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Chapter 4901

In the middle of their conversation, a sudden tremor shook the ground nearby!

From one of the cages, a blinding white light burst out!

Boom!

With a thunderous crash, a figure exploded through the cage walls!

“Bloody hell! Who’s the fool putting cages at the end of the Great Path’s guidance? What a dirty trick!”

Hu Mazi stormed over, cursing furiously.

Xiu Rui stared at him, slightly trembling, and asked, “Friend Chen, is this the companion you were looking for?”

“Yeah!” Kai nodded, then turned to Hu Mazi. “Master Hu, where are we?”

“No clue, but this must be the Heavenly Realm. Just don’t know which idiot set up all these cages!”

Hu Mazi glanced around as he spoke.

“Master Hu, since your memories are back, can you tell me about the Heavenly Realm’s rules, structure, and cultivation ranks?”

Kai pressed for answers.

“Rules? Structure? The Heavenly Realm’s got none of that nonsense. It’s all about power. If your realm’s high and your strength is overwhelming, you are the rules. You are the order.”

“You think the so-called Laws of Heaven just appeared out of nowhere? Nah, the Saints made them. They’re at the top, so whatever they say becomes law.”

“One day, if you become Master of the Universe, the Heavenly Realm won’t be a big deal, and even those Saints will be like flies—easy to swat!”

Hu Mazi grumbled, clearly irritated.

“Quit hyping me up and just explain the Heavenly Realm already!” Kai snapped, clearly annoyed.

If the Red Cloud Demon Lord hadn’t stepped in earlier, he’d still be stuck in that cage. Master of the Universe? That was a distant dream. Right now, he just needed to understand this realm.

“You probably already know the Heavenly Realm is made up of thirty-six heavens, right?” Hu Mazi began. “Yeah!” Kai nodded.

“The thirty-six heavens are divided into three tiers: lower twelve, middle twelve, and upper twelve. Each group of twelve is further split into smaller planes, with every three heavens forming one.”

“Monks guided by the Great Path or other methods all end up in the first three heavens. The immortals there are Loose Immortals—rogue cultivators without an official seal.”

“That’s why those in the first three heavens are looked down upon. Some would rather painstakingly ascend on their own than rely on the Great Path’s guidance.”

“Those who cultivate and ascend naturally go straight to the fourth heaven. They become Earth Immortals, the lowest official rank in the Heavenly Realm.”

“After that, it goes: Human Immortal, Heavenly Immortal, Upper Immortal, True Immortal, Golden Immortal, Great Luo Golden Immortal, Immortal Lord, Immortal King, Immortal Emperor, and finally, Saint...”

“Each realm has nine tiers. But in the Heavenly Realm, breakthroughs don’t trigger thunder tribulations. Instead, you must pass through the Immortal Ascension Platform. Every major rank-up requires conquering it!”

“You’re still at the Immortal Transformation Realm—not even a Loose Immortal. You’ve got a long way to go, mate...”

Hu Mazi clapped Kai on the shoulder as he spoke.

“Master Hu, before your reincarnation, which heaven were you in? What rank did you reach?” Kai asked.

“Ugh... I was at the peak of Human Immortal, just a step away from becoming a Heavenly Immortal and leaving the sixth heaven...”

“Then I got betrayed by a woman. Wasted thousands of years of cultivation—just like that...”

Hu Mazi’s expression twisted with bitterness and regret.

Xiu Rui, listening nearby, didn’t dare say a word.

Human Immortal?

That was seriously impressive! He’d fought tooth and nail and still couldn’t ascend, forcing him to take the Ladder to Heaven. Even if he managed to ascend now, he’d only become a Loose Immortal.

Earth Immortals were nobodies in the Heavenly Realm—so Loose Immortals like him? They barely existed in the eyes of others.

Kai, fully engrossed in Hu Mazi's explanation, forgot to ask what ranks Nan Batian and the others had reached—or which heavens they might be in.

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“Senior, what's your realm?” Kai asked the Red Cloud Demon Lord.

“I'm not in any realm—don't ask!” the Red Cloud Demon Lord snapped, clearly irritated.

Kai was confused. It was just a simple question—why the attitude?

But since he didn't want to talk, Kai didn't press further.

“Let's focus on getting out of here first!” Kai said.

Hu Mazi and Xiu Rui both nodded in agreement.

The three of them ascended, surrounded by a thick black mist with no clear direction. Upward was the only path, so they aimed for the skies, hoping to break free of this place.

Fortunately, there were no restrictions here, so Kai's group could fly without hindrance.

They soared higher and higher, with Hu Mazi leading the way, smashing through countless cages as they went!

It seemed that since regaining his memories, his power had surged dramatically.

At this point, even Kai couldn't match him!

They continued flying for what felt like ages, but the scene never changed—only endless black mist and an endless stretch of cages!

“If we keep going like this, we’ll wear ourselves out before we ever find a way out!” Hu Mazi rolled his eyes and grumbled.

“This isn’t working. We need to find the exit. Flying aimlessly is pointless!” Kai spoke up, frustration mounting.

“But we don’t even know where the exit is,” Xiu Rui said, helpless.

“Then I’ll just burn this bloody place down and see if that works!”

Kai decided to unleash his Supreme Fire and torch the entire area.

Sure, it would be miserable roasting in here, but if it helped them escape, it would be worth it!

“Friend Chen, you’re not going to burn us all to ashes, are you?” Xiu Rui asked nervously.

Though he was stronger than Kai on paper, he wasn’t about to take that power lightly.

“No worries—it won’t kill us!” Kai replied, and flames erupted from his palm. The fused Supreme Fire blazed with intense heat.

With a powerful swing, Kai unleashed a torrent of fire, setting the skies ablaze! The blaze erupted with a deafening roar!

In seconds, the black mist surrounding them vanished, replaced by raging flames.

Soon, anguished screams echoed through the air—likely from those trapped in cages, unable to endure the heat!

“Friend Chen, there must be tons of people locked up here, right?” Xiu Rui asked.

“Kai, your fire’s not going to cook everyone in the cages, is it?” Hu Mazi added.

“No worries. My Supreme Fire only targets demons—human monks won’t be harmed!” Kai assured them.

He was fully aware the cages held human monks, and he’d taken that into account.

The Supreme Fire he released was specifically directed at demons!

Those screams? They were coming from demon monks!

Amid the cries, waves of icy yin energy surged forth, trying to counter the heat.

But that yin energy was no match for the terrifying force of the Supreme Fire!

Within moments, the yin energy was completely consumed.

Then, right before Kai’s eyes, a vortex appeared—pulling in the raging fire and spinning it into a flaming tornado!

Kai’s eyes lit up. “That’s it—probably the exit!”

Without hesitation, he led Hu Mazi and Xiu Rui straight toward the vortex!

At the same time, the flames began to subside, and the trio was swept into the vortex by its powerful pull.

“Be careful! The yin aura here is thick!” Kai warned them.

Just as he spoke, black mist exploded around the vortex, and ghostly faces took shape within it—gruesome and terrifying!

“Hmph, think you can stop us?” Kai snorted coldly, summoning his Dragon-Slaying Sword, its blade engulfed in searing flames!

Yin creatures like these feared the Supreme Fire more than anything.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Kai slashed several times, each strike infused with fire-laced sword qi—shattering the ghostly faces in an instant!

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Kai and his crew descended smoothly into the vortex, but the moment they entered, they were swarmed by a host of grotesque ghostly faces!

Each face was shrouded in black mist, with claw-like tendrils writhing around them!

“Keep moving!”

Kai activated his Indestructible Golden Body, instantly glowing with golden light. A shield of Supreme Fire flared up around the group!

Xiu Rui’s expression was grim. Though he was at the peak of Immortal Transformation, centuries of confinement had left him weakened and unrecovered!

And this was the Heavenly Realm—a place where even a peak Immortal Transformation cultivator couldn’t act recklessly!

Hu Mazi covered the rear, scowling at the dense cluster of ghost faces as he cursed, “Bloody hell! Got the guts to show your true form? Think this spook show scares anyone?”

With that, Hu Mazi hurled three talismans into the air!

Boom!

A massive explosion shook the vortex, unleashing a surge of raw energy!

A brilliant light erupted, illuminating the surroundings like daylight!

In that instant, Kai's group saw it clearly—the countless ghost faces were actually growing from a towering figure radiating a deathly aura, wielding a massive war axe!

The tendrils and faces were like hair sprouting from its body!

Standing before this giant, Kai and his companions looked like mere ants!

“What the hell is that thing? Is this the bloke behind the cages?”

Kai swallowed hard, staring up at the mountain-sized figure!

Boom!

Before they could react, the giant swung its war axe, crashing down toward them!

A terrifying aura slammed into them as the tendrils and ghost faces launched a simultaneous assault!

Trapped in the narrow vortex, Kai's group had nowhere to escape!

Xiu Rui's eyes widened in fear, already regretting his escape from the cage!

If he died now, maybe he'd have been better off staying locked up. With time, he might've been released!

