

the mans Decree: Kai Ping / Chen Ping

Chapter 4781

“Hmph! That guy actually dares to show up? Perfect, we’ll deal with him right now...”

Xuan Bin’s expression darkened with anger upon hearing the news.

Having just broken through to the Immortal Transformation Realm, the three of them were now powerful enough to contend with the Tenth Palace Master.

“What does he want this time?”

Kai frowned. He had promised Yun Li not to kill the Tenth Palace Master, yet the man had the audacity to return.

Had he not learned anything from Huo Ming’s fate?

“Forget about him. Focus on your cultivation—I’ll handle this.”

Kai worried that if Xuan Bin and the others engaged the Tenth Palace Master, they might kill him by accident. That would make it difficult to keep his promise to Yun Li.

He followed Xiao Yuanshan to the borders of the Xiao Dynasty, where the Tenth Palace Master stood hesitantly, unwilling to step into Xiao territory.

Seeing Kai approach, the Tenth Palace Master instinctively took a step forward, then hesitated. At this moment, he didn’t dare cross the boundary so carelessly.

“What do you want now?”

Kai's voice was cold as he questioned him.

"Mr. Chen, I came to apologize!" The Tenth Palace Master bowed deeply, his tone unusually humble.

Kai narrowed his eyes, staring at him in confusion.

Why was this guy suddenly acting so submissive? Even after Huo Ming's death, the Tenth Palace Master had never shown such fear. What had changed?

After all, outside the Xiao Dynasty, Kai and his allies still weren't strong enough to rival the Ten Palaces.

"If you have something to say, say it outright. If you're here to kill me, then do it—I won't play games with you."

Kai suspected the Tenth Palace Master was luring him out of Xiao territory for an ambush.

"Mr. Chen, I sincerely came to apologize. Please, grant me your forgiveness!"

The Tenth Palace Master's voice was filled with desperation.

"Mr. Chen, don't trust this guy so easily," Xiao Yuanshan warned from the side.

Hearing this, the Tenth Palace Master hurriedly emptied the storage bags he had collected, tossing them all at Kai's feet.

"These are all the resources I gathered from the Ten Palaces—I offer them to you!"

"Please, show mercy and spare my life. I am willing to follow you, Mr. Chen!"

Kai stared at the storage bags before him, visibly surprised. But what truly caught his attention was a particular storage bag with a distinct emblem. Picking it up, he inspected its contents.

With just one glance, Kai was stunned—inside were 200,000 fairy stones, along with an abundance of other valuable resources!

“What the—?” Kai was utterly confused.

“This is the Ninth Palace Master’s storage bag. He had the most resources, and now they all belong to you, Mr. Chen...”

The Tenth Palace Master quickly explained, eager to please.

“The Ninth Palace Master?” Kai frowned. “Did you kill him?”

After all, if the Ninth Palace Master were alive, he would never have willingly handed over his storage bag.

“No, no, no! I wouldn’t dare! It was the master behind you, Mr. Chen, who killed him!”

The Tenth Palace Master frantically waved his hands in denial.

“You mean Mr. Shi?” Kai asked in surprise.

“Yes, yes! It was Mr. Shi—but not his real body, just a mere phantom. He killed the Ninth Palace Master effortlessly and then left!”

Hearing this, Kai was even more confused.

Hadn’t Mr. Shi once said he wouldn’t help him kill his enemies? That Kai had to eliminate them himself?

So why had he suddenly intervened and slain a Temple powerhouse?

And the Ninth Palace Master was undoubtedly stronger than the Tenth. Yet, Mr. Shi had wiped him out using only a shadow.

“In this world of Heaven and Man, aside from the Ten Palaces and the Ninth Palace, are there other temples or halls?”

Kai questioned further.

The Tenth Palace Master shook his head.

“I don’t know. I have no idea where the ten halls of the Temple are located or who truly governs them.”

“To be honest, Mr. Chen, I have never even seen the Lord of our Temple.”

“But the Ninth Palace Master once mentioned reaching the eighth floor of the Ladder to Heaven. That should also be within the World of Heaven and Man. He seemed to frequent that place often.”

The Tenth Palace Master’s words made Kai feel that there might be some truth to his claims.

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“Why did Mr. Shi kill the Ninth Palace Master but not you?”

Kai asked curiously.

“The Ninth Palace Master ran his mouth too much. He even threatened to beat the crap out of your master. That clearly upset Mr. Shi, so he killed him on the spot,” the Tenth Palace Master admitted truthfully.

Hearing this, Kai couldn’t help but laugh. So Mr. Shi has a temper after all!

“Are you truly submitting to me, or is it just fear of Mr. Shi’s power?” Kai questioned.

“I’m sincere! I swear! I hope Mr. Chen will give me a chance to serve!”
The Tenth Palace Master quickly declared his loyalty.

Kai smirked. “Weren’t you all incredibly arrogant, looking down on other races? Doesn’t submitting to me now go against the so-called spirit of your God Clan?”

The Tenth Palace Master let out an awkward chuckle. “God Clan? That’s just self-deception. How is our bloodline any nobler than the other tribes?”

“If anything, the God Clan’s own rigid rules have held back its growth. To increase my strength, I secretly fused my bloodline with that of the Beast Clan. I had no choice—I couldn’t afford to stagnate!”

“If not for these ridiculous rules, my son Yunli would have been married by now instead of ending up dead...”

Thinking of Yunli, the Tenth Palace Master’s expression turned heavy with guilt. It was all because of the God Clan’s outdated laws!

Kai studied him for a moment before asking, “Right now, my strength isn’t even on par with yours. Are you sure you still want to follow me?”

The Tenth Palace Master nodded firmly. “I believe Mr. Chen will one day rule the celestial world! You’re a genius—gifted, talented, growing stronger by the day—”

Kai waved a hand, cutting him off. “Enough with the flattery. Just admit you’re afraid of dying.”

“But since you’ve chosen to follow me, you’re my subordinate now. I can’t let you offer up all these resources for nothing. Consider this my gift to you!”

“A gift?” The Tenth Palace Master’s eyes lit up with anticipation.

He had no idea what kind of rare treasure Kai was about to give him!

“Come with me...” Kai beckoned him forward. The Tenth Palace Master hesitated mid-step, immediately pulling back. He didn’t dare cross into the Xiao Dynasty’s territory.

Kai chuckled. “Relax. As long as you don’t have any ill intentions, no one will attack you.”

Hearing this, the Tenth Palace Master cautiously stepped forward, finally entering the Xiao Dynasty and following Kai straight into the imperial city.

Without hesitation, Kai led him directly to Yun Li’s residence.

Now that the Tenth Palace Master was his subordinate, it was time for them to meet.

Inside, Yun Li and Shi Lan were cultivating when Kai called Yun Li outside.

“Kai, why are you interrupting me? I didn’t bother you when you were training!”

Yun Li stormed out, visibly annoyed, hastily pulling on his robes. But as soon as he stepped outside, he froze—his father was standing there!

Both father and son were momentarily stunned. Then, the Tenth Palace Master’s eyes welled up with tears of joy.

“Yun Li, my son! I thought you were dead...”

Overcome with emotion, he rushed forward and embraced Yun Li.

However, Yun Li stiffened, his expression flustered. His gaze flickered toward Kai, a deep frown forming on his face.

Why did Kai bring his father here?

Yun Li had wanted to leave the God Clan and the Ten Palaces behind, even going so far as to fake his death to escape them. He had finally deceived his father—only for Kai to drag him back into this mess!

Kai spoke calmly. “Brother Yun, your father knows he was wrong. He won’t stop you from cultivating with Shi Lan anymore. Besides, he’s my subordinate now.”

Yun Li’s expression darkened. “What nonsense are you talking about? How is my father your subordinate?”

The Tenth Palace Master immediately scolded him. “Yun Li! Do not be rude to Mr. Chen. I am indeed following him now!”

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“Father, what’s going on?”

Yun Li’s face was filled with confusion. His father was the formidable Lord of the Ten Palaces—how could someone so proud suddenly become Kai’s subordinate?

Bang!

To Yun Li’s shock, the Tenth Palace Master suddenly slapped himself.

“I was arrogant and overestimated my abilities, foolishly making an enemy of Mr. Chen. Thankfully, he didn’t cast me aside. I now follow him, and you should show him the same respect in the future!”

Yun Li was utterly baffled. He couldn’t understand what had happened to his father—how had such a proud man been reduced to this?

If only he knew that not long ago, his father had been so terrified that he had lost control of himself, he might have understood.

At this moment, the Tenth Palace Master was filled with deep regret. If only he had taken things seriously from the beginning and not provoked Kai, none of this would have happened.

“It’s all Zuo Tianzheng’s fault! If I ever see him again, I’ll kill him!”

His voice was filled with venom. The name Zuo Tianzheng burned in his mind.

After all, the entire conflict between the Ten Palaces and Kai had started with the Demon Sealing League—specifically, because of Zuo Tianzheng!

Had Zuo Tianzheng not ordered the Hundred-Year Offering to hunt down Kai, none of this would have escalated into a deadly feud.

What’s the big deal about losing a son? If he’s dead, he’s dead!

For cultivators who lived thousands of years, having more children was never a problem.

Kai, unfazed by the outburst, shifted the topic. “Tell me about the Huo family.”

Huo Qing had managed to summon powerful family elders and showed no fear of the Tenth Palace Master. Clearly, the Huo family’s influence surpassed that of the Ten Palaces.

