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Unbeknownst to Kai, the dragon crystal he possessed was linked to Cen Biqing. However, since the crystal was actively absorbing energy, he chose not to interfere!

In the future, Kai intended to use this dragon crystal as a means to locate Cen Biqing and the Zhen Demon Pagoda, a place known for suppressing all dragons!

Additionally, Kai planned to track down the owner of the Demon Suppressing Tower to uncover the deep-seated animosity this individual had towards dragons!

The following morning,

Kai sought out Zhu Yuanji, expressing his desire to bring Zhu Qingyue back to the Xiao Dynasty, fulfilling a promise he made to Xiao Feng.

Zhu Yuanji allowed this but voiced his concerns about Qi Yuankun from Qi Family Town.

Although Qi Heng was deceased and Qi Family Town had lost its strength, the town had aligned itself with the Demon Sealing Alliance!

If Qi Yuankun continued to pose a threat to the Zhu Family Town, it could spell trouble!

“In that case, I’ll eliminate Qi Family Town so that the Zhu Family can rest easy,” Kai declared.

With that, he vanished in a flash!

Within half a day, Kai returned, bringing news of Qi Family Town's destruction, which quickly reached Zhu Family Town!

Since Qi Family Town had chosen allegiance with the Demon Sealing Alliance, Kai felt no moral burden in their elimination.

"All members of the Demon Sealing Alliance deserve to die..."

As Kai prepared to leave with Zhu Qingyue, Zhu Qingxiu looked at him and said, "I want to go with you..."

"Where are you planning to go with me?" Kai asked, slightly taken aback!

"I'm heading to the Dead Sea to find an island for cultivation. This way, Fan Xianbo won't be able to track me," Zhu Qingxiu explained.

"If I keep the Jade Slip Secrets on me, Fan Xianbo will certainly come after me, which could endanger Zhu Jia Town," she continued.

Determined to cultivate on an island in the Dead Sea, Zhu Qingxiu hoped that one day she would be strong enough to revive the Ten Thousand Swords Sect!

Recognizing the wisdom in her decision, Kai nodded in agreement!

Poor Zhu Yuanji had only just spent a few days with his daughters before they had to leave again!

Nevertheless, knowing his daughters were safe brought him happiness!

"Father, once I reach the Xiao Dynasty, I promise to visit you often. Don't worry," Zhu Qingyue reassured him.

"I'll come to pick you up and take you to live in the Xiao Imperial Dynasty for a while so you can experience the grandeur of the Imperial City!"

She clasped Zhu Yuanji's hand with enthusiasm.

“Well, well, well… my daughter-in-law is making a name for herself!” Zhu Yuanji beamed, a smile lighting up his face. He waved his hand, urging, “Let’s not delay any longer.”

Both Zhu Qingyue and Zhu Qingxiu boarded the dirigible, which gradually ascended into the sky!

As Zhu Yuanji watched the airship take off, tears began to flow uncontrollably!

In an instant, he seemed to age significantly!

The airship soared towards the Dead Sea, and by the time it reached the coastline, dusk had settled in.

Kai stood atop the airship, gazing at the expansive Dead Sea and the sun setting in the horizon!

Zhu Qingxiu joined him on the top deck, aware that her departure was imminent!

She wondered if she would ever have the chance to see Kai again after this moment!

This could possibly be their last encounter!

As Zhu Qingxiu approached, she noticed Kai standing at the front, hands behind his back, illuminated by the warm glow of the sunset, creating a surreal and enchanting sight!

She gazed intently at Kai’s silhouette but soon furrowed her brows!

A strange aura began to swirl around Kai from all directions, as he remained still, reflecting the evening light, casting a shadow behind him!

These shadows resembled colossal dragons, each coiling protectively around him!

True Dragon’s Qi?

Zhu Qingxiu was taken aback!

In that moment, she felt a wave of humility wash over her, questioning how someone of her status could ever be worthy of Kai, especially after having boldly approached him the previous night!

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“Why did you come out?”

Kai didn’t need to turn around to know that Zhu Qingxiu was right behind him.

“I’m here to say goodbye. I’m off to find a deserted island for my cultivation!”

Seeing that Kai had noticed her, Zhu Qingxiu appeared a bit flustered.

“Isn’t this area too close to shore? Don’t you want to venture deeper into the Dead Sea?”

Kai turned to face her!

Zhu Qingxiu avoided his gaze, her eyes darting around nervously.

After all, she had made a bold move the night before but hadn’t followed through, which left her feeling somewhat embarrassed.

“No, I prefer it here near the mainland. It allows me to visit my father more often,”

she said with a faint smile.

“Alright, I respect your choice. If you ever need anything, don’t hesitate to reach out!”

As he spoke, Kai pulled out a large sound transmission jade slip and handed it to Zhu Qingxiu.

She accepted it without hesitation, glanced at him, then leapt off the blimp!

“Aren’t you going to say goodbye to your sister?”

Kai was puzzled; how could Zhu Qingxiu just leave without bidding farewell to Zhu Qingyue?

“No need to, it’s better to avoid any heartache. You can say goodbye to my sister for me.”

