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“It doesn’t matter. To others, these evil spirits are terrifying, but to me, they’re top-tier resources!”

Kai said with a smile.

These evil spirits could also be refined and absorbed, and the concentrated Yin Sha Qi within them was far richer than that found in the environment.

“Pervert...”

The Red Cloud Demon Lord rolled his eyes and chose to ignore him.

Before long, as the surrounding Yin Sha Qi kept surging into Kai’s body, countless evil spirits also began gathering around him!

Hehehe...

The evil spirits let out eerie, chilling laughs. To them, Kai was an ideal source of nourishment.

By absorbing enough blood and qi, they could gradually restore their bodies. Thus, anyone who entered the Purgatory Field became a target for these malevolent spirits.

Since Kai had entered the lowest realm, these evil spirits were even more eager to prey on him.

After all, who doesn’t prefer a weak opponent?

Just as the evil spirits thought Kai was an easy target, his eyes suddenly snapped open.

Kai's eyes turned scarlet, the whites completely swallowed by a sea of blood.

“Ahhh...”

Kai let out a furious roar!

Boom!

An overwhelming wave of energy erupted from Kai's body. The surrounding evil spirits had no chance to react or escape—they were instantly engulfed by the surge and reduced to pure Yin Sha Qi.

In that moment, their souls were utterly destroyed, leaving no chance of resurrection.

Kai now resembled a madman, ruthlessly devouring the evil spirits around him. All the evil spirits rushing toward Kai were swallowed up by the aura erupting from his body, then transformed into pure Yin Sha Qi and absorbed by him.

At that moment, Kai felt an overwhelming sense of joy, free from any concerns.

In the outside world—whether in the secular world, the human and celestial realms, or the heavens—whenever Kai used the Condensation Heart Technique to absorb others' energy, he always felt some hesitation and inner resistance.

But here, he had no such reservations. Kai could devour these evil spirits freely, without worrying about who they had once been in their previous lives.

As Kai slowly advanced, countless evil spirits continued to charge at him. Even if they were instantly crushed by his aura, they still swarmed relentlessly.

These evil spirits resembled mindless moths drawn to a flame, knowingly rushing to their deaths without pause.

With the Condensation Heart Technique running at full force, Kai made his way deeper into Purgatory, absorbing all the evil spirits in his path without wasting a trace!

Meanwhile, in the City Lord's Mansion, Gadfly frowned slightly as he stared into a bronze mirror.

Displayed in the mirror was the scene of Kai within the Purgatory Field.

"Who is this guy?" Gadfly muttered, visibly shocked, since most trial participants struggled miserably compared to Kai.

Kai appeared to be strolling casually through a back garden, effortlessly absorbing every evil spirit in sight.

"Is he a demon?" Gadfly's eyes widened in disbelief.

Although monks from neighboring beast tribe cities often came to Rhino City's Purgatory Field for trials, they were all of the same race.

No cultivators from other tribes had ever participated, yet Kai's ability to absorb evil spirits made Gadfly seriously question whether he was part demon.

"Someone, bring me the information of all participants who entered the Purgatory Field today!"

Gadfly ordered loudly.

Immediately, someone hurried off to retrieve Kai's information.

Meanwhile, inside the Purgatory Field, Kai remained unaware, continuing to happily absorb the evil spirits.

He had originally come seeking trials to hone his combat skills, but now he found himself easily crushing all opposition, gaining no real battle experience. Still, by absorbing an enormous amount of Yin Sha Qi, he expected his cultivation realm would soon rise again.

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Just as Kai was reveling in his joy, a terrifying and powerful aura suddenly struck him!

Boom! Boom!

Caught off guard, Kai was hit head-on by the force and sent flying backward!

He crashed heavily onto the ground, instantly coughing up blood.

“F*ck... who attacked me?”

Kai frowned. He had been absorbing the evil energy smoothly—how could someone attack him so suddenly?