“Stupid sod! Think being tall makes you tough?” Hu Mazi snarled and thrust his right palm forward!

A blue ice talisman materialized in his hand!

As it shattered, a wave of bone-chilling cold surged outward!

Boom!

In an instant, every aura, every tendril, every ghostly face was frozen solid!

The mountain-like giant froze mid-swing, its axe suspended in the air!

Time itself seemed to come to a halt!

Hu Mazi casually pointed at one of the tendrils!

Crack, crack, crack...

With a series of sharp snaps, everything encased in ice shattered into dust!

Xiu Rui stared at Hu Mazi, jaw slack, completely speechless!

Even Kai was impressed, grinning, “Not bad, Master Hu. You’ve got some serious skills...”

“Obviously! I was nearly a Heavenly Immortal, mate. Sure, I’ve been reincarnated, but all the tricks are still up here,” Hu Mazi said, tapping his temple with a smug grin. “Give me a little time in the Heavenly Realm, and I’ll be back to full power...”

“Then I’d better stick close to Master Hu for protection!” Kai chuckled.

“I’ve got your back—but you’ve got to hook me up with some ladies. You’re a magnet for them, so share the wealth!” Hu Mazi teased.

“Oi!” Kai rolled his eyes.

Xiu Rui, overhearing their banter, was completely at a loss for words.

“Just pulling your leg. I wouldn’t lay a finger on your women,” Hu Mazi said with a pat on Kai’s shoulder. “Let’s move. That thing was just a puppet. No way it’s the one behind these cages...”

Kai nodded, and the group surged forward through the vortex passage!

Chapter 4904

Soon, a bright light appeared before everyone's eyes. Kai was filled with excitement!

He thought he was finally about to escape this desolate place. Ever since arriving in the heavens, he had been trapped in a cage—without even getting a glimpse of the world around him!

Kai was eager to see what the heavens truly looked like.

After just a few breaths, a flash of white light burst before their eyes, and suddenly, their feet touched solid ground!

This time, they were standing firm—no longer suspended in the air.

Kai looked around, and his gaze quickly sharpened. His expression darkened.

They hadn't left the cage and entered the vast heavenly lands as he had hoped. Instead, they had arrived inside a palace!

The palace was surrounded by oil lamps, each flame flickering like little dancing elves.

At the front of the palace stood a high platform—and atop it, a figure sat!

The entire place felt eerie and oppressive, and the figure on the platform radiated a sinister aura.

"This must be the owner of the cage," Xiu Rui said.

"It must be," Kai nodded.

"You dared to break free and escape judgment. How bold of you!"

“You haven’t achieved ascension, yet you took a shortcut into the heavens. This defies the heavenly laws. You must be punished.”

A deep, authoritative voice echoed from the platform.

At the same time, an overwhelming pressure descended upon Kai and the others.

“Fuck off! Who do you think you are, punishing people in the name of the heavenly laws?”

Hu Mazi snapped, waving his hand—and the pressure vanished instantly!

“Huh?” came a startled voice from the figure.

“Who are you to judge? If you truly uphold heavenly justice, why do you only punish human cultivators?”

Kai asked coldly, locking eyes with the figure on the high platform.

“I punish whoever I want. What does that have to do with you?”

The figure’s voice was full of disdain, and an even stronger pressure filled the palace.

Hu Mazi was about to curse and strike again, but Kai held him back.

“Master Hu, don’t be hasty. Let me deal with this arrogant fool!” After speaking, Kai stood still. Suddenly, golden light sparked at his fingertips, and he casually pointed forward.

“Finger of the Immortal...”

Boom!

The moment Kai’s Finger of the Immortal made contact, the pressure exploded instantly!

The entire palace trembled, and the violent energy nearly caused it to collapse!

“You actually know immortal arts?” the figure exclaimed in surprise.

He leapt from the high platform, and at the same time, blood-red sharp blades shot toward Kai!

In an instant, a golden, indestructible aura enveloped Kai. He then drew the Dragon Slashing Sword and began slashing fiercely!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Each blade was blocked by Kai and then shattered into powder!

After deflecting the barrage, Kai seized the opportunity. The Dragon Slashing Sword swept forward, unleashing a fierce wave of sword energy that crashed toward the figure!

Xiu Rui stared at Kai in stunned silence, eyes wide with shock.

A cultivator in the first-grade immortal realm—yet the power he displayed was terrifying!

“Interesting.”

Seeing the sword energy approaching, the figure raised his hand, instantly conjuring a shield that blocked the blow!

Kai prepared to strike again, but Hu Mazi shouted, “Stop! You’re not his match!”

It was clear the opponent hadn’t used his full strength, while Kai was already pushing his limits.

The gap in strength was obvious—there was no point in continuing the fight.

Kai's gaze was cold. He understood this was the heaven, not the mortal realm. Here, anyone who appeared might be far beyond his level!

After all, the power difference was immense. He was still just a cultivator, while that man might have already been an immortal—perhaps even a scattered immortal. Kai couldn't compare to someone like that.

"You're the most talented person I've encountered in many years," the figure on the platform said.

"Don't waste your breath praising me. If you don't give me a proper explanation today, I'll destroy your palace and cripple your cultivation!"

Kai replied coldly.

Xiu Rui looked at Kai in disbelief. He couldn't understand where Kai found the confidence to speak to such a being that way!

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Hu Mazi frowned slightly. "Kai, take it easy. I never said I could definitely beat him."

"Don't worry, Master Hu. We've got allies in the heavens—I have many friends up here," Kai replied calmly.

It was unclear whether the figure on the high platform was intimidated by Kai or simply lost in thought, but he remained silent, as if pondering something.

Then, the figure slowly stepped down from the platform.

As he approached, everyone could see he was dressed in a dark robe and wore a mask, with only his eyes visible.

Kai was speechless for a moment. He remembered that people who wore masks and hid their faces were rarely good news.

Thinking back to how he'd been tricked by Ning Zhi, his anger flared.

"Which world plane are you from?" the man asked Kai.

"I'm from the World of Heaven and Man," Kai replied.

"I'm from the World of Wuxu," Xiu Rui added.

"I know you—you've been locked up for hundreds of years," the man said to Xiu Rui.

Xiu Rui looked embarrassed.

"Your grandpa is from the Sixth Heaven," Hu Mazi said to the masked man with a look of disdain.

"Sixth Heaven?" The masked man was stunned. He turned to Hu Mazi and said, "You're definitely an immortal—so how were you led out through the avenue?"

"What business is that of yours? I go wherever I want!" Hu Mazi shot back, using the masked man's own words against him.

The masked man was so furious he was momentarily speechless.

Though Hu Mazi was clearly an immortal, it wasn't certain if he was really from the Sixth Heaven.

But the masked man didn't dare provoke him. If Hu Mazi truly was from the Sixth Heaven, then messing with him would be like grabbing a tiger by the tail!

"You've only reached the first level of the immortal realm and were already guided through the avenue. You must be quite talented."

“I heard you say you know many people in the heavens. Who do you know? Tell me!” the masked man asked.

“It’s better if I don’t. Even if I told you, you probably wouldn’t know them. Honestly, your level is too low to even see them.” Kai spoke calmly.

But what he said was true. This was merely the First Heaven of the celestial realm. According to Hu Mazi, anyone below the Third Heaven was either a scattered immortal or a cultivator guided by the avenue.

There were no truly powerful figures here—those at the top looked down on anyone below the Third Heaven.

So even if Kai named people he knew, the man in front of him likely wouldn’t recognize them anyway.

“If they’re so great, why not name a few?” the masked man scoffed, thinking Kai was just boasting.

After all, Kai was only a first-grade cultivator in the immortal realm. No matter how talented, how could he possibly know any major figures in the heavens?

“Have you heard of the Wuji Sacred Sect in the heavens?” Kai asked.

The masked man thought for a moment, then shook his head.

Kai stared at him and asked, “Are you a demon?”

“Yes, I am,” the masked man nodded.

“Great. Then this will be easy. I know the Blood Demon, Yin Demon, Wind Demon, and Array Demon of the heavens.”

“And the Red Cloud Demon Lord of the Ninth Heaven? He’s a close friend of mine,” Kai added.

“What nonsense! Are you trying to fool me?” the masked man snorted coldly.

Kai blinked, then replied, “There’s no reason for me to lie. I really know them. Red Cloud Demon Lord is genuinely my friend!”

“It’s obvious you’ve just arrived in the heavens and don’t know the rules. How could there be a Demon Lord in the Ninth Heaven? Demon Lords are in the Twentieth Heaven. The highest rank in the Ninth Heaven is Heavenly Demon!”

“You’re just making things up. Do you think any demon cultivator can be called a Demon Lord?”

The masked man lashed out at Kai.

“Eh?” Kai was momentarily stunned. Then he sent his consciousness inward, calling out to the Red Cloud Demon Lord, “Senior, what’s going on?”

“What’s going on?” The Red Cloud Demon Lord feigned ignorance.

“I’m asking you—what realm are you in? Is that guy right about what he said?” Kai asked.