With that, Zhu Qingxiu completely vanished from view!

Kai watched her depart, surprisingly feeling a pang of sadness.

In truth, Zhu Qingxiu had her struggles!

A woman burdened with the mission of the Ten Thousand Swords Sect, while also being pursued by the Demon Sealing Alliance and Fan Xianbo—it wasn’t easy at all!

Had he gone too far the night before?

Zhu Qingxiu must have made a significant decision, and he should have offered her some comfort!

“Kid, feeling regret?” At that moment, the voice of the Red Cloud Demon Lord echoed in his mind!

“Regret? What are you talking about?”

Kai feigned ignorance in response!

“Of course, I’m saying you should regret not having fun with that woman… If you don’t seize the opportunity right in front of you, are you even a man?”

The Red Cloud Demon Lord teased him.

“I’m a decent man. She’s a pure and innocent girl; how could I just think of it as playing?”

Kai replied, trying to maintain his dignity.

“Must you really pretend like that? How many women have you been with while still having the nerve to act all righteous?”

The Red Cloud Demon Lord scoffed at him.

“Mr. Chen, where is my sister?”

Just then, Zhu Qingyue appeared at the top of the blimp!

Having not seen Zhu Qingxiu inside, she had come out to investigate!

“Your sister has left. She asked me to let you know…”

Kai informed her.

“Left?” Zhu Qingyue froze, her eyes scanning the vast expanse of the Dead Sea as tears streamed down her face. “Sister….”

Kai, unable to bear the sight of her sorrow, returned to the blimp.

Once they reached a certain area of the sea, Kai instructed Ji Yun to elevate the blimp before diving straight into the Dead Sea!

He was determined to rescue Zi’er, one of the Seven Immortals, and bring her to the Soul Demon Sect for Patriarch Jiang to help restore her physical form!

When Zi’er, who had been attached to a tree, saw Kai return, her face lit up with joy!

After all, she had been worried for days, fearing he had forgotten about her!

Kai took Zi’er and made his way directly to the Soul Demon Sect located on Heavenly Demon Mountain!

However, before reaching the Soul Demon Sect, he decided to stop by Guang Han Palace to visit the Palace Master and the girls!

While there, he inquired about the Mu Family, knowing he had killed two of their sons and that the head of the family would likely seek revenge!

Fortunately, the Mu Family Master was still in seclusion. The last major conflict had drawn the Southern Domain Master’s attention and left the Mu Family Master injured, prolonging his retreat!

After departing from Guang Han Palace, Kai finally reached the Soul Demon Sect, where he entrusted Zi’er to Patriarch Jiang and left behind two Heavenly Demon Stones for her physical restoration!

With that taken care of, Kai and his companions set their course for the Western Region!

Even though the airship was swift, the journey was long, so Kai decided to close his eyes and meditate during the trip!

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Simultaneously, at the headquarters of the Demon Sealing Alliance!

Zuo Tianzheng, the leader of the alliance, occupied the main seat in the grand hall, while a dozen experts from the Mahayana realm sat attentively before him!

Remarkably, these Mahayana realm experts were all demonic cultivators. Despite the Demon Sealing Alliance's mission to eradicate devils and uphold justice, it had surprisingly turned into a haven for devilish practitioners!

"Elder Chu, please share your findings with everyone!"

Zuo Tianzheng directed his gaze toward Elder Chu, who was seated beside him.

While Elder Chu might not possess immense strength, his position as Elder and his close association with Zuo Tianzheng indicated he had significant capabilities!

Elder Chu was responsible for organizing the distribution of the Demon Sealing Alliance's forces throughout the Celestial Realm, as well as overseeing recruitment efforts.

Although the Mahayana realm demonic cultivators present appeared to be stronger than Elder Chu, none dared to underestimate him!

"Gentlemen, I'm certain you've noticed that, aside from the demonic cultivators in the vicinity of Heavenly Demon Mountain, many others in different regions have mysteriously vanished."

"Several demonic cultivators that the Demon Sealing Alliance had already targeted have also gone missing, making it increasingly challenging for us to acquire more demonic cultivators in recent years."

"Through my investigation, I discovered that this situation is linked to Daoist Wuji, and it seems that those missing devil cultivators have all been taken to some hidden space by him."

Elder Chu addressed the assembly of demonic cultivators.

"Patriarch Zhou, you should speak as well!" Zuo Tianzheng urged, turning his attention to a hunched old man.

This old man was none other than the individual who had taken Tian Fury and Tian Luo to the Eastern Domain, who had confronted Kai and subsequently been driven away by Daoist Wuji!

Patriarch Zhou stood up and began, “I was dispatched to the Eastern Domain to assist Qi Jia Town, but unexpectedly, I encountered that Kai.”

“Due to the presence of Kai’s allies, two of my disciples were injured, forcing me to retreat.”

Patriarch Zhou wore an embarrassed expression; discussing his retreat in front of so many people felt somewhat humiliating!

“Old Zhou, you’re at the fourth rank of the Mahayana Realm. Who could possibly intimidate you in that insignificant Eastern Domain?”

“Exactly, the number of Mahayana Realm cultivators in the Eastern Domain is limited, especially those at the fourth rank.”