Since the evil spirits had no consciousness, it was impossible for them to launch a sneak attack.

Kai suspected there might be other cultivators hidden in this purgatory who had ambushed him.

As he slowly got up, Kai was stunned by the sight before him.

The carefree look on his face vanished, replaced by a grim, serious expression.

“Demon corpse?” Scarlet Cloud Demon Lord exclaimed in surprise. “This broken place is more sinister than I thought—it can actually breed demon corpses.”

Before Kai stood a massive demon corpse, lumbering toward him. Its rotting body reeked of decay, with white bones exposed through torn flesh.

At the sight, Kai couldn’t help but retch. The stench and horror were overwhelming.

As the demon corpse drew nearer, the ground shook violently with each step. Towering a hundred feet tall, it loomed like a mountain.

Standing before Kai, the demon corpse slowly lowered its head, glaring fiercely at him.

Before Kai could react, it swung a giant palm toward him.

The massive slap swept across a hundred-meter radius around Kai!

Yet at the very moment the demon corpse’s palm fell, Kai’s figure suddenly vanished.

Using his Fire Control Step, he instantly moved several miles away, easily avoiding the devastating blow. The moment Kai disappeared, a sword light shot into the sky, slashing straight toward the demon corpse.

Boom! Boom!

The sword light struck the demon corpse fiercely, and a devastating shockwave erupted, blasting Kai away!

At the same time, the surrounding evil spirits were reduced to ashes.

Kai struggled to stabilize his body and landed on the ground. Looking at the demon corpse, he realized that a single strike wasn’t enough to kill it.

Despite its rotting flesh and exposed bones, the demon corpse remained standing. Even though its body was severely damaged, it had not been slain by Kai's sword.

"Come again..."

Kai suddenly leapt up and swung the Dragon-Slaying Sword in his hand once more!

Boom!

This time, the sword light carried a surge of endless flames. The moment it touched the demon corpse, its massive body was instantly set ablaze!

The demon corpse was engulfed in flames, roaring and screaming in agony.

At last, it collapsed to the ground with a loud crash, consumed by fire.

Kai landed, gazing at the burning remains before him. Without hesitation, he activated the Concentration Mind Technique to absorb the evil spirit released from the demon corpse.

"It seems the Ultimate Fire is more effective against these things!"

Kai smirked. Now that he had found a method to deal with the demon corpses, there was nothing to fear.

Meanwhile, at the City Lord's Mansion, Gadfly frowned when he noticed the Ultimate Fire within Kai's sword attack. "The Ultimate Fire of the Demon Clan? Is this kid really from the Demon Clan?"

Gadfly's hands unconsciously tightened into fists. If Kai truly was a demon and had dared to enter Purgatory, Gadfly would never forgive him.

Wouldn't that be like slapping himself in the face?

If word of this got out, Gadfly knew he would become a laughingstock.

Unaware that he was being monitored, Kai continued to act freely in Purgatory. Since there was no one else around, he saw no need to hold back!

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Kai acted freely without holding back, wielding the Dragon-Slaying Sword while continuously absorbing the surrounding evil energy.

This place felt like paradise to him!

But just when Kai thought only the evil spirits and that one demon corpse existed in this purgatory, he suddenly sensed an earth-shattering tremor.

He then saw the ground cracking open not far away, and from the fissures, thousands of demon corpses began crawling out.

“Shit...”

Kai frowned slightly. It had been difficult enough to deal with just one demon corpse earlier—now there were so many.

However, knowing that these demon corpses feared fire, Kai remained calm.

He figured he could use these demon corpses as resources for his cultivation.

Holding the Dragon-Slaying Sword alight with flames, Kai charged straight toward the horde of demon corpses.

Meanwhile, Gadfly, who was observing Kai’s every move, exclaimed in disbelief, “Is this guy crazy? He’s trying to take on so many demon corpses by himself?”

“Father...”

At that moment, Niu Li suddenly burst into the City Lord’s room, seemingly in search of him.