The Tenth Palace Master hesitated before responding. “Mr. Chen, I don’t know much about them. What I do know is that the Huo family is one of the major clans within the God Clan, and many of their elders hold high positions in the temple.”

“As for Huo Qing, he was placed in my Tenth Palace by the higher-ups. Because of that, he never truly respected my authority.” The Tenth Palace Master followed closely behind Kai and spoke.

Kai frowned slightly. “Is the Huo family also in the Heavenly Realm?”

“Only a branch of them is there,” the Tenth Palace Master replied. “But even though it’s just a branch, their strength should not be underestimated.”

“What’s more, this branch of the Huo family controls Wuwang Land in the Heavenly Realm. Controlling that place means controlling the Ladder to Heaven...”

“Wuwang Land?” Kai was surprised. “I thought the Ladder to Heaven appeared randomly?” He turned to Yun Li for confirmation, as that was what Yun Li had told him before.

“It does appear randomly, but eight out of ten times, it manifests in Wuwang Land. Based on past occurrences, this year’s Ladder to Heaven is highly likely to appear there again.”

The Tenth Palace Master continued explaining. “Wuwang Land was formed due to spatial distortions and temporal dislocation when the Heavenly Realm was created. It exists outside the influence of the Great Formation of Heaven and Earth. Because of that, it isn’t nurtured by the world’s natural forces, making it a land beyond the laws of heaven and earth.”

Kai was stunned. “A place like that exists? Then why don’t the celestial cultivators who are trapped in the Heavenly Realm just go there and return to the Celestial Realm?”

Since Wuwang Land wasn’t restricted by the Great Formation, wouldn’t it be an easy way back?

Hearing this, the Tenth Palace Master chuckled. “Mr. Chen, everything in the world has its pros and cons. While Wuwang Land isn’t bound by the Great Formation, it also lacks spiritual energy and essential resources. More importantly, it doesn’t have a direct path to the Celestial Realm.”

“Almost every world has one or more of these Wuwang Lands, though their sizes vary. They exist in hidden spaces, unconnected to other realms.”

“Celestial cultivators can ascend because the Heavenly Realm has a natural passage leading to the Celestial Realm. But Wuwang Land? It only connects to the world it belongs to—it doesn’t link to any other realms.”

“So, even if Wuwang Land isn’t bound by the Great Formation, any cultivator hoping to use it to return to the Celestial Realm is simply chasing an impossible dream.”

“And besides, with no resources or spiritual energy there, how would they even survive, let alone cultivate?”

The Tenth Palace Master’s explanation gave Kai a deeper understanding, leaving him with much to ponder.

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“In this situation, how does the Huo family manage to survive here?”

Kai asked curiously.

“They rely on the Heavenly Ladder. Many Huo family members enter it, where they have access to abundant resources.”

“Additionally, they collect tolls from monks who enter the Land of Impertinence. Anyone wishing to enter must first pass through it, allowing the Huo family to gather resources.”

The Tenth Palace Master explained.

“This Huo family sure knows how to play the game...”

Kai remarked with a faint smile.

“Mr. Chen, if you plan to enter the Heavenly Ladder, be cautious of the Huo family. Since you killed Huo Ming, they won’t let this go easily.”

The Tenth Palace Master warned.

“I understand. But if they keep provoking me, I won’t hesitate to erase them from the world of heaven and man.”

Kai replied with a relaxed smile.

Hearing this, the Tenth Palace Master also smiled. With Mr. Shi standing behind Kai, wiping out the Huo family—let alone ten of them—would be effortless.

“Kai, be careful. Huo Qing has issued the Ten Palaces Hunting Order against you. If the Heavenly Ladder appears in the Land of Impertinence, the Huo family can use it to place a bounty on your head.”

“When the reward increases, those monks heading to the Heavenly Ladder will be tempted to attack you. Not everyone knows you have such a powerful backer.”

Yun Li cautioned, reminding Kai not to underestimate the situation.

“I understand.” Kai nodded. “You two should take this time to talk as father and son. I won’t disturb you. I need to train and see if I can break through before the Heavenly Ladder appears...”

He had obtained countless storage bags from the Ten Palace Masters, all filled with valuable resources.

With such a vast supply, advancing even a small realm shouldn’t be a problem!

Huo Family Residence, Wuwang Land

Slap! Slap! Slap!

Huo Qing stood in the grand hall, his face filled with terror as he endured a series of heavy slaps from Huo Zhenfeng, the head of the Huo family.

“You fool! Why didn’t you go to the Ten Palaces for training yourself instead of dragging your elder brother into it?”

“Now your brother is dead, and you still have the audacity to return?” Huo Zhenfeng’s face was filled with fury.

“Master, this isn’t the second young master’s fault! The real culprit is that man, Kai. He deliberately targeted the second young master and even destroyed the Ten Palaces. The second young master had no choice but to call for help,” Steward Lu said cautiously.

“Silence! You deserve punishment as well. Why did you follow the eldest young master without informing me?”

Huo Zhenfeng glared at Steward Lu, his anger unabated.

Steward Lu trembled. “Master, the eldest young master ordered me not to say anything. Besides, we believed that no cultivator in the Heavenly Realm could harm us.”

“But who would have thought... who would have imagined...”

Steward Lu stammered, still unable to comprehend how a mere Mahayana cultivator could have such a powerful master backing him.

“The Heavenly Ladder is about to appear, and hidden forces from all sides are preparing to make their move. Yet you fools dare to wander recklessly.”

“Do you not understand that there is always someone stronger, that the heavens stretch beyond what you know?”

Huo Zhenfeng scolded furiously.

“Father, we must avenge my elder brother! I refuse to believe that Kai will hide in the Xiao Dynasty forever!”

Huo Qing was determined to take revenge.

“You will stay here and do as you’re told. The Heavenly Ladder will soon appear, and you are forbidden from running off. Also, send more people to guard the border.”

“I expect many cultivators will arrive early in the Land of Impertinence. When they do, make sure to increase the toll fees.”

“Of course, judge accordingly. If the visitor is too powerful, lower the fee to avoid unnecessary conflicts.”

Huo Zhenfeng instructed Steward Lu.

“I understand. I’ll handle it right away,” Steward Lu nodded.

“Father, I can’t rest easy until my brother’s death is avenged!”

Huo Qing gritted his teeth, his resolve unwavering.

“You’ve already placed a bounty on Kai’s head. If no one dares act for 100,000 spirit stones, raise it to 200,000!”

“Remember, money moves even the most reluctant hands. Once the Heavenly Ladder appears, we’ll have another opportunity to amass wealth.”

With that, Huo Zhenfeng doubled the bounty to 200,000 fairy spirit stones for Kai’s capture or death.

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Xiao Dynasty

Kai was deeply engrossed in his cultivation, rapidly consuming the surrounding resources at a speed visible to the naked eye.

“Kai, come out! Where are you?”

Just as he was practicing, an angry voice rang out.

“Little sister, didn’t you promise me you’d talk things out calmly? Don’t be so angry...”

Lin Kefan trailed behind Lin Keting, trying to pacify her.

When Lin Kefan returned to Sun Moon City, he had told Lin Keting about Kai spending the night with Hua Yueying. Now, in a fit of rage, she had come to confront him.

Xuan Bin and the others watched the fuming Lin Keting, with Lin Kefan helplessly following behind, and couldn’t help but smile. They knew Kai’s peaceful days were over.

Having multiple women was one thing, but dealing with the troubles that came with them was another!

“Mr. Chen is cultivating. No one is allowed to make noise or disturb him!”

At that moment, Hua Yueying stepped forward to intervene.

Seeing Hua Yueying, Lin Keting’s anger flared up even more. She glared and snapped, “So you’re the one trying to steal my man? Can’t you find someone else? Why does it have to be Kai?”

“It wasn’t me chasing after him. He came to me,” Hua Yueying replied calmly.

If Kai hadn’t asked her to teach him the art of summoning rain, he wouldn’t have needed to practice dual cultivation with her.

“That’s nonsense! You must have seduced him. Let Kai come out and explain himself!”

Lin Keting refused to believe a word and tried to barge in to confront Kai directly.

“I said, Mr. Chen is cultivating, and no one is allowed to disturb him!”

Hua Yueying waved her hand, instantly forming a barrier around Kai’s residence.

Lin Keting’s fury reached its peak. Seeing Hua Yueying use magic, she attacked without hesitation!

Not backing down, Hua Yueying retaliated, and the two women immediately clashed.

The others merely stood by, watching the fight unfold. No one dared to intervene.

“Stop fighting! Stop!”

Lin Kefan could only try to mediate from the sidelines.

Though the battle raged on, Lin Keting was no match for Hua Yueying and quickly fell behind.

Had Hua Yueying not held back, Lin Keting would have lost long ago.

However, considering Lin Keting was the eldest lady of Sun Moon City and that her brother, Lin Kefan, was watching, Hua Yueying refrained from using excessive force.

Boom!

Just as the two women continued their fierce exchange, a sudden, deafening explosion shook the air. The sky instantly darkened as thick thunderclouds loomed over the entire Xiao Dynasty.

It was a scene that looked like the end of the world.

“Mr. Chen is about to break through!”

Xiao Yuanshan exclaimed urgently.

Hearing this, Hua Yueying and Lin Keting immediately halted their fight, turning their attention toward the sky in shock.

They knew this was the most critical moment for Kai—any distraction could be disastrous.

After all, crossing a thunder tribulation was an incredibly dangerous ordeal.

Rumble...

Crack!

Lightning streaked across the sky, followed by deafening thunder as bolts of tribulation lightning crashed down.