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“I’m in the Ninth Heaven of the celestial realm, at the level of a Heavenly Demon. Red Cloud Demon Lord is just a nickname I use when traveling the world. I’ve never claimed to be a true Demon Lord,”

Red Cloud Demon Lord said with slight embarrassment.

“That’s just what you assumed—don’t blame me for pretending.”

“No, no! A Heavenly Demon is already incredibly powerful!” Kai said quickly.

No wonder the Red Cloud Demon Lord didn't want to reveal his level in the beginning, and even got angry when asked— he must've been worried about being exposed for pretending!

Still, even at the level of a Heavenly Demon, in a place like the Heavenly Human Realm, it was like being a ruler of heaven and earth!

“Red Cloud Demon Lord is just a title. The person I know is the Heavenly Demon from the Ninth Heaven.”

“My name is Kai. If I suddenly changed it to Chen Shengzhe, would that make me invincible in the celestial realm?” Kai smiled at the masked man.

“Then what about the Wind Demon, Yin Demon, and Blood Demon? Do you have any proof you know them?” the masked man challenged.

“You want proof?” Kai sneered, then suddenly punched the high platform behind the masked man.

“Holy Light Fist...”

Boom!

With a thunderous roar, the high platform inside the palace was instantly reduced to dust!

Kai then calmly waved his palm, and waves of Dao-patterned demonic aura surged around his body!

Sensing the demonic energy radiating from Kai, the masked man's expression changed drastically.

“You... how do you have the aura of the demon clan? Are you human or demon?” he asked in disbelief.

“What do you think?” Kai replied with a cold smile.

At that moment, the dragon crystal on his chest began to glow, and behind him, a massive golden dragon slowly took form!

But just as quickly, Kai withdrew the dragon energy, as if nothing had happened.

“Orc bloodline?” the masked man murmured, utterly stunned.

“How can you carry the aura of three different clans? Which one do you truly belong to?” The masked man questioned Kai.

“Whoever you say I am, that’s who I’ll be. So if you’re only imprisoning the human race here, then you’ve locked up the wrong person!” Kai chuckled.

Only now did the masked man truly realize how formidable Kai was.

Setting aside his strength, just the fact that Kai possessed the aura of all three races was something no ordinary person could claim!

“You’re the only person I’ve seen with the aura of all three clans. That makes you quite special here.”

“You’re free to roam anywhere in the First Heaven of the celestial realm...”

“You should know that the clans here have clearly divided territories. The human race has its own domain, the demon clan has theirs, and the beast clan has their own as well.”

“They rarely cross into each other’s territory. If someone accidentally wanders into another clan’s land, it can be extremely dangerous.”

“Resources are limited, and each clan protects their own!”

“But since you carry the aura of all three clans, you’re welcome everywhere—no one will stop you,” the masked man explained as he walked alongside Kai.

“In that case, does that mean I’m free to leave?” Kai asked.

“Of course. If you count as a member of our demon clan, then I have no reason to imprison you,” the masked man nodded.

“Then let me ask—why are you imprisoning human cultivators while letting demons and beastmen go?” Kai asked curiously.

“This is the demon clan’s domain, and the way of the heavens works randomly. If human cultivators are brought here, I naturally have to keep them.”

“But if they’re demons, of course I let them go. As for the beastmen, since they’ve already paid their resource tribute, they can be released too,” the masked man explained.

“In that case, in the other clan territories, wouldn’t there also be demon cultivators like you getting caught by the heavenly path and imprisoned?” Kai asked.

The masked man nodded. “Yes, exactly. Every few hundred years, we also exchange captives with the other clans.”

“Then tell me—before we arrived, did you happen to encounter a man and a woman who were also brought here by the heavenly path?” Kai asked, hoping to find out whether Ning Zhi and Su Yuqi had also been imprisoned.

“That I don’t know. The place each person is sent by the heavenly path changes every time,” the masked man replied honestly.

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Kai couldn’t help but sigh after hearing the masked man’s words. It seemed that finding Su Yuqi and Ning Zhi wouldn’t be so easy after all!

“Can we leave this ghostly place now?” Kai asked the masked man.

“Of course, of course. Please, take your time...” The masked man replied politely.

He had no choice but to be respectful. Although Kai’s realm wasn’t high, he carried the aura of three different tribes—clearly, he had powerful backing!

He also seemed to know several great demons. Whether that was true or not, the masked man didn’t want to find out!

And that Hu Mazi—though crude in speech—possessed a celestial aura. If he were to get angry, things could end badly.

“If we leave this place, will we enter the demon clan’s domain? Wouldn’t that make us targets?” Hu Mazi asked.

“Not necessarily,” the masked man replied truthfully. “You might not end up in demon territory. I’ll send you back to the Great Path’s reception point. But where you’ll actually be teleported to—I can’t say.”

“That’s fine. Just send us out!” Hu Mazi nodded.

The masked man raised his right hand and waved it forward.

Whoosh!

A beam of white light appeared before Kai and the others—identical to the one on the Ladder to Heaven!

Staring at it, they realized they had been intercepted during their journey along the Great Path and thrown directly into a trap!

Clearly, for cultivators from lower-plane worlds, trying to ascend through shortcuts wasn’t a good idea.

It’s better not to take the easy path in cultivation!

As Kai and the others stepped into the white light, their vision blurred, and countless stars streaked past before them.

This time, Kai didn't faint—he could see the stars flying by clearly.

In that moment, it felt like he was truly drifting through the universe, surrounded by galaxies.

“How spectacular... Is this what it feels like to be the master of the universe?” Kai was stunned!

As the master of the universe, he would be able to crush entire worlds or even erase portions of the cosmos at will. That kind of power must feel incredible!

Just as Kai was still lost in the awe of the universe, everything suddenly went black before his eyes!

A flash of white light followed—and in the next moment, a vast grassland spread out before Kai and his companions.

Under the blue sky stretched a sea of green grass, though there were no cattle or sheep in sight. If there had been, Kai might have thought he'd returned to the prairies of the mortal world!

There was no spiritual energy in the air here—it had all been replaced by immortal energy!

Although Kai was only at the first grade of the Immortal Realm, his Ningxin Jue could refine immortal energy too, so it didn't affect him.

“Master Hu, when we were being teleported just now, did you see the universe and the stars?”

Kai asked curiously.

“Universe and stars?” Hu Mazi and Xiu Rui both looked puzzled.

Then they shook their heads. “We didn’t see anything. Everything went dark for us. Did you see the universe?”

Kai found it odd. Was it really possible he was the only one who witnessed the cosmos?

“I didn’t see anything either, just asking,” he replied casually, avoiding further explanation.

“Where are we now? I wonder if this is part of the human race’s territory. If we’ve landed in another race’s domain, we might be in serious trouble,” Xiu Rui said with concern.

“It’s so beautiful here—it must belong to the human race. Just look at this grass, the sky...”

“And the air is so fresh, with the scent of flowers drifting around. It really feels like a paradise on earth!”

Kai found himself quite fond of this place.

“If you like it that much, why not stay a while? Maybe you’ll run into a few human beauties,” Hu Mazi joked with a grin.

“Forget it. Let’s get moving and see if we can find someone to ask where we are.”

With that, Kai leapt into the air and soared off.

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Flying in this heavenly realm was indeed much more comfortable, with very little energy consumption.

“The boundaries between races aren’t based on the environment,” Hu Mazi warned as he flew up beside Kai. “You’d better stay alert!”

“Master Hu, you’ve got it wrong. You two should be careful. Don’t forget—I carry the aura of three races. No matter whose territory this is, I’m the boss!” Kai replied with a faint smile.

Hu Mazi rolled his eyes. “I’m not worried. I’ve got a concealment talisman. I can shift my aura to match any race I want.”

Xiu Rui looked embarrassed upon hearing this—he had nothing to disguise his aura.

“Master Hu, if this isn’t human territory and danger arises, I hope you’ll lend me a concealment talisman,” Xiu Rui said with a flattering grin as he stuck close to Hu Mazi.

“Sure,” Hu Mazi replied, “But not for free. You’ll have to trade me something.”

“What do you want? I’ve been locked up for hundreds of years—I don’t have anything valuable. Just take what you like!” Xiu Rui said, pulling out his storage bag.

Hu Mazi didn’t even glance at it. “Who wants your junk? If you want a concealment talisman, trade me a woman.”

“A woman?” Xiu Rui froze.

“Yeah, a woman,” Hu Mazi nodded seriously.

Xiu Rui smiled bitterly and said awkwardly, “Master Hu, stop joking. I don’t have a woman!”

Then, with a sudden glint in his eyes, he added, “But if Master Hu doesn’t mind... how about me?”

He ran his fingers through his hair and gave Hu Mazi a playful look.

“Damn it, you disgust me...” Hu Mazi cursed, tossing a concealment talisman at Xiu Rui. “Get the hell away from me—I can’t handle this kind of scare!”

He sped off, putting some distance between them.

Xiu Rui grinned and pocketed the talisman happily.