Startled, Gadfly quickly covered the bronze mirror that displayed the scene from purgatory.

However, Niu Li had already caught a glimpse. Though the image flashed by quickly, she was still shocked by what she saw.

“Hey, why is it him?”

Niu Li was stunned when she recognized Kai in the bronze mirror.

“What did you say?” Gadfly asked.

“Father, why was there a human image in your bronze mirror?”

Niu Li stepped forward and lifted the cloth covering the mirror, refusing to let it go.

“Oh, that’s just a scene from inside the Purgatory Field,” Gadfly explained casually. “Someone is undergoing a trial there, so I took a look.” Gadfly glanced at Niu Li and asked, “You just said... do you know the person undergoing the trial?”

“Ah, I don’t know him...”

Niu Li quickly shook her head in denial. She didn’t dare admit that she knew Kai.

After all, she had given Kai the token and later lost contact with him. If her father found out, it would cause trouble.

“What do you want from me?” Gadfly asked.

“Father, I want to go out and walk around the streets. I’ve been cooped up in the mansion for so long, I’m about to die of boredom,” Niu Li said.

“No. The city hasn’t been peaceful lately. You should stay obediently in the mansion...”

Gadfly refused immediately.

The spies from Flying Tiger City had yet to be rooted out, and it was far too dangerous for Niu Li to wander around alone.

Seeing her father’s firm refusal, Niu Li rolled her eyes in frustration and finally left.

Meanwhile, in the Purgatory, Kai charged into the swarm of demon corpses, the Dragon-Slaying Sword blazing with flames!

The sword, wrapped in fierce fire, tore through the gloomy sky of the Purgatory like a meteor.

As Kai rushed into the demon horde, thousands of rotten throats released sharp, piercing roars. The overwhelming stench hung thick in the air, almost tangible. Greedy light flickered in their murky eyes as they lunged at Kai frantically.

The first demon corpse swung its sharp claws at him. Kai sidestepped swiftly, and the Dragon-Slaying Sword traced a burning red arc.

With a sharp “swish,” the demon corpse was sliced cleanly in half at the waist, golden flames consuming the severed flesh.

Surprisingly, the black evil spirit leaking from the corpse did not dissipate. Instead, it was pulled by an invisible force, streaming continuously into Kai’s body.

Kai’s eyes were sharp as lightning, and the Dragon-Slaying Sword in his hand danced like a whirlwind. Wherever the sword swept, demon corpses were dismembered, and black blood rained down.

Each time he killed a demon corpse, the evil spirit within it was drawn into his body along the Dragon-Slaying Sword like a black serpent.

At first, Kai had to consciously guide the transformation of the evil energy, but as the battle went on, the absorption process grew increasingly natural and smooth.

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His aura continued to surge, growing stronger and more overwhelming.

Kai, who had earlier struggled to handle a single demon corpse, was now becoming more fearless with every strike.

Flames danced wildly around him, burning and purifying the surrounding evil energy, forming a blazing field centered on him.

Under the searing flames, the demon corpses' movements grew sluggish, and painful howls echoed through the air.

Kai moved swiftly and freely among the horde of demon corpses.

Sometimes he leapt into the air, severing a demon corpse's head with a clean sword strike; other times he ducked low, sweeping across to slice off their legs.

As the demon corpses continued to fall, Kai's aura rose to a terrifying height. He now resembled a flaming god of war, and wherever he passed, demon corpses turned to ashes.

Meanwhile, at the City Lord's Mansion, Gadfly stared at the image in the bronze mirror, his eyes wide with shock and disbelief.

He had ruled Rhino City for many years and witnessed countless talented cultivators, but he had never seen anyone cultivate with such terrifying speed.

Facing thousands of demon corpses, not only did Kai not retreat—he grew stronger with every battle. It was a sight Gadfly had never even heard of before.