“I suspect you didn’t want to provoke that Kai and decided to run back, didn’t you? Everyone knows you’re the most cunning among us.”

Numerous demonic cultivators began to question Patriarch Zhou eagerly!

With his strength at the fourth rank of the Mahayana Realm, it was difficult to believe he would find an insurmountable opponent in the Eastern Region; thus, his claim of retreat raised suspicions.

Patriarch Zhou paid little heed to their taunts. Many of the demonic cultivators present were devoted supporters of the Demon Sealing Alliance, but he was not one of them—he was merely trying to save his own skin, having no choice but to align himself with the Alliance!

“My encounter with Kai revealed that his ally is that Wuji Old Tao. Though it was merely a shadow, it was beyond my capability to confront.”

“In addition to Wuji Old Tao, there’s a highly skilled girl accompanying him. It seems she has a strong connection to Wuji Old Tao, and her power is formidable. The two demonic cultivators who follow her are also both at the second grade of the Mahayana realm.”

“I suspect this girl has ties to the city that vanished thousands of years ago, and it’s plausible that Old Taoist Wuji has sent those missing demonic cultivators to the heart of that city.”

Patriarch Zhou reflected aloud.

Upon hearing this, the individuals who had previously mocked him suddenly shifted their expressions!

“A city that disappeared millennia ago? Could it possibly be Sun Moon City? We haven’t heard a whisper from Sun Moon City for thousands of years; how could someone from there suddenly emerge?”

An incredulous voice inquired.

“Sun Moon City hasn’t truly disappeared; rather, it utilized spirit veins to reopen a spatial secret realm. Sun Moon City has always existed within the Celestial Realm; we just can’t see it.”

Zuo Tianzheng interjected!

Clearly, he had already received a report from Patriarch Zhou about Sun Moon City and had conducted a thorough investigation into the matter!

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Upon hearing Zuo Tianzheng’s statement, a heavy silence fell over the group, leaving them uncertain about how to respond!

Daoist Master Wuji and the elusive Sun Moon City were both mysterious forces to them. Despite the fact that all the demonic cultivators present

were at the Mahayana realm, they remained clueless about the true strength of their opponents!

The fact that Wuji Daolord's single shadow had already defeated Patriarch Zhou, who was ranked fourth in the Mahayana Realm, hinted at just how formidable Wuji Daolord's true power might be!

Noticing the crowd's silence, Zuo Tianzheng pressed on, "Now that Kai has allied himself with Old Taoist Wuji and the Sun Moon City, we cannot allow him to continue to grow in power."

"Therefore, I have resolved to eliminate Kai first, removing a significant threat from my mind, and afterward, I will confront that Old Daoist Wuji."

"Allied Lord, do you have any idea where Kai currently is? We have no leads on where to locate him?" Patriarch Zhou inquired!

"He has gone to the Western Region's Xiao Dynasty..."

Zuo Tianzheng replied.

Upon hearing the name Xiao Imperial Dynasty, Patriarch Zhou fell silent, and the others followed suit!

If Kai had been hiding elsewhere, these individuals would have eagerly taken on the task, as capturing Kai would yield significant accolades!

However, the moment they learned he was in the Xiao Dynasty, fear gripped them!

In the Celestial Realm, the only power formidable enough to rival the Demon Sealing Alliance was the Xiao Dynasty!

Furthermore, the Xiao Dynasty's ability to endure for so many years and continue to grow stronger clearly indicated its deep-rooted heritage!

It was possible that the Demon Sealing Alliance would not stand a chance against the Xiao Dynasty!

Thus, no one was willing to venture into the Xiao Dynasty to search for Kai.

They might even end up embroiled in a disaster!

Noticing the lack of responses, Zuo Tianzheng smiled slightly and continued, “Gentlemen, do you believe our Demon Sealing Alliance is nearly as appealing as the Xiao Imperial Dynasty?”

No one answered, but their expressions spoke volumes!

Ultimately, the Demon Sealing Alliance was merely a coalition of various forces!

In contrast, the Xiao Dynasty was a dynasty governed by the Xiao Family, with a multitude of cities and armies under its command!

How could a makeshift alliance possibly compete with such a well-established power?

Zuo Tianzheng glanced at Elder Chu, who then spoke up, “The Xiao Imperial Dynasty does wield tremendous power, but it has a critical vulnerability: the struggle for the throne.”

“The eldest son of the Xiao Emperor, Xiao Feng, has been infatuated with a woman, leading the Xiao Emperor to scour the world for alchemists to cure his son. Although he was eventually cured, Xiao Feng has lost both power and prestige within the Xiao Imperial Dynasty.”

“On the other hand, the Xiao Emperor has a second son, Xiao Jian, who possesses great wisdom and courage, and has even reached the third rank of the Mahayana realm. In terms of strength and strategy, he far surpasses his elder brother, Xiao Feng.”

“However, Xiao Jian is a son born of a concubine, which means the Xiao Emperor has largely overlooked him, and very few know of his existence.”