No one knew how long it lasted, but eventually, the sky began to clear, and the dark clouds slowly drifted away.

The door creaked open, and Kai emerged.

At this moment, he had successfully advanced to the third level of the Mahayana realm.

Yet, the breakthrough felt almost insignificant to him now.

Even the thunder tribulation had failed to inflict any harm.

“Who was shouting while I was cultivating just now?”

Kai’s sharp gaze swept over Lin Keting and Hua Yueying.

Lin Keting, who had been fuming earlier, suddenly lowered her head, feeling embarrassed.

“Mr. Chen, she wanted to see you, but I stopped her because I was afraid she might disturb your cultivation,” Hua Yueying explained.

“Don’t you know that being interrupted during cultivation is the most dangerous thing? Are you trying to make me lose control and suffer a backlash?”

Kai questioned, his tone serious.

“I... I didn’t... that wasn’t my intention...”

Lin Keting shook her head frantically, panicked.

How could she ever want to harm Kai? She had just been too angry in the moment!

“I must punish you today...”

With that, Kai grabbed Lin Keting’s wrist and led her into the house.

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“Brother, save me... save me...” Lin Keting’s voice trembled with panic. She had no idea how Kai would punish her!

“Kai, my little sister was just upset. She didn’t mean to disturb your practice. Please forgive her this time!”

Lin Kefan quickly followed behind, pleading on her behalf.

But Kai ignored him and slammed the door shut!

Moments later, Lin Keting’s voice echoed from inside the room. However, as everyone listened, they realized something was off. Her cries

didn't sound like someone being punished—in fact, she sounded delighted!

Hua Yueying's face turned red in an instant. Having just experienced something similar herself, she knew exactly what Lin Keting's shouts meant!

Xuan Bin and the others overheard as well, quickly turning away in embarrassment.

Lin Kefan stood there, unsure whether he should leave or stay...

No one knew how much time had passed, but by the time the door finally opened, night had already fallen.

Kai stepped out, with Lin Keting leaning against his shoulder, a satisfied smile on her face.

Seeing his sister's affectionate demeanor, Lin Kefan immediately understood—Kai had completely won her over!

“Brother Chen, you're truly incredible. From dawn till dusk... how enviable!”

Just then, Yun Li entered the courtyard, his face full of admiration.

“Brother Yun, you're quite impressive yourself...” Kai responded with a slight smile.

“I'm nothing compared to you!” Yun Li chuckled, then said, “The Ladder to Heaven is about to appear in Wuwang Land. There have been strange phenomena there, and a large number of cultivators have already gathered. Should we go early to familiarize ourselves with the area?”

“Of course! Even if you hadn't mentioned it, I was already planning to check it out.”

Kai nodded in agreement.

“Great. We’ll set off tomorrow. But for safety reasons, we should travel separately.

“Wuwang Land is the Huo family’s territory. If we all go together, we’ll become an easy target.”

Yun Li cautioned. “Alright, I’ll go alone tomorrow. You all can take the airship. Make sure to bring plenty of resources—Wuwang Land has none!”

Kai still remembered the warning from the Tenth Palace Master. Wuwang Land was completely barren, devoid of resources or even spiritual energy. If one expended too much energy in battle, there would be no way to recover it.

The only option was to bring ample supplies and rely on personal reserves for cultivation!

After finalizing the plan, Kai contacted Xing Daorong overnight, instructing him to send all the fairy stones from Beast City.

Then, he pulled Hua Yueying into his room.

This time, Hua Yueying and Lin Keting were together, which also served as a way for Kai to reconcile the two!

The Next Morning Xing Daorong delivered 100,000 fairy stones, and Kai instructed Ji Yun to take out the airship.

Since Ji Yun’s strength was still too low, there was no point in him going to Wuwang Land. Without attempting the Ladder to Heaven, there was little reason to visit such a resource-starved place.

Besides, Ji Yun now had a little sister and spent his days indulging in comfort—he had no desire to travel.

Kai entrusted Xuan Bin with piloting the airship. This way, the group wouldn't have to deplete their own energy on the journey and could continue cultivating aboard the vessel.

Meanwhile, Kai took to the skies, flying toward Wuwang Land based on the location provided by the Tenth Palace Master.

Aboard the airship were Xuan Bin, Zhou Tang, Cang Yue, Hua Yueying, Yun Li, Shi Lan, the Tenth Palace Master, Lin Kefan, and Lin Keting.

The group followed behind Kai at a safe distance.

Along the way, they encountered many other cultivators also making their way to Wuwang Land.

To their surprise, these cultivators were incredibly powerful—the weakest among them was already at the eighth level of the Mahayana Realm!

Kai was astonished. He hadn't expected so many hidden masters to exist in the world of Heaven and Man!

Meanwhile, far to the north of the Northern Territory, two figures streaked toward Wuwang Land at an incredible speed.

Their bodies blazed with fire, making them look like two burning meteors streaking across the sky!

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After an unknown amount of time, Kai arrived at a vast, silent sea. It was as still as death, reminiscent of the Dead Sea in the Eastern Region.

Looking ahead, he saw a vast expanse of gray, resembling a barrier—he had reached the very edge of the Heavenly World!

“Beyond this... it should be Wuwang Land.”

Taking a deep breath, Kai soared toward the gray expanse.

Behind him, Xuan Bin and the others followed closely aboard the airship.

But the moment Kai reached the gray area, a powerful, unseen force suddenly pressed down on him!

Ignoring it, he relied on his formidable physique, forcefully shattering the oppressive energy!

At that moment, an old man emerged from the gray mist.

A cultivator at the peak of the Mahayana Realm!

Draped in a black robe, the old man studied Kai's cultivation level, his face showing a trace of disdain.

"A mere third-rank Mahayana cultivator dares to set foot here?" he sneered.

Kai glanced at him briefly, showing little interest, and attempted to move past him.

But the old man extended a hand, blocking his path.

"Don't you know the rules?" he asked.

"What rules?"

Kai frowned.

"Entry into Wuwang Land requires a toll—one thousand fairy stones," the old man stated.

Kai didn't argue. Instead, he casually tossed a thousand fairy stones toward him.

For Kai, that amount was nothing more than a drizzle in the ocean. There was no need to waste time over such a trivial matter.

The old man caught the stones, momentarily stunned. Clearly, he hadn't expected a mere third-rank Mahayana cultivator to hand over a thousand fairy stones so effortlessly—without even flinching!

His expression quickly shifted to one of delight.

“Ah, I see! A distinguished guest...”

“Can I pass now?” Kai asked, his voice calm.

“You may pass, but once inside Wuwang Land, we...” The old man was about to say something, but before he could finish, Kai casually tossed another thousand fairy stones into his hand.

The sheer extravagance left the old man momentarily stunned.

“Anything else?” Kai asked indifferently.

“Uh...” The old man hesitated, scrambling for another excuse to keep him there. He wasn't willing to let such an easy target slip away!

It was rare to encounter a low-level cultivator who was also incredibly wealthy. Usually, these rich second-generation types traveled with powerful bodyguards and wouldn't even glance at gatekeepers like him.

But Kai was alone. If he didn't take advantage of this opportunity now, when would he?

“Of course! This payment only grants you entry into Wuwang Land, but there are still health fees, head taxes, tolls, bridge tolls...”

The old man began listing various charges, counting them off on his fingers.

“Just tell me how much you need,” Kai interrupted, too impatient to listen to his nonsense.

“Uh... well...” The old man did a quick mental calculation, then gritted his teeth. “Five thousand fairy stones.”

“Here you go.”

Before the words had fully left the old man’s mouth, Kai tossed out five thousand fairy stones without a second thought.

The old man was dumbfounded. Then, suddenly realizing his mistake, he smacked himself on the forehead.

“Damn it... too little!”

Why had he been so cautious?

He cursed himself for not asking for more. If he had pushed his luck just a bit further, maybe he could have gotten double!

With a deep sigh, the old man was filled with regret.

“Wait a moment. Your situation is a bit unusual—we’ll need one of our elders to come in person.”

He stepped forward, blocking Kai’s path.

“You’re with the Huo family, aren’t you?” Kai asked.

“That’s right,” the old man nodded. “But don’t think dropping our name will do you any good. Rules are rules—there’s no backdoor access!”

“Don’t worry, I won’t ask for any special treatment.” Kai smirked. “But I do happen to know two of your young masters—Huo Ming and Huo Qing.”

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“Oh, our young masters know plenty of people. Nearly everyone who comes here claims to be acquainted with them.”

“But Young Master Huo Ming died some time ago. You didn’t even know that? Seems like you weren’t very close after all.”

As he spoke, the old man retrieved a sound transmission jade slip.

With a surge of spiritual energy, he activated the jade slip, and soon, a voice responded.

“What is it?”

The voice on the other end was old and measured.

“Elder Liu, there’s someone with a special identity requesting entry into Wuwang Land. Please come and verify it yourself,” the old man said hurriedly in a low voice.

“Understood,” came the indifferent reply.

Moments later, an overwhelming aura descended upon them, and an elderly figure in luxurious robes materialized. The very space around him seemed to warp with his presence!

A cultivator at the second level of the Immortal Realm. From both his strength and his regal attire, it was clear that this Elder Liu was on a much higher level.

The black-robed old man leaned in close to Elder Liu and whispered, “This one’s a big fish...”

Elder Liu nodded and strode toward Kai with a stern expression, scrutinizing him carefully.

“You’re only at the third rank of the Mahayana Realm. Why have you come to Wuwang Land?” he asked.