“How is this possible...” Gadfly muttered, his fingers unconsciously clenching the armrests of his chair.

Staring at Kai’s figure battling amid the flames in the bronze mirror, Gadfly’s heart was filled with doubt.

Who exactly was this young man?

How could he absorb and transform the purgatory’s evil energy into his own power in such a short time?

Moreover, the Dragon-Slaying Sword in his hand was clearly no ordinary weapon, as it so effortlessly slaughtered demon corpses.

What made Gadfly even more uneasy was that the strength Kai displayed far exceeded what he had expected from any trial-taker.

Just as Gadfly was lost in his thoughts, the scene in the bronze mirror grew even more intense.

Kai let out a thunderous shout, and the flames surrounding the Dragon-Slaying Sword suddenly surged, forming a massive flaming blade.

He swung his sword fiercely, and the flaming blade swept across the group of demon corpses. Wherever it passed, the corpses fell in clusters and turned to ashes.

Kai had already fought his way to the center of the horde. His figure was as elusive as a ghost, and each flash of his sword brought down another demon corpse with a heavy thud.

The flames around the Dragon-Slaying Sword grew even stronger, gradually forming a blurred shadow of a fire dragon coiling around the blade.

Even more astonishing, a black vortex visible to the naked eye slowly formed in the air with Kai at its center, madly drawing in all the evil energy released by the fallen demon corpses.

As the last demon corpse was slain, Kai slowly sheathed his sword and stood upright.

Although his body was covered in blood and dust, his eyes were brighter and more determined than ever.

The once eerie and terrifying purgatory now felt less oppressive, its evil aura weakened by the death of so many demon corpses.

Kai took a deep breath, feeling the surge of new power coursing through him, and a satisfied smile appeared at the corner of his lips.

The ashes of the demon corpses still drifted through the gloomy wind, and the scorched earth beneath his feet continued to emit green smoke.

Kai had just placed the Dragon-Slaying Sword back into its scabbard when suddenly, a deep, resonant hum came from the depths of the void, as if some ancient beast were awakening from a long slumber.

Startled, he looked up and saw a twisted black crack tearing open in the air. From it, a rusty bronze chain slithered out like a living thing, dragging down a figure clad in heavy black iron armor.

“Boom!”

The ground split into spider-web-like fractures, rubble flying everywhere, as the armored figure slowly straightened up.

Through the cracks in the corroded helmet, eerie green ghost flames flickered within the hollow sockets of a decayed skull. Beneath the shattered black iron armor, maggots wriggled in and out of holes in its exposed ribs. The stench it emitted was even more nauseating than that of a thousand demon corpses.

In its hand, it gripped a massive mountain-splitting axe more than ten feet long. Black slime constantly dripped from the axe blade, hissing and corroding deep pits into the ground wherever it landed.

This monster was actually a demon corpse of the Sanxian Realm.

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“Ants.”

The moment the armored warrior spoke, Kai’s eardrums throbbed painfully, and the surrounding space began to crack.

The voice sounded as if it came from the underworld itself, carrying the mournful cries of millions of tormented souls.

Kai’s pupils contracted sharply. The oppressive force from the Scattered Immortal Realm bore down on him like a mountain, making it almost impossible to breathe.

Yet he gritted his teeth, forcing the evil energy he had just absorbed to surge wildly through his body, and red flames reignited on the Dragon-Slaying Sword.

“Perfect timing!”

With a roar, he shot forward like an arrow loosed from a bow, thrusting his sword straight at the armored warrior’s throat.

The giant axe swept toward him with tremendous force. Kai barely dodged by leaning sideways, the gust of wind from the axe slicing off a large chunk of his clothing.

Using the momentum, he flipped midair and thrust his sword at the vulnerable joint of the armor, but the black iron deflected the strike with a burst of sparks.

The armored warrior countered with a backhanded swing, and Kai raised his sword to block. The impact numbed his palms and sent him staggering back dozens of steps.