“Good thing Master Hu didn’t say yes... or I’d be in big trouble...” Xiu Rui laughed.

“Are you really that kind of person?” Kai looked at him with a hint of disgust.

If Xiu Rui was that kind of person, Kai would have to cut ties immediately—no way he could let someone like that keep following him.

What if one day he fell asleep and woke up missing his butt?

“Don’t misunderstand, Fellow Daoist Chen, I was just joking with Master Hu!” Xiu Rui said hurriedly. “Look at me—don’t I radiate masculine energy? How could I be that kind of person?”

“I have a wife and kids back in the Wuxu World. Please, don’t take it seriously!”

He was clearly nervous. Being abandoned in this unknown realm would basically be a death sentence.

“That’s good. Still, your words really made my chrysanthemum clench...” Kai muttered.

Xiu Rui could only respond with an awkward laugh.

While chatting, the three had already been flying for over an hour—but strangely, they hadn’t seen a single person, not even a beast or bird.

“Master Hu, we must’ve flown thousands of miles by now. Why haven’t we seen a single soul?” Kai asked. “Are we just going to fly forever and find nothing?”

“Damn, do you even know where we are?” Hu Mazi replied. “This is Heaven! You think it’s as small as the secular world?”

“Hundreds of those hells down there wouldn’t even make up a corner of this place.”

“Damn, that’s huge!” Kai was stunned. “So could we accidentally fly into the Second Heaven? Where even is it?”

“With your current strength, you’re nowhere near reaching the Second Heaven.” Hu Mazi chuckled.

“In fact, the Thirty-Six Heavens all exist in the same space—but their spatial dimensions are different. It’s not like climbing stairs, one level at a time.”

“To enter the Second Heaven, you’d have to cross dimensional space. You can’t even sense the space of the First Heaven yet, so how could you possibly reach the Second?”

Chapter 4909

“Can people from the Second Heaven come down to this heaven?” Kai asked.

“Of course they can,” Hu Mazi replied. “Not just the Second Heaven—even the supreme saints from the Thirty-Six Heavens can come to the First Heaven. But the truth is, they don’t come.”

“To them, you’re not even an ant. Why would they bother coming here?”

“Think about it—would you go out of your way to visit an ant colony just to show off? Would you feel anything if you accidentally crushed a few dozen ants under your feet?”

“And what would you even gain in the world of ants?”

“Nothing—just a waste of time,” Hu Mazi said with a shrug.

“That makes sense,” Kai nodded. “But if people from the Second Heaven can enter the First Heaven without restriction, doesn’t that make it really dangerous for those of us down here?”

He couldn’t help but feel a bit uneasy. If there were no limits, wouldn’t the First Heaven always be at risk?

“This is Heaven, not a playground. You could lose your life at any time,” Hu Mazi replied.

“If a celestial from the Ninth Heaven descended right now, they could wipe out everyone in the First Heaven in an instant.”

“I remember, years ago, the entire Third Heaven was annihilated by a single Golden Immortal. But over time, new cultivators rose, and the Third Heaven rebuilt itself. It became the Third Heaven again.”

“But after that incident, the Golden Immortal was punished by Heaven itself. I heard his body and soul were completely wiped from existence. Heaven has its own rules. Even if you can destroy a world, it doesn’t mean you’re allowed to.”

Hu Mazi explained patiently. Kai still knew too little about how things worked in Heaven.

Xiu Rui, who had been listening quietly, took the opportunity to absorb everything, using it to deepen his understanding of the Heavenly realms.

Swoosh...

Just as the three were talking intently—

A sharp arrow suddenly shot toward them, slicing through the void with incredible speed!

“Shit...” Kai and the others were shocked. They had been ambushed while completely off guard!

Fortunately, although the arrow was extremely sharp, its speed wasn’t particularly fast!

Kai and the other two narrowly dodged it, then immediately turned to look in the direction it had come from.

At the same time, Kai raised the Dragon Slashing Sword and struck with a swift slash!

But just as the sword energy flew out, Kai noticed a child’s head poking out from behind a bush in the direction the arrow had come from.

The child had a small horn on their forehead and a pair of large, curious black eyes, staring at them with a mix of mischief and caution.

Kai was momentarily stunned. He quickly twisted his wrist, redirecting the sword energy so that it skimmed past the child and exploded in the ground behind them, leaving a deep pit.

Startled, the child jumped back and shouted, “Sister! There are humans trespassing in our territory!”

Hearing that, Kai immediately realized—they weren’t in human territory, but in the beast realm!

Without hesitation, he released the beast aura from within his body.

Hu Mazi and Xiu Rui also acted fast, activating their concealment talismans to hide their human presence.

Moments later, in response to the child's shout, a young girl around eighteen or nineteen years old came rushing over.

Upon seeing the three of them, she slapped the child lightly and scolded, "Who told you to wander off? These three clearly carry our tribe's aura—why would you accuse them of being human?"

"I..." The child looked wronged but peered at Kai and the others again, realizing he couldn't sense a human aura from them.

"My apologies, fellow Daoists," The girl stepped forward and bowed slightly. "My younger brother is still young and not yet good at sensing auras. Please forgive him."

"It's alright," Kai replied calmly. "But this kind of thing shouldn't happen again. Your brother attacked us—if we hadn't dodged in time, someone could've been hurt."

The girl's expression turned serious. She grabbed the child and said sternly, "Why haven't you apologized yet, you little troublemaker? If you injure one of our own and the city lord hears about it, we won't even be allowed to enter the city!"

"I'm sorry... I didn't mean to..." The child quickly apologized to Kai and the others, looking genuinely remorseful.

Chapter 4910

"It's okay, it's okay—it's still just a child!"

Kai hurriedly reached out and gently stroked the child's head.

What Kai didn't know was that this child's cultivation level was higher than his own. The child was born into the heavens, possessing a body of immortal bones!

This is exactly why some people are born in Rome, while others struggle their entire lives without ever reaching it.

Hu Mazi looked at the child with small horns on his forehead. He curiously stepped forward, reached out to touch them, and said with a grin, “This is fun, follow the chick—”

Kai shot Hu Mazi a sharp glare. Hu Mazi shut up instantly, thankful he hadn’t finished the last word.

The girl looked at Kai and the other two in surprise. “You three are from the lower world, guided here by the Great Dao, right?”

Kai nodded. “Yes, how did you know?”

“You’re still in the Immortal Realm. It’s obvious. Those from the lower world who arrive by the Great Dao are always still cultivating. Children born here in the heavens are naturally born with immortal bones—they’re born as immortals.”

Kai was at a loss for words and could only smile awkwardly.

“Don’t be offended. I didn’t mean to put you down. Many cultivators from the lower realms led here by the Great Dao have become immortals—and some have even ascended to higher planes.”

“Honestly, the three of you are lucky. You were teleported directly into the Beast Tribe’s territory. If you’d ended up in another tribe’s realm, you might be in danger.”

“You might’ve even been imprisoned. Things may look peaceful here, but this place is far more dangerous than the lower world.”

The girl tried to comfort Kai.

Kai smiled, then asked, “We’ve been traveling for almost an hour now and haven’t seen a single person—or even a city. Are there really so few people in the Beast Tribe’s realm?”

Hearing this, the girl covered her mouth and chuckled. “This entire area, stretching hundreds of thousands of miles, is the Beast Tribe’s realm. And our Rhino City alone covers tens of thousands of miles. How far do you think you can run in just one hour and expect to run into someone?”

“Hundreds of thousands of miles?” Kai was stunned. One realm covers that much land? If there are three realms total, how vast must the whole region be?

Even if I flew my whole life, I probably couldn’t reach the border!

“It’s so huge... is it even possible to explore other places in a lifetime?” Kai asked in disbelief.

The girl continued smiling and said, “Why not? This place is over 10,000 miles from Rhino City. I came here to play with my brother.”

“How long did it take you to get here?” Kai asked curiously.

“Hmm... just a few breaths,” the girl replied after thinking for a moment.

“A few breaths?” Kai was stunned.

“We can all jump through space, so there’s no need to fly everywhere. Don’t you know how to do that?”

As she finished speaking, the girl gracefully traced a circle in the air with her palm. Her entire body entered the ring and vanished in an instant—then reappeared just as quickly!

Kai stared at the scene, took a deep breath, and felt completely overwhelmed.

In the heavenly realm, this kind of magical spatial jump had become common, something everyone could do!

While others could cross thousands of miles in a single step, he still had to fly for an hour just to cover a fraction of that distance.

“I still don’t know the names of you two sisters,” Kai said, trying to get closer to the girl—hoping he could learn something from her.

After all, befriending the natives of the heavenly realm could only be a good thing.

“My name is Niu Li, and my brother is Niu Ben,” the girl replied, then looked at Kai and asked, “I don’t know your names yet!”

“I’m Kai. This is Hu Mazi, and that’s Xiu Rui.”

“Can you take us to Rhino City? If we fly there on our own, it’ll probably take forever.”

Kai was really hoping she could bring them along.