“For fun. Is that not allowed?” Kai replied coolly.

“Of course, it’s allowed. As long as you’ve paid the required fees, we—”

“I’ve paid everything,” Kai interjected before Elder Liu could finish.

The black-robed old man quickly stepped forward, nodding eagerly. “Yes, Elder Liu! He’s already covered all the tolls, sanitation fees, and entry taxes...” He shot Elder Liu a meaningful look.

“I see that,” Elder Liu acknowledged. “Naturally, you can enter. But your cultivation is too low. You must know that with the Heavenly Ladder about to appear, Wuwang Land is teeming with powerful cultivators. At your level, without protection, you could be killed in an instant.”

“Which is why you’ll need a guardian inside Wuwang Land—someone responsible for your safety. And, of course, a security fee must be paid for that.”

Elder Liu’s tone was serious.

“How much?” Kai asked.

“Five thousand...” Cough, cough, cough...

The black-robed old man coughed frantically, then quickly pulled Elder Liu aside, lowering his voice.

“Elder Liu, this one’s a big fish. Don’t be afraid to reel him in,” he whispered.

“Five thousand should be enough. Ask for too much, and he might bolt,” Elder Liu replied cautiously.

“He won’t run. Did you see how he didn’t even blink just now? He’s already given me seven thousand fairy spirit stones,” the black-robed old man said smugly.

Elder Liu’s eyes widened in shock. “That generous?” He let out a hearty laugh.

Meanwhile, Kai watched the two whispering to each other and chuckled to himself. Fools.

“After some careful consideration,” Elder Liu finally announced, “we’ve determined that, given your circumstances, the required fee is 50,000 fairy spirit stones.”

“Pay 50,000, and we’ll guarantee your safety in Wuwang Land. And when the Heavenly Ladder appears, if you want to try your luck, we’ll even lend a hand.”

Elder Liu made sure to explain everything clearly, likely fearing that the hefty amount might scare Kai off.

“Fifty thousand? That’s nothing.”

Without hesitation, Kai pulled out a storage bag and tossed it to Elder Liu.

Seeing the fairy stones, Elder Liu’s grin widened. “Excellent! You may enter. I’ll assign someone to protect you right away.”

“If you need anything in Wuwang Land, just let me know. I can make it happen.”

“Much appreciated.” Kai nodded, then strode inside without a backward glance.

“I’m rich! Filthy rich! I only need to hand over a thousand to the higher-ups—the rest is ours!” The black-robed old man could barely contain his excitement.

“What are you so happy about?” Elder Liu shot him a sharp look. “These 50,000 are mine. You can keep a thousand from the seven thousand you pocketed earlier. Consider it a favor—I’ll pretend I didn’t see a thing.”

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The black-robed old man was momentarily stunned, but he didn’t dare protest. Instead, he nodded reluctantly, a look of resignation on his face.

Just then, a massive airship approached slowly, with Lin Kefan standing at the helm.

Upon seeing him, both Elder Liu and the black-robed old man immediately straightened up, their expressions turning serious.

When they recognized Lin Kefan, Elder Liu quickly stepped forward with a flattering smile.

“Well, if it isn’t the Fourth Prince of Sun Moon City! What an honor!”

Lin Kefan remained expressionless. “How much is the entry fee for me?”

“Fee? There’s no fee for the Fourth Prince! You’re free to enter as you please!” Elder Liu replied hastily.

“I have a few friends aboard this airship. Do you need to inspect it?” Lin Kefan asked flatly.

“No need, no need!” Elder Liu waved his hands frantically.

With a faint hum of acknowledgment, Lin Kefan turned away, and the airship slowly crossed into the gray area.

“The arrogance... The Fourth Prince of Sun Moon City really knows how to throw his weight around,” the black-robed old man muttered enviously as he watched the airship disappear.

“Keep your eyes open in the future. If you can avoid offending people like that, do it. You should be grateful for this border-guarding job, but you need some foresight,” Elder Liu warned.

“Don’t worry, Elder Liu. I have an eye for people. Didn’t I just fleece one?” The black-robed old man grinned.

Elder Liu chuckled as well. Earning tens of thousands of fairy stones so effortlessly—it felt like a dream!

“You two seem to be enjoying yourselves.”

A voice suddenly interrupted them.

Both men turned toward the sound, and their expressions froze.

“Tenth Palace Master? What brings you here?”

Both Elder Liu and the black-robed old man rushed forward respectfully.

The Tenth Palace Master was a high-ranking figure in the Temple, and their young master served under him.

Though the Huo family had many powerful members within the Temple, Elder Liu and the black-robed old man belonged to a side branch—mere servants of the main family. Naturally, they had to show the utmost deference to the Tenth Palace Master. “You two are in charge of guarding the border?”

The Tenth Palace Master asked, his gaze sweeping over them.

Because of Huo Qing, he was well-acquainted with the Huo family.

“Yes, yes! We are guarding it!” Elder Liu nodded repeatedly before adding, “Tenth Palace Master, does the master know you’re here? Do you need me to report it?”

“No need. I just came to take a look and unwind.”

The Tenth Palace Master waved his hand dismissively.

“Then please, Tenth Palace Master...”

Both men bent forward slightly, gesturing for him to pass.

At that moment, a cold glint flashed in the Tenth Palace Master’s eyes. Without warning, he struck out with both palms!

Bang! Bang!

A pair of heavy blows sent Elder Liu and the black-robed old man flying backward. They crashed to the ground, coughing up blood, their faces filled with shock.

“Tenth Palace Master, what is the meaning of this?”

Elder Liu stared at him in disbelief. He couldn’t understand why they were suddenly being attacked.

“You blind fools! You dared to extort fairy stones from Mr. Chen? You’re courting death!”

The Tenth Palace Master stepped forward and seized their storage bags—including the ones Kai had given them.

“Mr. Chen? You mean that young man just now?”

Elder Liu’s face was filled with astonishment.

How could a mere third-rank Mahayana cultivator command such respect from the Tenth Palace Master? Why would he go so far as to kill for him?

Without another word, the Tenth Palace Master flicked his wrist.

In an instant, Elder Liu and the black-robed old man vanished, erased from existence as if they had never been there.

With a casual stride, the Tenth Palace Master walked into the gray area.

Up ahead, Kai and Lin Kefan were waiting for him.

“Did you get it back?” Kai asked directly as soon as he saw him.

“I got it back.”

The Tenth Palace Master nodded and handed over the storage bags.

Kai took only the fairy stones that belonged to him, tossing the rest back to the Tenth Palace Master.

He hadn’t been throwing around his wealth just for show—he knew he would get it all back in the end.

Chapter 4790

“Alright, everyone, stay safe in Wuwang Land. If anything happens, I’ll let you know.”

Kai put away the fairy stone and addressed the group.

“Mr. Chen, you need to be extra cautious. This is the Huo family’s territory. You killed Huo Ming, and they definitely won’t let that go.”

“The only reason they haven’t made a move yet is probably because they’re waiting for the ladder to appear,” the Tenth Palace Master warned.

“I understand,” Kai nodded.

“Kai, if you find yourself in danger and can’t escape, try to make your way to the Taoist Gate. Once you enter, even the Huo family won’t dare act recklessly,” Yun Li advised.

“The Taoist Gate? What kind of place is that? You haven’t mentioned it before,” Kai asked, puzzled.

“The Taoist Gate is just a gathering place for cultivators. When the ladder to heaven appears, all cultivators flock there, making it the most vibrant time for the gate,” Yun Li explained.

“Many cultivators come to Wuwang Land not to ascend the ladder but to trade at the Taoist Gate. At other times, it’s mostly deserted.”

“It’s also the only place in Wuwang Land outside the Huo family’s control. Major forces co-manage it peacefully to prevent the Huo family from using their territorial advantage to suppress others.”

“One more thing—Mr. Chen, in Wuwang Land, it’s best not to trust anyone. Given your current status, many are watching you closely,” Xuan Bin cautioned.

“Brother-in-law, don’t be too nervous. When the ladder to heaven opens, Sun Moon City will also oversee the Taoist Gate. My father and Taoist Wuji will be there,” Lin Kefan reassured, patting Kai on the shoulder.

As a major power in the world of heaven and man, Sun Moon City would undoubtedly hold a strong presence at the Taoist Gate.

“Got it,” Kai said with a slight smile before vanishing in a flash.

After traversing the vast gray expanse, his vision suddenly cleared. Towering mountains, lush green trees, sprawling grasslands, and herds of cattle and sheep...

Staring at the breathtaking scenery before him, Kai was momentarily stunned.

Is this the Land of No Worries?

He was baffled. Based on the Tenth Palace Master’s description, this place was supposed to be a barren wasteland—

No spiritual energy, no resources...

As the thought crossed his mind, realization suddenly struck. His eyes lit up, and he smacked his forehead.

“Damn, so this is what the Land of No Worries really is...”

Kai finally understood. The term didn’t mean it was a wasteland—it simply lacked spiritual energy and cultivation resources. To cultivators from the heavenly world, this place was worthless.

But for ordinary people, for those from the secular world, this place was paradise!

Majestic mountains, crystal-clear rivers, and herds of animals roamed freely.

These were ordinary creatures, not spirit beasts—none of them possessed the ability to transform into human form!

“Finally... I feel like a normal person again,” Kai murmured.

He descended from mid-air, landing on the soft grass, and rolled around in excitement.

The fresh air filled his lungs, bringing a deep sense of comfort and peace.