“Currently, Xiao Jian is stationed in the small town of Cangwolf on the western border, and he has long felt dissatisfied, presenting us with an opportunity to weaken the Xiao Imperial Dynasty from within, ensuring they no longer have the capacity to protect Kai.”

“I previously sent someone to make contact with Xiao Jian, and I will take the lead this time. If we can win him over, our Demon Sealing Alliance can assist him in taking control of the Xiao Imperial Dynasty, establishing an alliance between us.”

“Just ask throughout the entire Celestial Realm: who could stand against our Demon Sealing Alliance?”

Elder Chu spoke with fervor, as if envisioning a future where the Demon Sealing Alliance unified the Celestial Realm.

As the demonic cultivators exchanged incredulous glances, they were astonished by Elder Chu’s revelation about the existence of Emperor Xiao’s second son.

This was a testament to Elder Chu’s astuteness; he had a knack for uncovering critical information, especially when he had once utilized array deduction to protect Zuo Tianzheng’s son, Zuo Xuan, in Heavenly Demon Mountain!

Yet, only Kai seemed to elude him, with an intricate web of unknown karma that disrupted Elder Chu’s array deduction!

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“Patriarch Zhou, Elder Chu will make a personal visit to Cangwolf City. Meanwhile, you are to take someone with you to the Xiao Dynasty. If

Xiao Yuanshan shows some sense and hands over Kai, we can afford to tolerate him for a while.”

“However, if he refuses to cooperate, we will have no choice but to declare war and force him out of the Emperor Xiao position…”

Zuo Tianzheng addressed Patriarch Zhou directly.

Patriarch Zhou was taken aback, his expression darkening with reluctance. Despite his misgivings, he knew he could not refuse the orders of the ally lord, so he steeled himself to accept it.

Zuo Tianzheng waved his hand, signaling everyone to leave. Elder Chu then approached Zuo Tianzheng, expressing concern: “Allied Lord, I’m worried that Patriarch Zhou isn’t fully committed to our Demon Sealing Alliance. Can we trust him to handle matters in the Xiao Dynasty?”

Zuo Tianzheng smiled faintly in response. “This time, regardless of whether Xiao Yuanshan understands the situation, I will ensure he steps down. I cannot allow such a significant threat to linger within the Demon Sealing Alliance.”

Elder Chu nodded in understanding. It was clear that Zuo Tianzheng viewed Patriarch Zhou’s role in the Xiao Dynasty as merely a pawn, without regard for his fate.

Once everyone had departed, Zuo Tianzheng turned and walked toward the rear of the grand hall. He slowly pushed open a door as dark as ink.

Inside lay an enormous black hole, and as Zuo Tianzheng stepped into the room, his figure was instantly engulfed by the darkness.

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Xiao Imperial Dynasty!

A massive blimp descended towards the palace of the Xiao Dynasty!

As the blimp approached, hundreds of guards stood at attention, while nearly a hundred eighth-rank cultivators took to the skies, watching the airship with vigilance, uncertain of who might be aboard.

Xiao Yuanshan and Xiao Feng rushed over in a state of alarm. In all the years that had passed, no one had dared to attack the Xiao Dynasty!

However, as the airship landed and Kai disembarked alongside Zhu Qingyue, Xiao Yuanshan and Xiao Feng's faces lit up with joy!

Xiao Yuanshan quickly waved for all the guards to stand down.

Xiao Feng leaped forward and embraced Zhu Qingyue tightly, tears streaming down his face. "Ah Zhu, where have you been? I've missed you so much!"

Not caring about anyone else present, Xiao Feng expressed his deep longing for her.

Zhu Qingyue, equally emotional, replied, "Xiao Feng, I missed you too! But my family faced some troubles, and I had to go back. I was captured..."

"Thankfully, Mr. Chen saved me; otherwise, I wouldn't have been able to see you again..."

Upon hearing this, Xiao Feng released Zhu Qingyue and bowed deeply to Kai. "Mr. Chen, not only have you saved me, but you've also rescued Ah Zhu. I will never forget this kindness. If you ever find yourself in trouble, I'll go through fire and water for you."

Xiao Feng was profoundly grateful to Kai.

"Prince Xiao, you are too kind. It was merely a small effort on my part," Kai replied with a gentle smile.

"Mr. Chen, you have done so much for us. You must stay with us longer in the Xiao Imperial Dynasty. Allow me to host you as our honored

guest," Xiao Yuanshan insisted, taking Kai's hand and leading him towards the palace.

Xiao Feng and Zhu Qingyue held hands, following closely behind them into the palace.

Xiao Yuanshan organized a grand feast to express gratitude to Kai and to publicly announce the engagement of Xiao Feng and Zhu Qingyue.

Additionally, a crucial matter was to be addressed: the official declaration of Xiao Feng as Crown Prince. Given that Xiao Feng was now stable and sane, it was time to settle the Crown Prince issue.

As he faced the assembled princes and ministers of the Xiao Imperial Dynasty, Xiao Yuanshan declared, "I hereby announce that from this moment forward, Xiao Feng will be the Crown Prince of our Xiao Imperial Dynasty. All within the dynasty will serve him, and he shall have command over our troops."