If they had to cover such a long distance by flying, they’d be exhausted before they even arrived!

Chapter 4911

“Of course, come with me!” Niu Li nodded.

“Sis, I still want to play a bit longer. We finally got out. If we go back now, our parents definitely won’t let us out again,” Niu Ben said reluctantly.

“You dare say that? If those three Daoist friends weren’t beastmen, you could’ve been in real danger. I only brought you out to see the outside world, and once we’re back, our parents will definitely scold me!”

As soon as Niu Li finished speaking, she quickly traced a circle with her fingers, grabbed Niu Ben, and stepped into it.

Seeing this, Kai and the others hurried to follow.

They felt their bodies suddenly lighten—and in the blink of an eye, they were thousands of miles away!

Niu Li continued drawing circles in the air with her fingers, and Kai and the others leapt through space again and again.

In just a few breaths, they arrived at the foot of a towering mountain.

Unlike the green grasslands from before, this area was barren, with large stretches of exposed stone.

Looking farther ahead, they saw an enormous city built at the base of a mountain thousands of miles high.

The city was colossal—the gate alone stood at least a hundred feet tall!

Compared to Sun and Moon City in the Heaven Realm, this Rhino City was hundreds of times larger.

In front of the massive city stood a moat, hundreds of miles wide, with black water flowing through it.

Above the city gate sat a massive statue of a rhinoceros—its horn stretching hundreds of meters!

Just the sight of the city was enough to strike fear into one's heart—let alone entering it.

Even from a great distance, the terrifying aura emanating from within could still be felt.

Hu Mazi and Xiu Rui both looked uneasy.

They had been concealing their auras and posing as beastmen. If anyone powerful in the city saw through their disguise, they'd be in serious trouble.

Seeing their nervous expressions, Niu Li smiled and said, “Don’t be afraid. We’re all beastmen here, and we’re very friendly.”

“There are many cultivators like you in this city, all brought here through different means.”

“There are actually very few natives in the three heavens of this world of heaven and man. My parents weren’t born here either—they couldn’t ascend on their own and were guided here by the Great Dao.”

“Later, they cultivated to the realm of scattered immortals. Thanks to them, my brother and I inherited their immortal bones.”

Niu Li reassured Kai, sensing his concerns. After all, Kai and his companions had just arrived in an unfamiliar place, guided by the Dao, and their cultivation realms weren’t strong. It was only natural for them to feel nervous and uneasy.

“Thank you. If it weren’t for you, we’d probably be sleeping out in the wilderness tonight!” Kai said with a grateful smile.

“You’re welcome. Come on, follow me into the city!” Niu Li replied, then waved her palm toward the city.

Moments later, a beam of white light shot out from within the city and landed on Niu Li.

As the light flashed three times, a massive barrier began to shift in the air, parting slowly before Kai’s eyes.

If not for the movement, Kai and the others wouldn’t have noticed the barrier at all.

Had they flown straight toward the city, they would’ve crashed right into it!

“This is the city’s defensive formation. We can only enter once it’s been opened,” Niu Li explained, then lifted off and flew toward the city.

Kai and the others followed closely behind.

Hu Mazi and Xiu Rui were visibly tense, while only Kai appeared calm.

After all, Kai's beastman aura was genuine.

Flanking both sides of the city gate were two teams of armored guards.

As soon as they saw Kai and the others approaching, the guards snapped to attention and raised their weapons in salute.

Startled, Kai and the others braced themselves, thinking they were about to be attacked.

But then the guards shouted in unison, "Welcome the Princess! Welcome the Prince!"

"Princess? Prince?"

Kai and his companions were stunned and quickly turned to look at Niu Li and Niu Ben.

Chapter 4912

They hadn't expected that these two were actually the princess and prince of Rhino City!

In other words, their parents were the city lords of Rhino City?

Niu Li gently waved her palm, and a soft white light surrounded the guards.

"Thank you, Princess!"

The guards immediately looked excited and respectful, quickly opening the city gate.

As Niu Li and Niu Ben stepped into the city, Kai and the others followed behind—only to be stopped by a guard.

“Stop! Who are you three, and where are you from?” the guard asked cautiously, eyeing them with suspicion.

“We’re also beastmen. We just came to the city to look around...” Kai answered.

“I know you’re beastmen, but you can’t enter without a pass!” the guard said firmly, blocking their way.

Before Kai could say anything else, Niu Li turned back from just inside the gate and called out, “They’re my friends. Let them in.”

Hearing this, the guard immediately stepped aside and said apologetically, “I’m terribly sorry—I didn’t know you were friends of the princess!”

“Tch, look at you, judging people like that!” Hu Mazi muttered, squinting his eyes and cursing under his breath.

The guard just kept smiling nervously. After all, he wouldn’t dare offend the princess’s guests.

After entering the city behind Niu Li and Niu Ben, Niu Li handed Kai a small token and said, “Take a walk around the city first. I’m taking my brother home to let our parents know we’re back—otherwise, they’ll be worried.”

“This token can communicate and track your location. I’ll come find you later.”

Kai nodded, took the token, and examined it. At first glance, it didn’t look special.

The only noticeable difference was that it held a trace of immortal energy.

After Niu Li and Niu Ben left, Kai led Hu Mazi and Xiu Rui to explore the city.

As they walked through the bustling streets, Kai noticed that the city wasn't much different from those in the Heaven Realm—shops lined both sides of the road, each vibrant and full of life.

Sure enough, in this city, Kai spotted many cultivators in the immortal realm. It was clear they had also been brought here by the Dao. However, it was truly rare to see a cultivator like Kai who was only at the first rank of the Immortal Realm!

Most of the cultivators around were at least at the eighth rank of the Immortal Realm. After all, if you were guided here by the Great Dao, you had to have some strength!

“This heaven isn't quite what I imagined...”

Kai said with a touch of emotion.

So many people worked tirelessly in their cultivation just to ascend to the heavens—some even abandoned their families and children, all to compete for resources.

All of it just to make it here.

But now that Kai and his companions had arrived in the heaven, they realized it wasn't as glorious as they had imagined.

As Kai wandered the streets with Hu Mazi and Xiu Rui, they suddenly came upon a massive stage up ahead, where a crowd had gathered. Loud shouting and cheers echoed from the area.

“What's going on up there? Don't tell me it's a circus?” Hu Mazi asked curiously.

Hearing this, Kai rolled his eyes and said, “Master Hu, can you use your head for once? This is the beast realm—everyone here is a beast. Do you think they’d put on a circus?”

These people were all beasts who had cultivated into humanoid forms.

Now that they’ve taken human shapes, would they really put on animal performances?

Does that even make sense?

“Let’s go check it out. Who knows, maybe it’s a strip show!” Xiu Rui said as he stared eagerly at the crowd.

“Friend Xiu, do you have striptease shows in your Wuxu world?” Kai asked, intrigued.

“Of course! Those dancers are insanely skilled. It’s one of the easiest ways to earn resources.”

“All they have to do is dance, strip a little, shake their hips—and boom, they’re raking in resources. Honestly, I’m jealous enough to want to be a woman!” Xiu Rui replied with a grin.

Kai couldn’t help but laugh. In some ways, women definitely had advantages that men didn’t.

“Alright, let’s go see what’s happening. Maybe there’s something worth watching!”

With that, Kai led Hu Mazi and Xiu Rui toward the stage.

Chapter 4913

Kai and his companions made their way toward the tall platform set up not far ahead.

Due to the massive crowd, it took some effort, but they finally managed to squeeze their way in!

“Do immortals in the heavens really love a spectacle this much?”

Kai asked helplessly after finally getting through.

One by one, these people ascended to the heavens—yet instead of cultivating diligently, they gathered in the streets to watch a commotion!

Isn't this the kind of thing mortals usually do?

“Immortals are still people. They have seven emotions and six desires too,”

Hu Mazi said, walking beside Kai.

“Don't believe all that nonsense from the mortal world about needing to sever emotions and desires to become immortal!”

“That's just talk meant to fool mortals. Plenty of immortals have kids!”

“In fact, immortals can be even more dramatic and fond of excitement than mortals sometimes!”

Kai thought about it and realized it made sense. Otherwise, why would immortals like Nan Batian and Li Chunfeng secretly spy on girls bathing?

To put it bluntly—it's just lust. If someone truly had no emotions or desires, what would be the point of living?

What would be the point of cultivating?

After all, the reason people strive for strength through cultivation is to gain greater personal satisfaction.

“Don't push! Don't push! These two are premium goods—only those with the right price can take them!”

A tall man over three meters high suddenly shouted from atop the platform.

Beside him stood a large iron cage, completely covered in black cloth so that nothing inside could be seen.

“There’s a person in that cage... a woman.”

Kai said as he glanced at it.

“Fellow Daoist Chen, how do you know? That black cloth clearly blocks spiritual sense—I just tried and couldn’t detect anything!”

Xiu Rui asked in confusion.

“I heard it,” Kai replied. “The sound of a girl crying came from inside the cage.”