“Such a beautiful land... yet in the eyes of those from the Heavenly Realm, it’s deemed worthless,” he thought, feeling a wave of emotion wash over him.

If he had the choice, he would love to bring the women he cared about here and live a peaceful, ordinary life.

But Kai knew such dreams were a luxury. The life he once yearned for was now out of reach.

“Fellow Daoist, is this your first time here?”

A voice suddenly rang out beside him.

Kai's body tensed, and he sprang to his feet. He had been so caught up in his excitement and relaxation that he hadn't even noticed someone approaching!

Chapter 4791

Kai stood up and saw two figures approaching. They were both women, dressed in elegant white gowns. Their beauty was striking, but what stood out even more was how identical they looked. The only distinguishing feature was the butterfly ornaments on their hairpins—one blue, the other red.

Twins...

Kai recognized it at a glance.

The woman with the blue ornament stepped forward, offering a gentle smile.

"Fellow Daoist, is this your first time in this place of no consequence?"

"What makes you say that?" Kai asked.

"Your excitement just now gave it away. When my sister and I first arrived here, we reacted the same way."

"This place is breathtaking, but unfortunately, it lacks spiritual energy and cultivation resources. If you stay too long, your progress in cultivation will come to a halt," she explained.

"And what is the purpose of cultivation?" Kai mused. "If you could spend your days here, living a peaceful life with the one you love, wouldn't that be enough?"

“Cultivation is, of course, about becoming an immortal,” the woman with the red ornament responded.

“And then?” Kai pressed.

“Then, I’ll continue advancing—toward Supreme Immortal, Golden Immortal, Heavenly Immortal, Immortal Lord, Immortal Emperor...” she answered, her eyes shining with longing.

“And what happens after that? Even if you become the master of heaven and earth, what then?”

“Will you spend eternity gazing at the stars, living alone for ten thousand years, a hundred million years... forever?”

Kai’s words hung in the air.

“This...” The woman with the red ornament faltered.

She had never considered the question before. In her mind, cultivation had always been about ascending to higher realms, striving endlessly for greater power.

But as for why? Or what came after reaching the pinnacle?

She had never stopped to think about it.

Kai’s sudden question left the woman with the red ornament momentarily stunned.

“Fellow Daoist, people have different aspirations, and their perspectives reflect that. To you, living a simple life with your beloved may seem ideal,” she said.

“But for others, achieving immortality is the ultimate goal. Different paths, different desires—neither is right nor wrong. Let’s not dwell on this discussion.”

“Fellow Daoist, since you’ve come to the Land of No Worries, you must be here to climb the Ladder to Heaven, right?”

The woman with the blue ornament interjected, steering the conversation away.

If this continued, her sister’s mind might just explode from overthinking!

“Yes, I want to see the Ladder to Heaven,” Kai nodded.

“Not many low-level cultivators dare set foot in the Land of No Worries, let alone seek out the Ladder to Heaven.”

“In all these years, you’re the most fearless cultivator I’ve seen. Climbing the ladder while only at the third level of the Mahayana Realm?”

“That takes incredible bravery,” the woman with the blue ornament said, giving him a thumbs-up.

However, rather than feeling flattered, Kai grew cautious.

If someone is being overly friendly for no reason, they’re either scheming or have ulterior motives...

“Do you need something from me?” he asked, his guard up.

“No, no!” The woman with the blue ornament shook her head. “I truly admire your courage, but in this land, courage alone won’t get you up the ladder.”

“The climb itself isn’t the most dangerous part—the real threat comes from the cultivators wandering the Land of No Worries. With your low cultivation level, they wouldn’t hesitate to take your life.”

“You must learn to conceal your aura. If others can’t sense your true strength, they won’t easily target you. That way, you’ll be able to move freely here.”

“Conceal my aura? This...”

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Just as Kai was about to ask, the woman with the blue ornament cut him off.

“I know you probably don’t know how to conceal your aura, but don’t worry. I have a concealment talisman here. Just wear it, and no one will be able to detect your strength.”

She pulled out a rune, waved it in front of him, and smiled.

Seeing this, Kai immediately chuckled. Now he understood why she had been so eager to praise him earlier—she was trying to sell him a concealment talisman!

“You’re giving it to me for free?” Kai asked with feigned innocence.

“Of course not! This talisman was crafted by a high-level rune master, and I spent a lot of resources to obtain it.”

“But since I like you, I can give you a few—just not for free!”

“If anyone else wanted one, no matter how many resources they offered, I wouldn’t part with it. But you’re handsome, and I have a good impression of you, so I’m willing to give you a special deal.”

The woman grinned as she spoke.

“Sister, we don’t have many of these left! How can you just give them away?” The woman with the red ornament hurriedly interjected.

“We spent a fortune hiring a rune master to craft these. If you hand them out so easily, what will we do?”

“Sister, this fellow Daoist’s cultivation is too low. I can’t bear to see him get hurt. Let’s just give him a few,” the woman with the blue ornament insisted.

“You absolutely cannot give them away!” her sister protested.

Watching their exaggerated performance, Kai couldn’t help but laugh.

Were they seriously trying to pull this kind of scam in the world of cultivators?

“If these talismans are so precious to you, I won’t take one. I wouldn’t want to make things difficult for you two,” he teased before turning around and walking away.

The twin sisters were dumbfounded!

They had put on such an elaborate act, hoping to sell the talisman at a high price.

But now Kai was simply leaving!

“Hey, hey, hey!” The woman with the blue ornament quickly caught up to him.

“Fellow Daoist, don’t go! My sister is being unreasonable. How about I give you this talisman at a discount?”

“What’s the price?” Kai asked.

“How about 10,000 immortal spirit stones?” she offered with a smile.

“10,000 immortal spirit stones?” Kai raised an eyebrow.

“For that flimsy talisman? You might as well just go out and rob people!”
“Fellow Daoist, if you think it’s too expensive, we can negotiate!”

The woman with the blue ornament said with a smile.

“No, no...,” Kai replied, turning to leave.

But before he could take a step, the woman with the red ornament suddenly pointed her sword directly at him.

“Since you asked, you have to buy it. Otherwise, don’t blame me for being rude!”

She released a powerful aura, revealing her cultivation at the ninth rank of the Mahayana Realm!

“Are you forcing a sale?” Kai asked with an amused smile.

“Exactly. We sisters are fair in business—you pay with immortal spirit stones, and we give you a concealment talisman. It’s a simple transaction,” the woman with the blue ornament said casually.

“If it were anyone else, I wouldn’t have bothered with words. I’d have simply taken what I wanted with my sword.”

“This is the first time I’ve heard someone make forced sales sound so noble,” Kai said with a smirk. “I have immortal spirit stones, but I refuse to buy your talisman.”

“Boy, are you not afraid of death?” The woman with the blue ornament frowned.

“I’m afraid of death, but the two of you can’t kill me.”

Kai’s calm response made their expressions darken.

“Hmph! You’re just a third-grade Mahayana Realm cultivator, yet you dare talk big. Forget the two of us—I could send you to the afterlife with a single strike!” The woman with the red ornament sneered.

“Oh? I don’t believe that. Why don’t you try?”

Kai waved at her provocatively, his expression teasing.

“You’re asking for death!”

With a cold glare, the woman with the red ornament raised her sword, preparing to strike.

“Stop!”

A loud voice rang out, cutting through the tense air.

“The two of you, back off. This man is mine...”

A young man in a brocade robe strode forward, a jade pendant tied around his waist and a folding fan in his hand.

Behind him stood two cultivators with cold, indifferent expressions.

Chapter 4793

“Tang Xiaoyi?”

Upon seeing the young man, the two women’s expressions shifted slightly.

“Hongyao, Lanyao, are you two blind? You’re giving up a massive reward just to sell your worthless talisman?”

Tang Xiaoyi waved his folding fan with disdain.

“Mr. Tang, what do you mean?” Hongyao asked.

“Don’t you recognize this person?” Tang Xiaoyi scoffed.

Hongyao and Lanyao exchanged glances before shaking their heads. They had never seen Kai before. Judging by his unfamiliar face and low cultivation realm, they assumed he needed a concealment talisman.

“No wonder,” Tang Xiaoyi sneered. “This man is Kai. The Huo family has placed a bounty of 200,000 immortal spirit stones on his head.”

“Two hundred thousand immortal spirit stones?”

Hongyao and Lanyao looked at each other, eyes filled with shock.

“Mr. Tang, you must be joking. How could a mere third-grade cultivator in the Mahayana realm be worth that much?”

Lan Yao asked in disbelief.

“Who has time for jokes? That’s what the Huo family said, and I don’t care what realm he’s in.”

He narrowed his eyes at the two sisters. “Now, get lost! If you keep testing my patience, my men might take an interest in you.”

“There’s no need for that, Mr. Tang. We’re leaving...”

Hongyao quickly grabbed her sister’s hand, forcing a smile.

But just as they turned to leave, dozens of glowing orbs suddenly shot from their hands!

The orbs exploded in a brilliant flash, triggering a series of deafening blasts.

Caught off guard, Tang Xiaoyi instinctively leaped back.

“Run! Do you want to die here?”

Hongyao pulled Kai to his feet and bolted.

At the same time, Lan Yao slapped a concealment talisman onto Kai, masking his presence to prevent pursuit.

“Damn it! After them!”

Tang Xiaoyi roared in fury, leading his men in pursuit.

Hongyao and Lanyao ran with Kai for half an hour until the concealment talisman's effect faded. Only then did they stop, panting for breath. Hongyao and Lanyao led Kai in a frantic escape, running for half an hour until the concealment talisman on their bodies lost its effect. Only then did they stop, panting heavily.