Meanwhile, in the City Lord's Mansion, the servants had delivered Kai's background information.

Upon seeing that Kai was merely an eighth-grade cultivator in the Immortal Transformation Realm, the Gadfly shot up from his chair, his eyes filled with disbelief.

How could a newly-advanced cultivator, led here by the Avenue itself, be this powerful?

He glanced again at the image reflected in the bronze mirror, his face turning pale.

"A powerful demon corpse from the Scattered Immortal Realm has appeared. How can that kid possibly fight it?"

Staring at Kai locked in fierce combat with the armored warrior, veins bulged across the Gadfly's forehead.

After all, in all of Rhino City, not a single practitioner in the Transformation Realm could stand against a Scattered Immortal Realm opponent. The gap between them wasn't just a difference in realm — it was a difference of class, of status, practically a gulf between worlds.

The Gadfly stared in a daze as the battle in the purgatory grew increasingly fierce.

Kai's flames were repeatedly cleaved apart by the giant axe, and his body was covered in wounds so deep that the bone was visible.

Yet each time he was injured, he used the Dragon-Slaying Sword to absorb the residual evil energy from the armored warrior's attacks, causing his own aura to become even more refined.

He quickly noticed that, despite the opponent's high level, the warrior's combat style was rigid, relying solely on brute strength to overwhelm his enemies.

“Found it!”

A sharp gleam flashed in Kai's eyes.

As he was once again forced into a corner by the sweeping axe, he suddenly dropped his sword, formed seals with his hands, and the flames around him transformed into chains, binding the giant axe.

The instant the armored warrior hesitated, Kai seized the opening, rushing forward and pressing a palm of condensed yang fire directly onto the opponent's helmet.

Squeak—

The black iron helmet let out an agonizing, grinding sound as it began to melt under the intense heat, and the phantom green ghost fire within twisted violently.

The armored warrior roared and struggled to break free, but Kai clung to him like a burr, pouring all his strength into the flames.

“Break for me!”

With a loud roar, the helmet exploded, revealing a burning skull underneath.

At some point, the Dragon-Slaying Sword had returned to Kai's hand, and he brought it down with devastating force.

The moment the blade cleaved the skull in two, the armored warrior's body collapsed into a heap of bones.

Kai knelt on one knee, gasping heavily for breath. His wounds visibly healed at a remarkable speed, and his aura showed signs of an impending breakthrough.

The Gadfly witnessed all of this, slumping back into his chair as cold sweat drenched his back.

He stared at the image of Kai standing amidst the blood-soaked battlefield in the bronze mirror, his heart churning with emotion.

This young man had not only slaughtered thousands of demon corpses but had also defeated a powerful Scattered Immortal Realm demon corpse in an almost unbelievable manner. With such talent and ability, even the legendary ancient prodigies could not compare!

If Kai truly belonged to the demon clan, then Rhino City would be in grave danger!

“Someone must be sent to monitor him immediately!”

The Gadfly slammed his hand down on the table and stood up, the light in his eyes flickering between admiration and fear.

He wanted to recruit Kai for his own cause, yet also dreaded the possibility that he might be a hidden threat.

Meanwhile, Kai remained unaware that his fierce battle had been witnessed by the city lord, the Gadfly.

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In the purgatory, Kai took a deep breath, and the entire area trembled. He immediately felt his blood energy and sword intent surge forward, growing exponentially.

“Am I actually breaking through in this purgatory?” Even Kai himself found it hard to believe!

Having absorbed a massive amount of evil energy, Kai no longer bothered to conceal his aura. He fully unleashed the presence of his three bloodlines.

Right now, there was only a wild killing intent in his heart—no emotions, no hesitation. What he needed was simply to kill!

Across the entire purgatory, Kai's aura continued to rise uncontrollably, to the point that the very space itself warped under the pressure.

“Boy, you better restrain yourself and not lose your way. Just because you carry demonic energy doesn't mean you are a true demon.”