Xiu Rui immediately perked up his ears and tried to listen carefully—but the crowd was too noisy, and he couldn’t make out a thing!

“It really does sound like a woman crying...” Hu Mazi also chimed in.

It seemed he had heard it too, while Xiu Rui stood there awkwardly. They had both heard the sound, but he hadn’t—clearly showing his strength was lacking!

“Big guy, what kind of high-end goods are you talking about today? Why all the secrecy?”

“Yeah, what kind of treasure is it? Let us take a look!”

“Don’t let it be like last time—it died after just two days!”

The crowd below the platform shouted out in curiosity and impatience.

It seemed this wasn’t the first time the big guy had set up shop here!

“Relax, this time it’s definitely high-end stuff. I risked my life to get it.”

The big guy said with confidence.

“Just name your price!” someone shouted.

“Five hundred immortal coins...”

The big man raised his palm and declared.

“Five hundred immortal coins? Are you insane from poverty? Is this a joke?”

“Five hundred? For something called ‘high-end goods’?”

“I’ve worked all month and only managed to exchange a few dozen immortal coins at Tianbao Pavilion. And you want five hundred?”

The crowd voiced their displeasure, with many people turning to leave!

The price was far beyond what most could afford—especially without even knowing what the item was.

Still, the big guy didn’t panic. He held back the reveal on purpose, adding, “Trust me, this high-end product is worth every coin of those five hundred...”

“Damn it, stop with the suspense already! Just show us what it is!”

“Keep dragging it out and we’re leaving for good!”

“Let’s go, leave him here to act mysterious!”

The crowd was growing irritated—after all, this kind of drawn-out suspense was really frustrating!

“Don’t go, don’t go! I’ll show you now!”

The big guy suddenly panicked and hurried to lift the black cloth.

As the cloth was pulled away, everyone saw what was inside: two beautiful young women, locked in the iron cage. Their skin was fair, and their appearance striking!

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At that moment, the two girls in the iron cage were wearing nothing but their undergarments, fully exposed to the crowd's eyes.

They trembled with fear, their eyes filled with terror.

As soon as the crowd saw them, the scene erupted in an uproar.

“Damn, they’re stunning...”

“Big guy, where did you find such beautiful human girls?”

“If I could take one of them home as a slave, that’d be amazing!”

Everyone stared at the girls, openly speaking filthy words without restraint.

Even Hu Mazi’s eyes were gleaming. His Adam’s apple bobbed as he bit his lip, clearly struggling to hold himself back—he looked like he might charge the stage at any moment!

“How about it? I told you these were high-end goods. Five hundred immortal coins is a bargain!”

“Whoever wants them, start bidding! Minimum bid is five hundred, highest bidder wins!”

The big guy shouted from the platform.

“Five hundred and five...”

“Five hundred and six...”

“Five hundred and seven...”

Bids came quickly, though the increases were minimal.

It was clear the bidders were poor, adding only ten coins at a time!

Curled up in the cage, the two girls had become nothing more than commodities. They had no rights, no power to resist.

It was no different from vendors selling livestock in the mortal world.

But this was the heaven realm—where humans, beasts, and demons all stood on equal footing. And now, humans too could be treated as mere goods!

“I’ll give one thousand...”

Suddenly, Hu Mazi, standing beside Kai, shouted loudly.

His voice rang out like a thunderclap, silencing the crowd instantly.

Just moments ago, people were struggling to raise their bids by ten coins.

Then someone suddenly jumped to one thousand immortal coins!

Everyone turned to stare at Hu Mazi, while the big guy on stage lit up with excitement, locking his eyes on him.

But Hu Mazi remained calm under everyone’s gaze.

After all, he was a Human Immortal of the Sixth Heaven—he had seen it all. To him, one thousand immortal coins was just a drop in the bucket! But Hu Mazi had overlooked one crucial detail—they had just been guided by the Great Dao. Who among them actually had immortal coins?

Kai still had a good amount of spirit coins, immortal spirit stones, and even some magical weapons and spiritual tools looted from others.

Unfortunately, while these items had value in the lower realms, they were practically worthless in the heavenly world!

Immortal spirit stones were once considered top-tier resources, but here in the heavens, they held no value at all.

“Master Hu, do you even have any immortal coins?”

Kai asked in a low voice.

“I...” Hu Mazi finally remembered—he didn’t have a single immortal coin!

He was no longer a Human Immortal of the Sixth Heaven. At this point, he wasn’t even a scattered immortal!

“This fellow Daoist,” the big guy said enthusiastically, “I saw you were led here by the Great Dao, but I didn’t expect you to be so generous!”

“One thousand immortal coins—these two human girls are yours!”

Hu Mazi gave an awkward smile and asked, “Daoist friend, I wonder... would you be willing to sell on credit?”

The big guy froze for a second, then shouted angrily, “Daoist friend, are you joking with me? You don’t even have immortal coins?”

“How could I not? I’m just a little short on funds right now!”

Hu Mazi refused to admit he was broke.

“Damn it! You’re messing with me!”

The big guy flew into a rage and suddenly lunged at Hu Mazi!

The moment he made a move, Kai and the others were startled.

Clearly, this man had reached the realm of a scattered immortal!

The surrounding crowd quickly stepped back, afraid to get caught in the fight.

“Damn it! A mere scattered immortal dares to lay hands on me?”

Hu Mazi was furious too. With a cold snort, he struck out with a palm!

Bang!

With that one blow, Hu Mazi was sent flying to the ground, blood spraying from his mouth!

“Master Hu!” Kai rushed over and helped him up. “Why are you acting tough? You’re not a Human Immortal anymore.”

“Damn it... I forgot...”

Hu Mazi replied helplessly.

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Seeing this, the big man was about to strike again, but Kai quickly stepped in to stop him.

“Brother, hold on a moment. It’s just one thousand immortal coins—it’s nothing!”

The big man paused and looked at Kai. “A first-grade Immortal Realm cultivator, and you made it to the heavens? Either you’re extremely talented, or you had someone backing you. Must’ve come in through the back door!”

Kai grinned. “Yeah, I came through the back door. Just strolling around here for fun.”

“You might sneak into the First Heaven that way, but how did you get into Rhino City?”

Someone in the crowd asked suspiciously.

After all, with Kai’s strength, there was no way he’d have an official pass. So how did he enter Rhino City?

“I’m friends with the princess of Rhino City. We hang out often—she invited me over.”

At this point, Kai could only keep bluffing, hoping to talk his way out of the situation.

“You’re friends with the princess?”

The crowd stared at Kai in disbelief.

How could a first-grade Immortal Realm cultivator be friends with the princess?

Everyone knew the princess was born in the heavenly realm and possessed immortal bones from birth!

How could someone like her associate with a low-level cultivator like Kai?

“Stop bragging. There’s no way the princess is your friend. We can’t even get a glimpse of her—how could you be close to her?”

The big guy clearly wasn’t buying it. He might be large, but he wasn’t stupid.

“You don’t believe me? Fine, take a look at this.”

Kai suddenly remembered the small token Niu Li had given him, so he pulled it out.

The big man took a glance and was visibly shocked. “That’s definitely the token from the City Lord’s Mansion! Looks like you weren’t lying.”

“But even if the princess is your friend, you still need to pay the immortal coins today!”

“We never said we wouldn’t! We just don’t have enough on us right now. We’ll go to Tianbao Pavilion and exchange some immortal coins for you!”

Kai had overheard someone mention Tianbao Pavilion earlier, so he quickly used it as an excuse.

“Alright then, I’ll go with you!”

The big guy jumped down from the high platform.

“Brother, you’ve got a business to watch here—no need to come with us. We’ll definitely be back after exchanging the coins!”

Kai didn’t want the big guy following them—his plan was to ditch the place as soon as possible! “Don’t worry. With this thing here, no one’s going to touch it. Nothing has ever gone missing in Rhino City!”

The big man waved his hand confidently.

Seeing this, Kai could only nod helplessly.

It seemed they would have to wait for an opportunity to escape—after all, they had nothing to exchange for immortal coins!

“Brother, could you lead the way for us? We just arrived and aren’t familiar with the location of Tianbao Pavilion,” Kai said politely.

The big man nodded, then led Kai and the others toward Tianbao Pavilion.

“Master Hu, can you knock this big guy out? Then the three of us can make a run for it,” Kai whispered to Hu Mazi.

“I can’t. This guy is in the Scattered Immortal Realm!” Hu Mazi quickly shook his head.

“What? You were acting all high and mighty earlier, and even offered a thousand immortal coins!” Kai glared at Hu Mazi.

“I was just being compassionate! Those two young girls looked so pitiful—I was afraid someone would mistreat them,” Hu Mazi said, a little embarrassed.

After all, he was the one who caused this mess.

“Forget it. The way you handle things, those girls would probably suffer more with you than with anyone else,” Kai muttered, rolling his eyes.

Hu Mazi said nothing in response—because Kai wasn’t wrong.

“Fellow Daoist Chen, don’t be too pessimistic,” Xiu Rui chimed in. “Let’s wait until we get to Tianbao Pavilion. Once we gather everything we have, it might be worth a thousand immortal coins.”