With that proclamation, Xiao Yuanshan produced a tiger talisman and handed it directly to Xiao Feng!

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The sight before the numerous princes and ministers left them all feeling somewhat incredulous!

In previous times, the Xiao Dynasty would appoint a Crown Prince, but this was merely a formality for the future king to prepare. Never before had a Crown Prince been granted such immense power!

Was the Xiao Emperor truly unconcerned that his son might rally his own forces and stage a rebellion to seize the throne?

At this moment, even Xiao Feng found himself puzzled, unsure of why his father had suddenly bestowed upon him such significant authority.

While it made sense to establish himself as the Crown Prince—after all, he was the sole son of Xiao Yuanshan, and the Xiao Dynasty would eventually belong to him—Xiao Feng was baffled by the urgency with which his father was entrusting him with power.

Kai, being an outsider, was unaffected by the unfolding drama. He was simply enjoying the hospitality of the Xiao Emperor. In a few days, he planned to depart for the Artifact Refining Sect, especially since he hadn't received any news from the Sword Spirit, Zhong Li, and could no longer sense his presence.

His intention was to take the Dragon Chopper Sword to the Artifact Refining Sect, hoping they could give it the care it needed. Ideally, he wanted Zhong Li to recover fully!

Meanwhile, after Xiao Yuanshan proclaimed Xiao Feng as the Imperial Crown Prince, far away in the small border town of Canglong City, Xiao Jian stood at his window, gazing toward the Imperial City.

Dressed in a pale yellow robe, Xiao Jian exuded an air of nobility that was hard to conceal, even after so many years in this remote location.

Behind him stood an elderly monk clad in a green monk's robe. The monk held a string of Buddha beads in his left hand, his eyes half-closed as he quietly chanted.

Suddenly, the old monk opened his eyes and spoke slowly, "It's coming..."

Just then, a soldier rushed in, announcing, "Your Majesty, Elder Chu from the Demon Sealing Alliance has arrived!"

Xiao Jian nodded and led the old monk out of the room.

In the main hall, Elder Chu awaited them, accompanied by two cultivators from the Demon Sealing Alliance. Upon seeing Xiao Jian, Elder Chu smiled faintly and said, "Emperor Xiao, I have come specifically to extend my congratulations..."

“Congratulations?” Xiao Jian was taken aback, feeling uncertain.

“Emperor Xiao has decreed that your elder brother, Xiao Feng, is now the Crown Prince, and has also entrusted him with the Tiger Talisman, allowing him to command the entire army of the Xiao Imperial Dynasty, including Cangwolf City, where you currently reside.”

“Your father is clearly wary of you, and with this in mind, you need not hold back, Prince Xiao. You should collaborate with our Demon Sealing Alliance to overthrow your father in one fell swoop, allowing you to ascend the throne of the Xiao Imperial Dynasty,” Elder Chu stated boldly.

“Are you trying to provoke a rift between my father and me? Don’t you fear I’ll have you captured and handed over to my father for punishment?” Xiao Jian questioned, eyeing Elder Chu.

“Hahaha, I’m not worried at all! I know you wouldn’t do that. If you truly feared your father, then why have you secretly trained a legion of dead guards?”

“If I’m not mistaken, you likely command hundreds of dead guards, some of whom are Mahayana Realm experts, right?” Elder Chu laughed heartily.

Xiao Jian’s expression darkened as he frowned and asked, “How do you know this?”

“There’s no need for you to inquire further; I have my own sources of information,” Elder Chu replied nonchalantly. “You only need to decide whether you wish to cooperate with our Demon Sealing Alliance…”

“You want me to think it over?” Xiao Jian’s brows were knitted tightly, struggling to make a decision.

“Very well, I’ll give you a day to contemplate this; it’s your last opportunity, so I hope you recognize its value!” Elder Chu concluded before departing with his companions.

Xiao Jian then turned to the old monk beside him and asked, “Master, what do you think I should do?”

The old monk smiled gently, replying, “Your imperial son, didn’t you already have the answer within you? Why ask me again?”

Upon hearing this, Xiao Jian smiled faintly and turned to leave the hall.

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Xiao Imperial Dynasty!

In the grand hall of the palace, Patriarch Zhou had already made his entrance, accompanied by Tian Luo and Tian Sha!

However, it was Xiao Feng who greeted them, while Xiao Yuanshan was notably absent!

Sitting atop the dragon chair, Xiao Feng cast a steady gaze down upon Patriarch Zhou and his companions!

As the Crown Prince, Xiao Feng felt an added weight of responsibility!

Despite being aware of the identities of Patriarch Zhou and the members of the Demon Sealing Alliance, he coldly inquired, “Who are you, and what brings you to my Xiao Dynasty?”

Stunned momentarily, Patriarch Zhou quickly gathered himself and replied, “Prince Xiao, we are representatives of the Demon Sealing Alliance. We have come to your Xiao Dynasty because we believe Kai is here, and we wish to take him with us.”

“I trust Emperor Xiao understands that our alliance has been pursuing Kai for a century, and we hope he will willingly turn him over!”

“Very well!” Xiao Feng nodded, signaling to those around him!