The two sisters quickly retrieved a few pills to restore their strength, while Kai watched them with a hint of surprise.

“Why did you save me?”

His voice carried a note of confusion.

“No particular reason...” Hongyao replied between deep breaths.

“We sisters are simply kind-hearted. Now, how do you plan to thank us?”

Lan Yao smirked.

“A kind heart?” Kai chuckled. “You call it kindness, yet you were just forcing people into buying and selling against their will.”

Lan Yao shot him a glare. “You should be grateful! At least we’re just forcing deals—there are plenty of people who’d rather kill you outright for that bounty.”

Kai let out a laugh. “Didn’t you save me just so you could claim the reward yourselves?”

Seeing through their act, he exposed them without hesitation.

Hongyao sighed. “Since you already figured it out, there’s no point in pretending. Honestly, I never expected a mere third-stage Mahayana cultivator like you to be worth 200,000 immortal spirit stones.”

“I can’t tell if the Huo family has lost their minds or if they just have too many spirit stones lying around.”

“But don’t worry, I’ll make it quick. You won’t suffer.”

She spoke as if offering him reassurance.

Kai looked at the twin sisters and couldn’t help but laugh.

Smart, but not very...

“What’s so funny? Aren’t you afraid of dying?”

Lan Yao asked suspiciously.

“I’m laughing at your lack of intelligence,” Kai said plainly.

“What?! How dare you mock us?”

Lan Yao immediately pointed her sword at him.

Kai remained unfazed. “Think for a moment. Do you really believe the Huo family is either too rich or too foolish? Why would they offer 200,000 immortal spirit stones just to kill a mere third-stage Mahayana cultivator?”

“If they truly wanted me dead, wouldn’t it be easier to just send an elder to deal with me? Why go through the trouble of issuing a bounty?”

His words made the sisters freeze, doubt creeping into their eyes.

Chapter 4794

Hongyao rolled her eyes and muttered thoughtfully, “That’s true... Why doesn’t the Huo family handle it themselves?”

“Because they know it won’t be easy to kill me,” Kai explained. “There are people backing me—people they don’t dare to offend. So instead, they put out a bounty and let others do their dirty work.”

“You have backing?” Lan Yao asked skeptically. “Someone stronger than the Huo family?”

Kai smirked. “The Huo family? They’re nothing. I could wipe them out with a flick of my wrist.”

“You’re just bluffing! Why should I believe you even have someone supporting you? Tell me, who is it?”

Lan Yao scoffed, unwilling to believe a mere third-stage Mahayana cultivator had any powerful backers.

“My supporter?” Kai pointed to himself. “It’s me.”

“You dare to toy with us?”

Furious, Lan Yao prepared to strike, convinced Kai was mocking them.

But just as she moved, a suffocating aura pressed down on her.

“Let’s see how you escape now!”

Tang Xiaoyi stormed toward them, his fury palpable. Without hesitation, he unleashed a devastating punch, aiming straight at Kai and the two sisters.

A strike at full force from a peak ninth-stage Mahayana cultivator carried the power to shatter the world itself!

Hongyao and Lanyao’s faces drained of color. It was too late to run.

Despair filled their eyes—they knew there was no escaping death this time.

But then—

Puff!

Tang Xiaoyi's body suddenly stiffened before plummeting from mid-air.

His eyes widened in shock as he stared down at his chest.

A sword had pierced straight through his heart.

Dragon Slaying Sword...

The twin sisters stood frozen in disbelief. They hadn't even seen how the blade appeared!

Tang Xiaoyi's two followers instantly reacted, their powerful auras surging. They flanked their fallen master, eyes burning with fury.

Both were first-stage Immortal Realm cultivators, yet neither had even perceived the attack that had felled Tang Xiaoyi.

One of them stepped forward, fists clasped.

"Friend Chen," he said in a grave tone, "we are from the Tang Sect. This man is our young master. We ask that you release him." For Kai to pierce Tang Xiaoyi's body with a sword in an instant—right under their noses—there was no way his cultivation was merely at the third level of the Mahayana realm, as he had claimed.

Moreover, Tang Xiaoyi was a peak ninth-level Mahayana cultivator. How could a mere third-level cultivator possibly pierce his body with a single strike?

There was only one explanation—Kai had been hiding his true strength!

"Tang Sect?" Kai shook his head. "Never heard of it."

Swish!

The Dragon-Slaying Sword shot back into Kai's hand, slicing Tang Xiaoyi's body clean in half. His soul and body were annihilated in an instant!

At the same time, Tang Xiaoyi's storage bag flew directly into Kai's grasp.

"A young master from a wealthy clan, indeed. So many treasures!"

After glancing inside the bag, Kai smirked and turned to the two Tang Sect monks.

"You're welcome to seek revenge for your young master..."

The two monks exchanged uneasy glances—but neither dared to make a move!

The calmer Kai appeared, the more terrified they felt.

Their hands clenched into fists, an overwhelming aura radiating from their bodies, yet they remained frozen in place.

That sword strike still haunted them.

Both were Immortal Transformation Realm cultivators, yet neither had even seen how Kai had attacked!

They had assumed that, even if Tang Xiaoyi wasn't a match for Kai, he wouldn't be defeated so easily.

If the fight turned against him, they had planned to intervene.

But before they could even react, Tang Xiaoyi had been slain in an instant!

Only now did they truly understand why the Huo family had placed a 200,000 immortal stone bounty on Kai's head.

His strength was worth far more than that!

After a long silence, the two monks finally withdrew their auras. Without a word, they picked up what remained of Tang Xiaoyi's body and swiftly vanished into the sky.

Chapter 4795

It wasn't until the two Tang Sect monks disappeared that Hongyao and Lanyao finally let out a sigh of relief, collapsing to the ground.

The overwhelming pressure from the two Immortal Realm cultivators had been unbearable for them.

At this moment, they were utterly drained.

Kai turned to look at them, his expression as calm as still water.

Yet, the calmer he was, the more fear crept into the sisters' hearts.

"Master Chen, w-we were wrong. Please forgive us! We're willing to hand over all our resources as compensation!"

Lan Yao, now devoid of her earlier arrogance, trembled as she spoke, her face pale and pitiful.

"If Master Chen does not find our resources valuable, we sisters are also willing to offer our bodies for your pleasure."

"As twins, we can provide Master Chen with a unique experience..."

Hongyao batted her large eyes seductively, trying to charm him.

"Not interested."

Kai dismissed them without hesitation and turned to leave.

Sisters or not, they were of no interest to him.

He had no shortage of women, anyway.

His indifference caught the sisters off guard. They exchanged glances before quickly scrambling to their feet and chasing after him.

“Mr. Chen, wait!”

Hongyao called out.

Kai frowned slightly.

“What? Do you two really want me to sleep with you that badly?”

Hongyao’s face flushed, and she quickly shook her head.

“Our looks are hardly worthy of Master Chen’s favor,” she said with a nervous smile.

“We only wanted to remind you... The man you just killed wasn’t an ordinary person. Do you even know who he was?”

“You already said something about the Tang Sect and their young master,” Kai replied flatly.

“Then Master Chen must not truly understand what the Tang Sect is,” Hongyao said seriously.

“It doesn’t matter who they are,” Kai said coldly. “If they try to kill me, they die. That’s my rule.” Kai spoke casually, his tone indifferent.

Hearing this, Hongyao and Lanyao broke into a cold sweat.

They had only intended to deceive Kai, not actually harm him.

If they had truly tried to kill him, they would probably be nothing more than corpses by now.

“Mr. Chen, that man was Tang Xiaoyi, a young master of the Tang Sect,” Hongyao explained. “While the Tang Sect isn’t the most powerful, it is still a force to be reckoned with. They hold influence within the Taoist Sect and have a significant voice in its affairs.”

“And how does the Tang Sect compare to the Huo Clan in strength?” Kai asked.

“The Tang Sect isn’t as powerful as the Huo Clan, but the gap isn’t too wide either,” Hongyao replied.

Kai chuckled. “If I don’t fear the Huo Clan, why would the Tang Sect be any different?”

Hongyao was momentarily stunned, a hint of awkwardness flashing across her face.

“Mr. Chen, while the Tang Sect alone may not rival the Huo Clan, things change when you consider the alliance of the Three Sects. Even the Huo Clan would struggle against them.”

“The Three Sects?” Kai frowned, unfamiliar with the term.

“Mr. Chen, the Three Sects—also known as Lian Sanmen—are an alliance formed through marriage,” Lan Yao interjected. “The Tang Sect is one of them. The second is the Qian Sect, known for their mastery of divination and calculation. The third is the Ling Sect, which specializes in raising and commanding spirit beasts.”

“And how does this Three Sects Alliance compare to Sun Moon City?” Kai asked.

“I’m not sure,” Lan Yao admitted, shaking her head. “Sun Moon City is shrouded in mystery. It’s said to be one of the strongest forces in the Heavenly Human Realm, but whether the Three Sects could surpass it, I can’t say for certain.”

Kai smirked coldly. “The emperors of Sun Moon City are all my subordinates. Do you think I’d be afraid of Lian Sanmen?”

With that, he turned and continued walking.

The two sisters exchanged glances, momentarily unsure whether Kai was simply boasting—or if he was truly that formidable.

Chapter 4796

Kai paid no attention to what the two sisters were thinking and continued walking forward.

As he walked, he took out Tang Xiaoyi’s storage bag and examined its contents.