“That’s our only option.” Kai sighed.

Soon, the big man led the three of them to Tianbao Pavilion.

Tianbao Pavilion was operated under the authority of the City Lord’s Mansion—private transactions were not allowed.

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“You go in and exchange the immortal coins. I won’t follow you,” the big man said to Kai and the others.

Left with no other option, Kai entered Tianbao Pavilion with Hu Mazi and Xiu Rui.

The big man stood guard outside, making it impossible for them to escape.

As they stepped inside, a clerk quickly approached. “Are you here to pawn or sell?” he asked politely.

“How does the exchange for immortal coins work here at Tianbao Pavilion?” Kai inquired.

The clerk glanced over the three of them, then smiled slightly. “You were just brought in by the Dao, weren’t you?”

Kai nodded. There was no point in hiding it—his first-grade Immortal Realm cultivation made it obvious to anyone.

“We offer prices based on the goods you bring. You’ll need to take them out for an appraisal,” the clerk explained.

“But what if you deliberately undervalue our items? We wouldn’t be able to argue the price, would we?” Hu Mazi questioned.

“Then don’t sell. It’s not like I’m forcing you,” the clerk replied curtly and turned to leave.

“Wait, brother—can you at least take a look?” Kai called out, stopping him. With no better choice, he pulled out a few unneeded items from his storage bag.

Most of the immortal stones Kai had were already consumed during cultivation, and only a handful remained, along with a few miscellaneous items.

“You two, take out what you’ve got as well,” Kai urged Hu Mazi and Xiu Rui.

“I’ve been in the mortal world all this time. I don’t have anything valuable,” Hu Mazi said, laying out the shabby belongings he carried.

Xiu Rui emptied his storage all at once, but unfortunately, none of it seemed worth much either.

The clerk glanced over the scattered items and rolled his eyes. “All this together... maybe fifty immortal coins at best,” he said with a scoff. “Fifty immortal coins?”

Kai and the others were stunned when they heard that!

All their belongings combined were only worth fifty immortal coins—still far from the one thousand they needed!

“Little brother, you must be mistaken. These items of ours are all treasures!” Hu Mazi protested.

“They may be treasures in your lower realm, but up here, they’re just garbage,” the clerk replied with disdain.

That sentence was a serious blow to their morale.

“Master Hu, what now? You just had to show off—now where are we supposed to get immortal coins?” Kai asked helplessly.

Hu Mazi looked just as frustrated. “Kai, don’t you still have some magic weapons? Try taking one out—maybe it’s worth something,” he suggested.

But Kai looked at him warily and shook his head. “Don’t even think about it. I’m not selling any of my weapons!”

“Even if I had to sell you, I still wouldn’t sell those!” he added.

Kai knew full well that his Dragon-Slaying Sword, God King Bow, and Dragon Pattern Bell were all critical for his survival. Not to mention the

Demon-Subduing Whip—how could he part with such a powerful weapon?

“Brother, do you take people? How about we sell him?” Kai joked, pointing at Hu Mazi.

The clerk glanced at Hu Mazi and snorted. “Wouldn’t take him even for free. He’s just a waste of food.”

“Who the hell are you calling a waste of food?!” Hu Mazi snapped angrily.

Xiu Rui quickly pulled him back. “Master Hu, calm down—it’s just a joke. Don’t make a scene in Tianbao Pavilion, or we’ll all be in trouble.”

Xiu Rui understood that any establishment like Tianbao Pavilion in a city like this had to be backed by real power.

Kai noticed Hu Mazi was getting worked up, so he turned to the clerk. “Brother, do you also accept pawns? Can we redeem the items later?”

“Of course, but pawns have a time limit. If you don’t reclaim the item within the period, it becomes ours,” the clerk replied with a nod.

Kai gave it some thought, then took out the token Niu Li had given him.

Since it came from Niu Li, and she was a princess, it had to be worth something.

Chapter 4917

After the clerk took the token, his eyes widened in surprise. “Where did you get this token?”

His tone was a bit harsh, which immediately made Kai feel irritated.

“How I got it is none of your business. Just tell me if you can exchange it for money,” Kai replied coldly.

“Then wait a moment!” the clerk said, handing the token back to Kai before hurrying to the back.

Soon after, a middle-aged man in a gray robe emerged. Seeing Kai and the other two, he smiled warmly. “I’m the shopkeeper here. Please, the three of you, come inside.”

Since the shopkeeper seemed polite, Kai and the others followed him in.

But as soon as they entered the room, Kai sensed the magic circle in the room activate instantly.

His expression darkened, and he immediately grabbed the shopkeeper.

The sudden activation of the magic circle couldn’t mean anything good.

But the shopkeeper’s figure vanished in an instant and reappeared behind them.

Hu Mazi and Xiu Rui reacted quickly, turning to attack the shopkeeper.

However, with a simple press of his palm, the shopkeeper filled the entire room with immense pressure.

Kai and Hu Mazi felt as though mountains were weighing down on them—they couldn’t move at all.

“What are you trying to do?” Kai demanded, staring at the shopkeeper.

“Where did this token come from?” the shopkeeper asked sharply, his tone no longer courteous.

“Someone gave it to me,” Kai answered.

“Who gave it to you?”

“Niu Li. I believe she’s the princess of Rhino City,” Kai replied.

Upon hearing the name Niu Li, the shopkeeper casually waved his hand, and the pressure in the room vanished.

“How much are you looking to pawn this token for?” the shopkeeper asked. “Ten thousand immortal coins,” Kai said after thinking for a moment.

Since the shopkeeper had withdrawn the pressure and softened his attitude after hearing Niu Li’s name, it seemed her title as a princess held significant weight.

“Don’t be so greedy. If you ask for that much, he might not give it,” Hu Mazi whispered, gently tugging at the corner of Kai’s clothes.

Xiu Rui also felt that Kai’s asking price was a bit much—surely the shopkeeper wouldn’t agree.

After all, two women only cost five hundred immortal coins. How many women could be bought with ten thousand?

But the shopkeeper didn’t hesitate in the slightest. “Not much,” he said, tossing a storage bag to Kai.

Kai stared at the bag in disbelief, stunned.

He hadn’t expected the shopkeeper to agree so readily. This token must be worth far more than he imagined—he should have asked for even more.

“Damn, I asked for too little,” Kai thought, filled with regret, though it was already too late.

“The holding period is ten days. If you don’t redeem it by then, the item will belong to our Tianbao Pavilion,” the shopkeeper said calmly.

“No problem,” Kai nodded, then left with Hu Mazi and Xiu Rui.

As the trio walked away, clearly pleased, the shopkeeper's lips curled into a subtle smile.

"Shopkeeper, do you think they'll come back to redeem the token?" the clerk asked.

"No. They have no idea how valuable it really is. If they did, they never would have pawned it," the shopkeeper replied.

"That token from the princess... and she gave it to someone just guided by the Great Dao? How intriguing."

His eyes narrowed slightly, filled with curiosity.

Then he took out a finely crafted wooden box and carefully placed the token inside.

Forcing out a drop of his own blood, he let it fall onto the box. Immediately, it emitted a strange red glow.

Meanwhile, as Kai and the others exited Tianbao Pavilion, the burly man from earlier was still waiting outside. Seeing Kai, he hurried over and asked, "Did you manage to exchange it for immortal coins?"

Chapter 4918

"It's just one thousand immortal coins. Look how worked up you are. I've got plenty of them," Hu Mazi said, taking the storage bag from Kai and pulling out a thousand immortal coins for the big man.

Seeing the coins and Hu Mazi's storage bag, the big man was stunned.

A flicker of greed flashed through his eyes, but it vanished quickly.

"Alright, since the payment's done, follow me to get the people," he said, leading Kai and the others back to the stage.

He opened the iron cage and brought out the two women.

“You can take them, but don’t forget to place a prisoner seal on them. Otherwise, as humans, they can’t move freely within the city,” the big man explained.

“Also, these humans are only allowed to be slaves. It’s fine if you want to use them for pleasure, but don’t let them bear children. That would corrupt our beast bloodline.”

“Don’t worry about it—they’re mine now,” Hu Mazi replied, eager to take the two women away.

Kai looked at Hu Mazi’s impatient expression and could only smile helplessly.

After the group left, a man with blue eyes approached the big man.

“Hey, did they really spend a thousand immortal coins?” the blue-eyed man asked.

“Yes,” the big man nodded. “But they’ve got more than that. I’d say that storage bag holds at least ten thousand.”

“Ten thousand?” the blue-eyed man exclaimed. “Sounds like we’ve got a golden opportunity.”

“The city’s heavily guarded these days. It won’t be easy to make a move. Combat troops are patrolling every street,” the big man warned.

“And I heard Feihu City has planted a lot of spies, waiting for a chance to assassinate the city lord. It’s not a good time for us to act.”

Though the big man was tall and burly, he clearly wasn’t foolish.