Patriarch Zhou was taken aback by Xiao Feng's agreement, momentarily speechless.

Not long after, Kai was summoned!

Striding confidently into the grand hall, Kai met Patriarch Zhou's gaze with unwavering composure!

"Kid, so you really are here. Let's see who will come to your aid this time!" Tian Luo sneered in excitement at the sight of Kai!

Ignoring Tian Luo entirely, Kai approached a chair and sat down with elegance!

"Mr. Chen is present; you may attempt to take him away!" Xiao Feng stated, addressing Patriarch Zhou!

Patriarch Zhou faltered for a moment, seemingly misinterpreting Xiao Feng's tone, and asked, "Emperor Xiao, if we take Kai, your Xiao Dynasty will not interfere, correct?"

"Of course we won't..."

"That's a relief!" Patriarch Zhou sighed, visibly relaxing.

"But I'll kill you all..." Xiao Feng added with a chilling smile!

Both Patriarch Zhou and Tian Luo's expressions darkened, and those who had intended to seize Kai hesitated.

"You are welcome to try to move Mr. Chen and see if you can exit the hall!" Xiao Feng challenged!

"Prince Xiao, this Kai is an enemy of our Demon Sealing Alliance. For your Xiao Imperial Dynasty to harbor him like this will lead to trouble," Patriarch Zhou asserted.

“Given your current standing, I doubt you have the authority to make this decision. It would be wise to let Emperor Xiao handle this!”

As soon as Patriarch Zhou finished speaking, his aura erupted!

The force emanating from this fourth-grade Mahayana realm cultivator was terrifying!

The entire hall shook as a menacing demonic energy spread throughout!

Shockwaves reverberated through the Imperial City!

Xiao Feng’s expression shifted; he knew he was no match for Patriarch Zhou, a formidable fourth-grade cultivator!

The unexpected display of power from Patriarch Zhou caught Xiao Feng off guard.

Just as the demonic energy was about to engulf the Imperial City, a brilliant white light suddenly burst forth from the center, obliterating the dark energy!

Patriarch Zhou and Tian Luo frowned, with Patriarch Zhou’s demeanor becoming increasingly grave!

He recognized that the individual who had just intervened possessed tremendous strength!

“You are merely a pawn of the Demon Sealing Alliance, yet you dare to act so recklessly in my Xiao Imperial Dynasty!”

With that, Xiao Yuanshan entered slowly!

Upon seeing Xiao Yuanshan, Patriarch Zhou’s expression soured further, but he managed a strained smile, saying, “Emperor Xiao, I’ve come at the behest of my alliance master.”

“Is your mission to declare war on my Xiao Imperial Dynasty? I can assure you that Mr. Chen is a valued guest of our Xiao Dynasty, and I will not allow anyone to harm him. If your Demon Sealing Alliance has the strength, feel free to come at us.”

“However, for your audacity in causing chaos in the grand hall of the Imperial City, I demand an explanation,” Xiao Yuanshan stated coldly!

Seeing the situation escalate, Patriarch Zhou quickly replied, “Emperor Xiao, I’m merely here to convey the Alliance Master’s orders. It’s said that even amidst conflict, envoys are not harmed.”

“Surely, Emperor Xiao wouldn’t want to take action against us simply because we are on our own territory, would you?”

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Xiao Imperial Dynasty!

In the grand palace hall, Patriarch Zhou had already made his entrance alongside Tian Luo and Tian Sha!

However, it was Xiao Feng who greeted them, as Xiao Yuanshan was notably absent!

Xiao Feng occupied the dragon chair, his gaze fixed intently on Patriarch Zhou and his companions!

As the Crown Prince, Xiao Feng carried an added weight of responsibility!

Though he was aware of the identities of Patriarch Zhou and the members of the Demon Sealing Alliance, he still coldly inquired, “Who are you, and what brings you to my Xiao Dynasty?”

Patriarch Zhou was momentarily taken aback, but he quickly regained his composure and replied, “Prince Xiao, we represent the Demon

Sealing Alliance. We have come to the Xiao Dynasty because we believe that Kai is here, and we wish to take him with us."

"Surely Emperor Xiao understands that our alliance has been pursuing Kai for a century, so we kindly request that you hand him over!"

"Understood!" Xiao Feng nodded, then subtly gestured to those around him!

Patriarch Zhou was taken aback by Xiao Feng's response, momentarily at a loss for words.

Before long, Kai was summoned into the hall!

Kai strode confidently into the grand hall, unaffected by the intense gaze of Patriarch Zhou!

"Kid, you're really here. This time, let's see who can save you!"

Tian Luo sneered with excitement at the sight of Kai!

Ignoring Tian Luo, Kai walked over and casually took a seat!

"Mr. Chen is present; you can attempt to take him if you dare!"

Xiao Feng remarked to Patriarch Zhou!

Patriarch Zhou was taken aback, seemingly misinterpreting Xiao Feng's tone, and asked, "Emperor Xiao, if we take Kai, your Xiao Dynasty will not intervene, correct?"

"Of course not ..."

"That's a relief!" Patriarch Zhou sighed, feeling reassured.