Being the young master of the Tang Sect, Tang Xiaoyi’s storage bag was bound to contain valuable treasures.

Kai casually tossed a few pills into his mouth from the bag.

In this desolate place, devoid of spiritual energy and resources, one could only rely on what they carried to replenish their strength.

“What’s this?”

Kai suddenly pulled out a glowing sphere from the storage bag.

The orb was transparent, radiating a mysterious energy.

Through its surface, he could see a tiny curled-up creature inside, its skin, flesh, and even blood vessels clearly visible.

“Could this be a spirit beast egg?”

Kai recalled how the little Sky-Devouring Beast also appeared as a sphere when he first found it.

“Mr. Chen, be careful! That’s a Soul-Devouring Beast from the Ling Sect!”

Hongyao’s urgent voice came from behind him.

Before Kai could react, the glowing sphere in his hand suddenly shattered.

The next instant, the Soul-Devouring Beast shot out and disappeared between Kai’s eyebrows!

He stood motionless as Hongyao and Lanyao quickly caught up to him.

“This is bad! Master Chen has been invaded by the Soul-Devouring Beast. His consciousness is about to be devoured!”

Hongyao’s voice was filled with panic.

“Sister, once a Soul-Devouring Beast enters the body, there’s no way to remove it,” Lan Yao said. “In just a few moments, Kai will either lose his mind or die.”

“We should take this opportunity to cut off his head and deliver it to the Huo Clan in exchange for the fairy stones!”

Excitement flickered in Lan Yao’s eyes.

“Shut up!” Hongyao snapped, frowning. “Mr. Chen just spared our lives. How could we repay him with betrayal?”

“Sister, he’s going to die anyway. Even if we don’t do it, someone else will.

Instead of letting others claim the reward, why shouldn’t we take the 200,000 fairy stones for ourselves? That’s 200,000!”

As she spoke, Lan Yao raised her sword, preparing to strike—

Clang! With a sharp clang, Hong Yao blocked Lan Yao's sword.

"If you dare to attack, don't blame me for showing no mercy!" Hong Yao warned coldly.

"Sister, you're such a fool!"

Lan Yao had no choice but to lower her sword, frustration evident on her face.

Hong Yao turned her gaze to Kai, noticing that he remained completely still, as if he had lost control of his body.

In reality, Kai was perfectly fine. Any Soul-Devouring Beast that entered his sea of consciousness would have already been captured, roasted, and devoured by the Red Cloud Demon Lord.

Even if the Red Cloud Demon Lord weren't present, this so-called Soul-Devouring Beast wouldn't have been able to harm Kai's consciousness in the slightest.

After all, the Daluo Golden Classic resided within Kai's sea of consciousness—an entity even the Red Cloud Demon Lord feared.

So what was a mere Soul-Devouring Beast to him?

"I heard that if a Soul-Devouring Beast enters someone's body, it can be sucked out through the mouth. Let me try..."

Without hesitation, Hong Yao leaned in, pressing her lips to Kai's as she attempted to draw out the creature.

Kai's eyes widened in shock, his expression a mix of disbelief and embarrassment.

Quickly pushing Hong Yao away, he coughed twice before stammering, "I... I'm fine!"

“Mr. Chen, did I manage to extract the Soul-Devouring Beast?”

Seeing that Kai appeared unharmed, Hong Yao’s face lit up with relief. But a moment later, she frowned.

“Wait... that’s strange. If I had successfully pulled it out, the Soul-Devouring Beast should have entered my body. So why don’t I feel anything?”

“I killed it the moment it entered my body. My mind isn’t so easily devoured.”

Kai smirked.

Despite everything, he appreciated Hong Yao’s gesture. Regardless of whether it was effective, at least she no longer harbored any ill intentions toward him.

But as for Lan Yao...

Kai shifted his gaze toward her, a cold glint flashing in his eyes.

Sensing the murderous intent directed at her, Lan Yao paled and instinctively stepped back, her entire body tense with fear.

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“Master Chen, I can be reckless at times. I hope you won’t hold it against me!”

Seeing the tension, Hong Yao quickly pleaded for mercy.

“You’re lucky your sister intervened—otherwise, you’d be a corpse by now!”

Kai shot a warning glance at Lan Yao before turning away. He had no interest in getting further involved with the twin sisters.

But just as he left, the two of them hurried after him.

Kai frowned. “What now?”

“Master Chen, we wish to follow you,” Hong Yao said bluntly.

“I don’t keep people who tried to kill me by my side,” Kai replied coldly, shaking his head.

“Master Chen, I admit my mistake, but you should also think this through. Wuwang Land belongs to the Huo family. They placed a bounty on you yet haven’t personally pursued you, which means they want you to become a fugitive—hunted by everyone.”

“All the cultivators who come to Wuwang Land are from hidden sects and powerful families. If these people set their sights on you, you’ll never have a moment of peace!”

Hong Yao kept pace with Kai as she spoke.

“And you have a way to stop me from being targeted?” Kai asked.

Hong Yao nodded. “Yes! The reason you’re being hunted is because your apparent cultivation level is too low. I suggest you stop concealing your true strength. If people realize your real power, many will think twice before challenging you!”

“If Master Chen had shown his true strength earlier, Tang Xiaoyi wouldn’t have dared to provoke you so easily.”

Kai chuckled. “The third level of the Mahayana Realm is my true level. I’m not hiding anything.”

“What?!”

Hong Yao’s eyes widened in shock.

A cultivator at the third stage of the Mahayana Realm had just slain a ninth-stage Mahayana expert with a single strike?

That was simply unbelievable!

After a brief moment of shock, Hong Yao continued, “Master Chen, since you possess such extraordinary talent and can fight beyond your realm, you should head to the Dao Sect. With the Heavenly Ladder yet to descend, nearly all cultivators have gathered there.”

“Once Master Chen arrives, he should boldly showcase his strength. That way, people will fear your power and think twice before provoking you.”

“Master Chen could also flaunt his connections, like the emperor of Sun Moon City. Imagine ordering him to give you a back massage in the middle of the street—who would dare challenge you then?”

“Even the Huo and Tang families might not have the courage to seek revenge against Master Chen...”

Kai listened to Hong Yao’s analysis and smiled faintly. “So, you’re suggesting that I show off?”

Hong Yao nodded. “If Master Chen is truly powerful, then demonstrate it. If not, at least make it look that way. Just ensure no one dares to take advantage of you!”

“But how would I even pretend? My cultivation level is too low to fake it,” Kai mused. “I do have a sword, though. Maybe that would work?”

“I’m afraid that won’t be enough. A precious sword alone isn’t convincing—most people wouldn’t recognize its value. Does Master Chen have anything more impressive?” Hong Yao asked.

“Then I’ll pretend I have a divine beast, claim to know celestial arts, act like I understand formations, say I can heal the sick, boast about wielding a divine bow, and insist I have a backer who can destroy the entire Heavenly Human Realm with a single strike!”

Kai rattled off his exaggerated ideas one after another.

“No, no!” Hong Yao waved her hands, stopping him. “Master Chen, your boasting needs to be believable! Destroying the world with one palm, commanding a divine beast, wielding the bow of a celestial king, and mastering immortal arts all sound too far-fetched. If it’s not credible, no one will believe it.”

“Boasting?”

Kai smirked, and suddenly, a wave of heat radiated outward.

A moment later, the little Qilin beast appeared beside him.

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Surrounded by soft, lush grass, the little Qilin beast was overjoyed. It darted around, letting out cheerful cries.

Sensing something, the little Sky-Swallowing Beast suddenly flew out from Kai’s storage ring, completely unrestrained.

The two creatures frolicked together, playing freely with unbridled joy.

Watching this scene, Hong Yao and Lan Yao were utterly dumbfounded.

“Mr. Chen, this...”

Hong Yao’s eyes widened, her face full of disbelief.

“Oh, these two little beasts I raised are quite well-behaved,” Kai said casually.

Hong Yao and Lan Yao: “.....”

What the hell?! He actually owns divine beasts...

Clang!

At that moment, a crisp sound echoed as a mystical bow suddenly tumbled out of Kai's storage ring.

"Oops, my storage ring's getting a little full," Kai muttered as he bent down and picked up the weapon.

"The... the God King Bow?!"

The two sisters' eyes nearly popped out of their sockets.

Damn! He really has the God King Bow!

After storing the bow away, Kai's fingertips flickered with light. He pointed into the void, sending out a golden beam that vanished in an instant.

The very air around them twisted and warped, and for a brief moment, time itself seemed to freeze.

"My Immortal Finger technique isn't too bad, right?" Kai asked calmly.

"Magic...?"

The sisters' jaws dropped so wide that an egg could fit inside.

Holy crap, he actually knows magic!

In the distance, Kai spotted a few goats wandering by. With a casual wave of his hand, intricate array patterns appeared mid-air.

Within moments, the formation took shape, capturing the goats and instantly teleporting them to his side.

The animals collapsed as if bound by some invisible force.

Kai snapped his fingers, and a fire ignited, crackling to life.

As the mouthwatering aroma filled the air, the goats roasted to perfection.

“Mmm, smells amazing. I haven’t had roast lamb in ages.”

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Kai took a deep breath, savoring the aroma, then tore off a leg of lamb and started eating.

The environment here felt no different from the mortal world. Sitting down to enjoy roast lamb like this was almost like a spring picnic back home.

For a moment, Kai felt as if he had returned to the secular world.

“Aren’t you two going to eat?” he asked, glancing at the sisters.