“Opportunities like this are rare. If we succeed, we’ll leave Rhino City right after. With that many immortal coins, we can live freely anywhere.”

The blue-eyed man tried to persuade the big man.

After a moment of hesitation, the big man finally nodded. “Alright, but let’s move quickly.”

With that, both figures vanished in an instant.

Kai and the others had no idea that because Hu Mazi had tried to act cool and flaunted so many immortal coins, they had unknowingly invited trouble!

Hu Mazi took the two women to a secluded place, his eyes filled with lust as he licked his lips repeatedly.

Seeing his expression, the two women trembled and cried out, “Please don’t kill us! We’ll do anything, just don’t kill us!”

They fell to their knees, sobbing in fear.

“You don’t need to be afraid. We’re not going to kill you,” Kai said, stepping forward and helping them up.

“We’re actually humans too—there’s no need to be scared.”

Hearing this, the two women looked stunned. They hadn’t sensed any human aura from Kai and the others before.

“Where are you two from?” Xiu Rui asked.

Judging by their cultivation level, which was only at the fairyland stage, it was clear they had been guided by the Great Dao.

“We’re cultivators from the Wuxu Realm,” one of them replied. “We were sent here through the guidance of the Great Dao.”

“We didn’t know the Heaven Realm was this cruel. We were captured the moment we arrived.”

The two women burst into tears.

Back in their world, they had been top-tier cultivators—perhaps even like queens who could command the skies.

After all, only those with great talent could be chosen by the Great Dao.

But they never expected that someone powerful in their own realm would be reduced to a prisoner in the Heaven Realm. The emotional blow was overwhelming.

Every cultivator who returned from the outer Heaven Realm always spoke of its beauty, yet no one ever mentioned its brutality.

Chapter 4919

“You’re also cultivators from the Wuxu World?” Xiu Rui was stunned, then said excitedly, “I’m from the Wuxu World too!”

“You’re from the Wuxu World as well?” The two women were equally shocked. Then one asked, “What’s your name?”

After all, only a handful from their world could be guided by the Great Dao. Just a name was often enough to recognize someone.

“My name is Xiu Rui,” he replied.

“Senior Xiu?!” The women were stunned again. “Weren’t you guided by the Great Dao hundreds of years ago? There’s always been a legend about you in the Wuxu World. We sisters grew up idolizing you!”

“Why are you still here after all these years?”

Xiu Rui looked embarrassed. He couldn’t possibly admit that he’d been thrown into prison the moment he arrived. After all, he was their role model.

“Brother Xiu has been on a mission here,” Kai quickly stepped in, noticing Xiu Rui’s discomfort. “He’s been mediating conflicts between the three tribes, which is why he hasn’t left.”

Kai hadn’t expected that Xiu Rui was such a prominent figure in the Wuxu World—a living legend.

“Senior Xiu is truly incredible,” the two women said, looking at him with admiration.

“Alright, let’s stop chatting here. We need to find a place to stay,” Kai said.

After all, the two women were dressed only in undergarments—not exactly appropriate for standing around in public.

“There’s an inn just up ahead...” one of the women said.

“How do you know that?” Hu Mazi asked curiously.

The woman blushed, lowered her head, and said, “We were caught and kept at that inn to serve the big guy. After he had his fun, he planned to sell us.”

Looking at them, it was hard not to feel sympathy. They had once been powerful, perhaps even queen-like, but now they were reduced to playthings.

“Let’s go. We’ll stay at that inn,” Hu Mazi urged, sounding a bit impatient.

“Brother Chen, thank you for earlier,” Xiu Rui said gratefully as they walked.

“It’s nothing,” Kai replied. “Just remember, when you’re out here, your identity is whatever you say it is—no one will know the difference anyway.”

“Don’t you know how to brag?”

Kai smiled faintly.

The group arrived at the inn. After just one glance, the inn’s waiter promptly arranged rooms for Kai and his companions.

Now that Kai was wealthy, he chose to stay in a luxurious room.

Each room was equipped with a formation to assist with cultivation.

After settling in, Hu Mazi couldn’t wait and immediately headed toward the two women’s room.

“Master Hu...”

Xiu Rui stopped him.

“What? You want to share one?” Hu Mazi asked bluntly.

“No, no!” Xiu Rui shook his head. “Master Hu, those two women are from my world. Please do me a favor and be gentle with them...”

“Damn, if I wasn’t fierce, could I have scared off that big guy?” Hu Mazi muttered, rolling his eyes, then walked into the room.

Xiu Rui thought about it and figured it made sense. If the women had managed to serve that burly man, then serving Hu Mazi shouldn’t be a problem.

Before long, sounds began echoing from the women’s room.

Annoyed, Kai entered the Demon Suppression Tower to focus on cultivation.

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Meanwhile, at Rhino City’s City Lord’s Mansion—

In a towering palace, City Lord Gadfly sat on a grand dragon throne, his expression grim.

Two rows of high-ranking officials stood below, all frowning deeply.

“Grand Elder, haven’t the spies from Flying Tiger City been captured yet?” City Lord Gadfly asked coldly.

“City Lord, I’ve increased the number of patrols, and the entire mansion has been reinforced. Without a valid token, no outsiders can enter,” the Grand Elder replied quickly.

“This Flying Tiger City keeps trying to seize control of our city—it’s outrageous! One day, I’ll wipe them out completely!”

Gadfly growled, slamming his fist down on the table. The heavy table instantly crumbled to dust.

Chapter 4920

“Have you found the princess and the prince? Where did those two run off to?”

Gadfly took a deep breath, calmed himself, and asked.

“City Lord, according to reports from the city gate, the princess and prince have returned. It seems they went out of the city to play,” the elder replied.

“Outrageous! Daring to go out and play at such a critical time. If the people from Flying Tiger City had captured them, we’d be in a terrible position!”

“I’m going to teach those two clueless brats a lesson,” Gadfly growled, standing up and storming out.

At that moment, Niu Li and Niu Ben were in their room. Niu Li, clearly frustrated with her disobedient brother, scolded him: “You little rascal! When Father arrives, I’m definitely going to teach you a lesson.”

“You insisted on sneaking out. Now Father’s going to be furious!”

“Sis, if Father hits me, you have to protect me!” Niu Ben said, clearly nervous.

But just as he finished speaking, Gadfly burst in, grabbed the horn on Niu Ben’s forehead, and smacked him on the butt.

Niu Ben cried out in pain, tears streaming down his face, but Niu Li quickly stepped in to stop their father.

“Listen carefully—if you leave the city again, I’ll break your legs,” Gadfly warned sternly.

“Waaah! Sister went out too! Why aren’t you hitting her?”

Niu Ben sobbed even harder.

“You dare bring me into this?” Niu Li snapped, stepping forward and hitting Niu Ben again.

Niu Ben’s cries grew louder. After getting hit twice in a row, how could he not cry?

“You two aren’t allowed to leave the mansion again. Lately, a number of spies from Flying Dragon City have snuck into the city. Stay far away from strangers,” Gadfly ordered.

“Father, we met someone outside the city. Sister gave—”

Before Niu Ben could finish, Niu Li kicked him hard, cutting off his words mid-sentence. “Niu Li, what did your brother just say?” Gadfly asked.

“We ran into a few cultivators being guided by the Great Dao outside the city, and I gave them a beating,” Niu Li quickly replied.

“It’s fine to beat up newly guided cultivators, but don’t provoke the wrong people. You still need to sharpen your skills,” Gadfly said before turning to leave.

Once her father was gone, Niu Li grabbed Niu Ben and began punching and kicking him again.

This guy nearly exposed her and got her into trouble, so of course, she wasn’t going to let it slide.

After giving Niu Ben a good beating, Niu Li realized she probably wouldn’t be allowed to leave the City Lord’s Mansion anytime soon. She wanted to contact Kai to find out where he and the others were—she didn’t want him to misunderstand and think she was being rude or neglecting her duties as a host.

But no matter what method she tried, she couldn’t reach Kai or find out where he was.

“How could this be? That doesn’t make sense...”

Niu Li was filled with confusion.

She had no idea that Kai had already pawned the token. Now that the token was sealed, Niu Li had no way to sense it.

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At the inn—

Hu Mazi was still in action. One had to admit, he was indeed relentless—and so were the two women!

It seemed like neither side wanted to back down, so the “battle” continued.

Meanwhile, Kai emerged from the Demon Suppression Tower. As he noticed the sky starting to darken, he realized that while it felt like a long time had passed inside the tower, only a few hours had gone by outside.

If he hadn't run out of resources, he wouldn't have come out at all.

"The Demon Suppression Tower is great, but where can I get more resources?"

Right now, Kai's biggest concern was where to find cultivation materials.

Listening to the noises coming from the next room, Kai felt a bit warm under the collar and decided to step outside for a walk.

As soon as he stepped out, he spotted Xiu Rui pacing anxiously nearby.

"Brother Xiu, what's going on?" Kai asked.

"Ah, it's nothing. I'm just worried those two young ladies might not be able to handle Master Hu's... enthusiasm," Xiu Rui replied.