"But I will ensure your demise ..." Xiao Feng added with a chilling smile!

Patriarch Zhou and Tian Luo's expressions hardened, and those who had initially intended to seize Kai hesitated.

"You can try to move Mr. Chen and see if you can make it out of this hall!"

Xiao Feng challenged!

"Prince Xiao, this Kai poses a threat to my Demon Sealing Alliance, and permitting him to remain in the Xiao Imperial Dynasty will only bring trouble."

"Given your current status, I doubt you're in a position to make such decisions. It would be prudent to let Emperor Xiao handle this!"

As Patriarch Zhou concluded, a powerful aura erupted from him!

The force radiating from this fourth-rank Mahayana cultivator was terrifying!

The ground of the entire hall trembled as a menacing demonic aura spread throughout!

The whole Imperial City was shaken!

Xiao Feng's expression shifted; he realized that his strength was no match for Patriarch Zhou, a formidable fourth-rank cultivator!

This sudden surge of power had indeed caught him off guard.

However, just as the Demonic Qi was about to envelop the Imperial City, a brilliant white light erupted from the center, instantly dispersing the dark energy!

Both Patriarch Zhou and the Heavenly Luminous Fiend frowned, and Patriarch Zhou's face turned grave!

He understood that the one who had intervened possessed remarkable strength!

“You’re merely a pawn of the Demon Sealing Alliance, yet you dare to act recklessly in my Xiao Imperial Dynasty. It’s truly outrageous …”

As the voice rang out, Xiao Yuanshan entered the hall with a measured pace!

Upon seeing Xiao Yuanshan, Patriarch Zhou’s expression soured further, though he managed to force a smile and said, “Emperor Xiao, I come only under the orders of my alliance master.”

“Is that a declaration of war against my Xiao Imperial Dynasty? I assure you that Mr. Chen is an esteemed guest of our Xiao Dynasty, and I will not allow anyone to harm him. If your Demon Sealing Alliance has the means, then feel free to try.”

“However, your reckless behavior in my Imperial City’s grand hall demands an explanation.”

Xiao Yuanshan asserted coldly!

Seeing this, Patriarch Zhou quickly responded, “Emperor Xiao, I’m merely here to relay the Alliance Master’s message. As the saying goes, even during wartime, envoys should not be harmed.”

“Surely, Emperor Xiao would not wish to take action against us simply because we are in our own territory, correct?”

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“Alright!” Xiao Feng agreed with a nod before heading out with Kai.

Once they departed, Yu Wenqiang approached Xiao Yuanshan and said, “Your Majesty, I believe the attack from the Demon Sealing Alliance is imminent. We should start preparing right away!”

“Agreed. Issue an order for all cultivators above the eighth rank of the Transition Realm throughout the entire Xiao Imperial Dynasty to gather in the Imperial City,” Xiao Yuanshan commanded.

Given the Demon Sealing Alliance’s declaration of war, it was clear that this would not be a solitary battle. Recognizing their formidable strength, Xiao Yuanshan deemed it necessary for all cultivators above the eighth grade of the Transition Realm to assemble in the Imperial City.

If their strength was insufficient, even a large group would merely become cannon fodder, leading to unnecessary casualties.

“Your Majesty, have we notified Cangwolf City?”

Yu Wenqiang inquired quietly, indicating he was aware of Xiao Jian from Cangwolf City.

Xiao Yuanshan paused thoughtfully, then nodded. “Yes, all cultivators above the eighth rank of the Transition Realm in Cangwolf City must also come to the Imperial City.”

“If that’s the case, the first and second princes could meet, and I’m worried…”

Yu Wenqiang hesitated, not daring to finish his thought.

After all, Xiao Feng was still unaware of the existence of his younger brother; he believed Xiao Yuanshan was his only child.

“What needs to be known will eventually come to light. I have already named Feng’s son as the Crown Prince; this Xiao Dynasty will belong to him in due time.”

“As for Xiao Jian, I will have a proper conversation with him. I hope he doesn’t harbor animosity towards me as his father.”

Xiao Yuanshan expressed.

“Your Majesty, I urge you to reconsider. Many dynasties have fallen due to power struggles among princes. If we allow the second prince to return now, and he becomes disgruntled, it could create internal strife while we face external threats.”

“With the Demon Sealing Alliance attacking from the outside and the Second Prince causing turmoil within, I fear the Great Prince won’t be able to manage the situation effectively…”

Yu Wenqiang’s ability to become Prime Minister stemmed from his prudence and strategic thinking; he was genuinely concerned about the safety of the Xiao Imperial Dynasty.

“Do not worry. If Xiao Jian has any rebellious intentions, I will deal with him personally.”

“In this upcoming conflict with the Demon Sealing Alliance, we must support Feng’er. He has suffered for many years, and I need this battle to help him establish his authority.”

Xiao Yuanshan’s decision to declare war against the Demon Sealing Alliance was influenced by these considerations, not solely because of Kai.

“Rest assured, Your Majesty. I will ensure the Grand Prince remains safe,” Yu Wenqiang promised hastily.

“That’s reassuring!” Xiao Yuanshan smiled faintly before taking his leave.