But the two of them stood there, completely stunned, as if they hadn’t even heard him.

“Sister... was that a formation just now?” Lan Yao whispered.

“Yes,” Hong Yao confirmed.

Damn... he really knows formations.

“If you two don’t eat, I won’t be able to finish all this roasted lamb by myself!” Kai said with a smirk.

As he spoke, he casually waved his hand.

A gentle breeze swept through the air, and the roasted goats, which had already been cooked to perfection, began to transform before their eyes. Their flesh and bones visibly reformed, and in mere moments, they sprang back to life and bolted away.

“R-Resurrection...?”

The sisters' minds struggled to process what they had just witnessed.

Holy crap, he actually knows medical arts too!

"Is there anything else I should demonstrate? I need to practice so I can really show off when I get to the Dao Sect," Kai said, wiping grease from his mouth.

"N-No, that's enough! Master Chen, you don't need to show anything else. You're not pretending—you're actually amazing!" Hong Yao quickly interrupted.

If Kai decided to unleash a world-ending attack next, they might not even have a place to live!

"Is this enough to intimidate them?" Kai asked.

"More than enough! Once they see all this, no one will dare to target you!" Hong Yao nodded frantically.

"Good!" Kai said with satisfaction. "Now, where exactly is the Dao Sect? This is my first time here—I have no clue where I'm going."

"I know! I'll take Master Chen there!" Lan Yao eagerly stepped forward to lead the way.

At this moment, all thoughts of assassinating Kai for a bounty had vanished from her mind. She now wanted nothing more than to follow him.

With Lan Yao guiding him, Kai made his way toward the Dao Sect.

Whether or not people were still after him, he had already decided—he was going to make a grand entrance.

Now that he thought about it, there weren't many in the Heavenly Realm who truly posed a threat to him anyway.

Chapter 4799

Tang Sect!

In a grand hall, several elderly men sat upright—these were the esteemed elders of the Tang Sect. Seated at the center was Tang Zhonghai, the great elder of the Tang Sect!

Before them lay the gruesome sight of Tang Xiaoyi's body, severed in two.

Kneeling in silence before the elders were the two monks who had accompanied Tang Xiaoyi. Their heads were bowed, their bodies tense with guilt.

The Tang Sect's young master had been slain—cut in half with a single sword stroke. These two had failed to protect him and now had to answer for it!

Since the sect's teleportation ladder required time to arrive, Tang Xiaoyi had been tasked with leading the monks to Wuwang Land first.

But no one had expected this outcome!

“Did Kai really kill the young master with a single strike, despite being only at the third level of the Mahayana realm?” Tang Zhonghai asked coldly.

“Yes,” one of the monks nodded.

“I sent you two to protect him! What were you doing?” Tang Zhonghai's voice grew sharper.

“Two immortals, frightened out of their wits by a mere monk at the third level of Mahayana?”

The great elder's fury was evident!

“Great Elder, we underestimated Kai’s strength at first and paid him no attention.”

“By the time we realized our mistake, the young master had already been struck down. The sword was so fast—we couldn’t even see it!”

The kneeling monk’s voice trembled.

“Then why didn’t you avenge him?” Tang Zhonghai pressed.

“Even together, we wouldn’t be a match for Kai,” the monk admitted. “And with the young master’s body left exposed in the wilderness, our priority was to bring him back.”

Tang Zhonghai narrowed his eyes. “Hidden strength... This Kai is no ordinary monk. No wonder the Huo family would rather pay 200,000 fairy stones than confront him themselves.”

“In your opinion, what is Kai’s true level of power?” he asked.

“At least the second level of the Immortal Realm,” the monk replied. “No, I think the third level of the Immortal Realm is also possible!” Another kneeling monk suddenly spoke up.

“The third level of the Immortal Realm?” Tang Zhonghai slowly stood up, his expression dark. “Hiding an entire realm... What is this kid up to? Playing the pig to eat the tiger?”

“Brother, what should we do next? Should we avenge the young master?” an elder asked.

“Old Third, don’t you find this situation strange? Why would Kai go to such lengths to conceal his true strength?”

“And we still don’t know if there are other forces backing him. If we rush into revenge without considering the bigger picture, it could disrupt our future plans,” Tang Zhonghai said with a deep frown.

“What should we do then? Are we just going to let the young master die in vain? If the sect master comes out of seclusion and learns of this, we’ll all be punished,” the third elder said anxiously.

“Calm down. I never said we wouldn’t take revenge.” Tang Zhonghai’s gaze sharpened. “Report the young master’s murder to Qianmen and Lingmen. Let them handle it.”

“Tell them the sect master is still in seclusion, and this matter is too important for us to decide on our own.”

“Lingmen will undoubtedly take action. After all, the current master of Lingmen is the young master’s uncle. There’s no way he’ll ignore his nephew’s death.”

The elder’s eyes glinted with calculation.

“Brother, are you planning to let Lingmen make the first move?” the third elder asked.

“Exactly. No matter what Kai’s true strength is or who might be supporting him, Lingmen will expose everything once they act.”

“If Kai has no significant background and is killed by Lingmen, then we’ll have avenged the young master.”

“But if he does have backing and Lingmen is defeated, we can sit back and observe. We’ll wait for the sect master to come out of seclusion and make the final decision.”

“This way, no matter the outcome, we won’t bear the consequences.”

The elder’s analysis was clear and precise.

The third elder’s eyes lit up. “Big Brother, you’re truly resourceful. Let’s do it!”

Soon, a surge of energy shot into the sky from the Tang Sect, vanishing beyond the horizon.

Chapter 4800

Daomen!

A massive stone archway stood tall, its form shaped by two enormous rocks. No one knew who had carved the word Daomen into its surface.

Beyond the arch, rows of neatly arranged houses stretched into the distance. Most of the time, this place was eerily quiet, with almost no signs of life.

But every hundred years, when the Ladder to Heaven arrived, Daomen became a bustling hub, overflowing with monks from all walks of life.

These monks gathered here to await the arrival of the Ladder to Heaven, using the time to trade with one another.

Kai strode into Daomen alongside the sisters, Hong Yao and Lan Yao, moving with an air of confidence.

He neither concealed his presence nor altered his appearance!

The sight of Kai stunned many onlookers.

After all, the Huo family had placed a 200,000 immortal spirit stone bounty on his head—yet here he was, boldly walking through Daomen as if he had nothing to fear!

With the Ladder to Heaven yet to arrive and no single faction fully controlling Daomen, if someone from the Huo family decided to make a move, there would be no one to stop them.

On both sides of the street, countless pairs of greedy eyes locked onto Kai and his companions.

200,000 immortal spirit stones was an astronomical sum!

Many of the monks gathered here had reached the peak of the ninth rank of the Mahayana Realm, while some had even stepped into the Immortal Realm. For them, immortal spirit stones were a necessity!

Yet, despite the temptation, no one dared to act recklessly.

Kai wasn't an idiot—his open display of confidence suggested he had already prepared for this. Perhaps he had a powerful force backing him!

Until his true strength and alliances were revealed, no one wanted to be the first to make a move. After all, “the bird that sticks its head out is the first to be shot.”

“Sister, why is everyone staring at us? It's making me shy... Could it be that we're just too beautiful?”

Lan Yao, feeling the intense gazes around them, spoke softly with a hint of embarrassment.

“Stop being so narcissistic.” Hong Yao rolled her eyes. “They're looking at Mr. Chen. In their eyes, he's nothing more than a walking treasure trove. Who wouldn't be tempted by 200,000 immortal spirit stones?”

Kai, unfazed by the surrounding stares, casually walked into a crowded area. With a simple motion of his hand, he summoned his Little Fire Qilin.

“What the—?! Is that a mythical beast, Fire Qilin?!” “Impossible! How could a divine beast exist in the Heavenly Realm?”

“It's so small... Can that really be a divine beast? It's no bigger than a dog!”

The crowd was completely drawn to Kai's Fire Qilin, each person scrutinizing the creature, wondering if it was truly a mythical beast.

“What is Mr. Chen doing? Why is he suddenly making such a spectacle of himself?”

In the shadows, the Tenth Palace Master observed silently, perplexed by Kai’s bold display at Daomen. He had no idea what Kai was trying to accomplish.

“Brother, what do you think he’s planning? Did he come here just to show off?”

Lin Keting, standing among the crowd, turned to Lin Kefan and asked.

“I don’t know either... Maybe he thinks Daomen is within Sun and Moon City’s territory, so he has nothing to fear?”

Even Lin Kefan’s face was filled with uncertainty.

“This is all your fault! My father and master haven’t even arrived yet, and you told Kai too soon! Now he’s acting recklessly!”

“If anything happens to Kai, you’ll be the first to take responsibility. I swear, I won’t let you off the hook!”

Lin Keting shot Lin Kefan a fierce glare, blaming him for the situation.

Lin Kefan sighed. “Girls really are impossible to control once they grow up...”

Suddenly, Kai pointed his Dragon-Slaying Sword at the surrounding crowd, his expression arrogant.

“What are you all staring at? Never seen a mythical beast before?”

“Keep gawking, and I’ll gouge your eyes out!”

“Now get lost!”

The crowd: “.....”

Hong Yao and Lan Yao were stunned, their eyes widening in disbelief at Kai's audacity.

“Mr. Chen, stay low-key! I told you to be confident, but don't go overboard—you'll offend everyone!”

“If you push them too far and they all attack at once, we might not even have bones left when this is over!”

Hong Yao leaned in close, whispering nervously into Kai's ear.