertain if he can outcompete other Secret Demon Children.



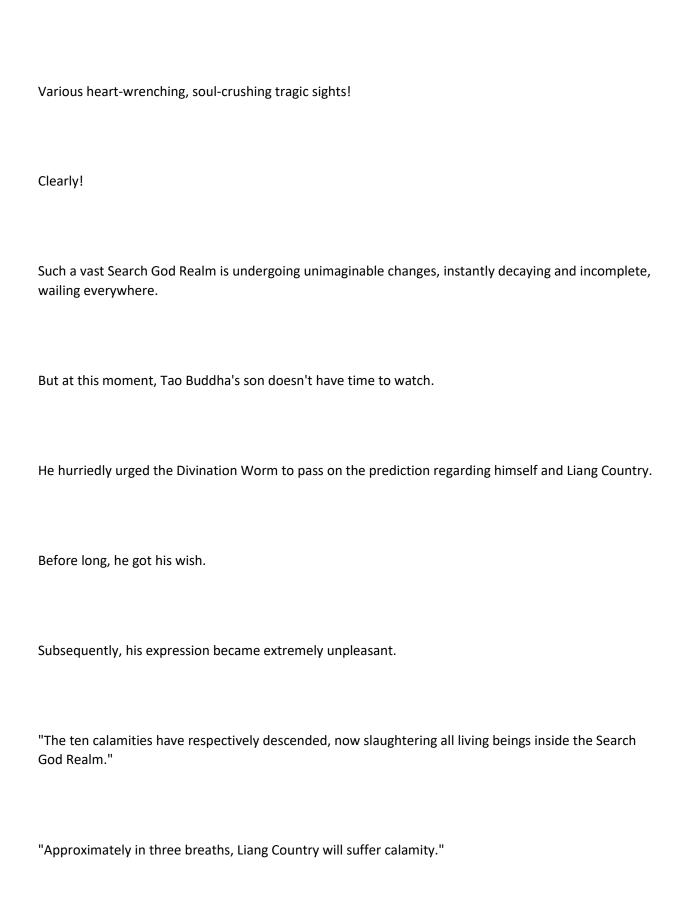
Liang Country?
No, the entire Search God Realm.
Only an eerie loud sound was heard, the heavens and earth trembled together, and all living beings inside the realm were startled awake.
Tao Qian also awoke, and soon felt a terrifying omen beyond words, as he furrowed his brow and was about to act.
In his mind, the frantic warnings from the Divination Worm transformed into scarlet blood-words, crashing down with a thunderous roar:
"The source of the Search God Realm has once again mutated, the world is damaged, and all living beings will suffer backlash."
"The Ten Catastrophes will descend, annihilating half the life in the Search God Realm."
This was truly a bolt from the blue.

Even Tao Qian was considerably shocked.
In the Longevity Realm, he had experienced the "Human Dao Great Calamity" specifically targeting the Human Clan, yet even such a great calamity did not begin by declaring it would wipe out at least half of the Human Clan.
What further unsettled Tao Qian was the series of broken images the Divination Worm conveyed next:
It seemed quite far from Liang Country, a territory called "Wu Country."
This was a small country, consisting of about a few dozen counties, with a population of over a million.
Originally, wild gods and immoral sacrifices were widespread, but recently, an Outer Realm Demon known as the [Dragon Mother] subdued them, and a million people began to believe in the Dragon Mother, reciting the "Spiritual Desire Dragon Mother Scripture" all day, with great devotion.
This God Demon seems good upon hearing, but is actually of the evil demon kind, a God Demon that attained enlightenment through cultivating evil techniques.
Reciting the evil scripture passed down by Her leads to transformation into the clan.
When the time is right, they'll collectively ascend, merging into the Dragon Mother's wicked body.

Yet before that, She pretends to be a "Good God," granting many benefits to solidify belief.
Behold, the time for the Dragon Mother to reap is near.
A celestial calamity suddenly arrives, a scarlet storm filled with the scent of flesh descends upon Wu Country without warning.
Where this flesh storm passes, whether human clan or other devils, beasts, flying creatures, whatever possesses blood, all are completely devoured and absorbed into the storm.
No matter your cultivation level?
Useless!
Even a native clan leader specially transformed by the Dragon Mother, and the avatar descended by the Dragon Mother: a female True Dragon as mighty as a mountain, with a thousand heads, robust and plump.
Upon encountering the storm, only struggled for a few breaths before being scattered into dust, leaving not even a corpse.

In its final moments, wailed in unwillingness:
"Foul Search God Realm, how could it harm me like this."
"Just short by an hour today, I could have gone one step further, but now all is lost."
"Hate, I hate so much."
Tao Qian watched in horror, seeing others also bloodless and empty-handed, difficult not to feel for similar kin.
The Divination Worm, however, cares not of these things, privately conveying the observed secrets and subsequent predictions one by one:
"That scarlet flesh storm, named [Bone Melting Wind and Dew], is one of the ten calamities."
"Not created by the acquired, but born of heaven and earth."
"This calamity targets blood and flesh life, no matter how strong, as long as born of blood and flesh, unable to resist the world's might, is not exempt."

"Even the innate gods and demons' body falling into the Search God Realm, if enveloped by this storm, would also perish."
"Hiss"
Tao Qian shivered all over, an indelible fear appearing in his eyes.
His mind retained the image of Wu Country being entirely wiped out.
Indeed, not leaving a single one, not only men, women, old and young, up to a million, within the territory not even a dog, a bird, a worm all dead clean.
Given the description of the Divination Worm, evidently even the newly refined [Ten Thousand Refinement Spirit God Dharma Body] shown by Tao Buddha's son, cannot survive such a disaster known as Bone Melting Wind and Dew.
In spite of this, Tao Qian could still see the scenes of other countries:
Various unimaginable disasters!



"It should be a disaster called [Rebirth Heart Demon]."
"This calamity is extremely fierce, especially targeting the human clan, or life forms that have attained enlightenment."
"It is a bizarre celestial calamity born from the heart, upon descending, those affected immediately sever their vitality, perish on the spot, using their own life force to repair the Heavenly Dao's life force."
"Even those with profound Dao Heng and powerful cultivation, as long as the power cannot compare to the whole world of Search God Realm, cannot resist this calamity."
"Of Liang Country's ten million population, at least five million will 'Rebirth Heart Demon', and within ar hour, all will perish."