Meanwhile, Yu Wenqiang was busy organizing the response. The Xiao Imperial Dynasty stretched across dozens of cities and regions, and he had no clear idea of how many cultivators above the eighth rank of the Transition Realm were present in the entire dynasty.

As for Kai, after accompanying Xiao Feng, he returned to his room, which was now stocked with various cultivation resources.

However, he found himself lacking the motivation to cultivate. He was uncertain about the strength of Xiao Huang Chao and even more unsure about the capabilities of the Demon Sealing Alliance. If the Xiao Dynasty faced destruction because of him, Kai knew he would be unable to bear that weight.

After much contemplation, Kai resolved to leave the Xiao Imperial Dynasty.

He opted not to take Ji Yun with him, allowing Ji Yun to remain in the Xiao Dynasty for the time being.

Considering the abundant cultivation resources available in the Xiao Imperial Dynasty, it would be beneficial for Ji Yun to focus on his own training.

Kai believed that by not being burdened by anyone, he would have a better chance of evading the Demon Sealing Alliance's pursuit when the time came.

He left the Xiao Imperial Dynasty without informing Xiao Feng, aware that Xiao Feng would never permit his departure.

However, just as Kai exited the dynasty, Patriarch Zhou, along with Heavenly Fury and Heavenly Luo, had already caught wind of his departure!

"Sovereign, what does Kai mean by leaving the Xiao Imperial Dynasty alone at such a critical moment? Is he courting disaster?"

Tian Luo asked in confusion.

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Patriarch Zhou frowned in confusion, expressing his bewilderment, "I'm not sure what this guy is up to. Is he trying to provoke us into taking action against him?"

“Patriarch, what does Kai hope to achieve by enticing us to make a move? He can’t possibly be our match, can he?”

Heavenly Fury chimed in, clearly incredulous!

“It’s obvious that someone from the Xiao Imperial Dynasty is backing this guy. If we act against him, they’ll retaliate against us,”

Tian Luo elaborated.

“That makes sense. For now, let’s avoid confronting him and just keep an eye on his movements,”

Patriarch Zhou decided, cautious about the unknown intentions of Kai. He resolved to follow closely to see what Kai would do next.

Just as Patriarch Zhou and his companions prepared to shadow Kai, a sudden tremor rippled through the air, and two elderly men appeared beside them!

Patriarch Zhou couldn’t hide a flicker of displeasure upon seeing the newcomers, though he kept it to himself.

“Old Zhou, the Alliance Master was concerned you might struggle, so he sent us along,”

one old man, donned in a black robe with long eyebrows, informed him.

“Old Cao, how could I possibly struggle against a mere seventh-rank Transitional Abruptions realm cultivator?”

Patriarch Zhou responded, a hint of irritation in his voice.

“Old Zhou, if you were truly capable, you wouldn’t have allowed Kai to escape and would have taken action by now,”

another elder remarked with a smirk. “A fourth-rank Mahayana cultivator cowering before a seventh-rank Transitional Succession realm

individual shows that the Alliance Master made the right call sending us here."

"Old Sun, enough of the sarcasm. Just try to capture Kai if you can,"

Patriarch Zhou shot back coldly.

All of them were fourth-rank Mahayana cultivators affiliated with the Demon Sealing Alliance, which naturally led to some rivalry and tension among them.

The Celestial Realm is indeed vast...

"Alright, then I'll show you how to capture Kai..."

Old Sun declared confidently, stepping forward and extending his palm, creating a ripple in the void before him!

Kai, who had been on his way, sensed the imminent danger and immediately went on high alert!

With the Dragon Slashing Sword in hand, he unleashed a blade of light that sliced through the rippling void.

Old Sun scoffed and waved his hand dismissively, "Return!"

Suddenly, a colossal palm, akin to a mountain, reached for Kai, its five fingers closing in on him!

Boom!

Kai swung his sword fiercely, the blade's light clashing against the palm, resulting in a thunderous explosion that shattered the hand!

However, the force of the encounter forced Kai to retreat several miles, blood trickling from the corner of his mouth, and the Dragon Chopping Sword trembling in his grip!

Facing a fourth-rank Mahayana cultivator, Kai realized resisting was indeed a significant challenge!

Gazing at Old Sun, Kai felt a weight settle in his gut.

He sensed the true strength of the opponent at fourth rank in the Mahayana realm, and with more than one adversary present, he feared he might not stand a chance!

Just as he contemplated an escape plan, he discovered that his exit routes were blocked!

Surrounded, Kai furrowed his brows and knew he needed to devise a new strategy!

“If escape is off the table, then I’ll have to fight…”

Kai gritted his teeth, determination surging within him. The battle intent flared up, and the invincible sword intent within him began to swell, causing the Zhan Long Sword to emit a resonant hum that echoed in the skies!

Old Sun observed Kai with surprise, “You’re certainly not like the average seventh-rank Transitional cultivator. The fact that you shattered my giant palm with that sword indicates your strength has fully reached the Mahayana Realm.”

“Enough of the chatter! Let’s see how I’ll handle you today!”

Kai shot back defiantly, wiping the blood from his face as he charged at Old Sun!