“You absorbed a huge amount of evil energy but didn't use any techniques to refine it. If you lose control now, it'll be disastrous.”

Demon Lord Chiyun's voice sounded, warning Kai urgently.

He had noticed that Kai was already showing signs of deviation.

Because Kai had been absorbing evil energy recklessly, prioritizing speed over safety, he had not used the Concentration Heart Technique to properly refine it—instead, he simply devoured it.

After taking in so much evil energy at once, Kai's body was nearing its limit.

Even a true demon would struggle to survive absorbing that much evil energy without exploding.

Hearing Chiyun's warning, Kai gritted his teeth, struggling to suppress the murderous urge in his heart. He regulated his breathing and forced himself to calm down.

Just then, from the depths of the purgatory, a figure slowly emerged. His hair was messy and wild, and he looked more like a beggar than a master. Yet the terrifying aura he exuded left no doubt about his strength.

Upon seeing this newcomer, the city lord Gadfly frowned, a flash of shock in his eyes. “This Crazy Immortal is still alive? He’s been trapped in the purgatory for hundreds of years!”

The Gadfly was deeply shaken. When Rhino City had first been established, this man had already entered the purgatory and would descend into it once every year.

Because he never cared about his appearance and always seemed deranged, people came to call him the Crazy Immortal.

However, several centuries ago, the Crazy Immortal had entered the purgatory and never reemerged—until now.

Over time, people assumed that the Crazy Immortal had died in the purgatory and gradually forgot about him.

But now, this forgotten figure had resurfaced.

The Gadfly couldn’t help but be shocked. To survive in the purgatory for hundreds of years would require unimaginable strength and perseverance!

At this moment, the Crazy Immortal had already noticed Kai, although Kai had yet to sense his presence.

Kai was still focused on suppressing the murderous aura raging within him, carefully adjusting himself. He could feel that his cultivation realm was on the verge of breaking through once again.

“A little cultivator from the Immortal Realm, daring to enter the Purgatory Field and even managing to slaughter so many evil spirits and demon corpses... Quite interesting!”

After murmuring to himself, the Crazy Immortal moved to approach Kai—but was abruptly repelled by a sudden burst of force.

Boom!

A long-suppressed power exploded from Kai's body, carrying an aura even more sinister and terrifying than the evil energy of the purgatory itself.

"This is...?"

The Crazy Immortal froze, stunned.

Through the bronze mirror, the Gadfly also stared at the scene in shock.

Although he couldn't directly sense the terrifying aura Kai had unleashed, he could infer its magnitude just by observing the Crazy Immortal's reaction.

"Ah—!"

Kai threw back his head and roared.

In that instant, the energy inside his body surged wildly, and his cultivation realm instantly rose to the eighth level of the Immortal Realm.

It was as if something deep within him had finally been released, and even his state of mind had risen to a new height. His body relaxed, and he let out a long, steady breath.

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"It's surprisingly easy to advance your realm. It seems this purgatory is a great place for cultivation!"

Kai could clearly feel the surge in his strength as his realm improved, and he was overjoyed.

Buzz!

Just as he was still immersed in the excitement of his breakthrough, the space around him suddenly trembled and blurred.

“A time and space cage?”

Kai was stunned!

He knew that performing this kind of time-space magic required immense power. It wasn't something ordinary cultivators could achieve. It involved distorting the fabric of time and space to create an isolated dimension capable of trapping others inside!

As soon as the time and space cage formed, Kai's image in the Gadfly Bronze Mirror vanished. He had already been trapped within a separate dimension created by a mad immortal.

Kai frowned. He hadn't expected to encounter others undergoing trials in this purgatory, especially since demon corpses and evil spirits couldn't cast such powerful spells.

Gripping the Dragon-Slaying Sword tightly, Kai swung it with all his might!

Boom! Boom!

A surge of golden sword energy shot toward the sky, instantly shattering the newly-formed time and space cage.

As the cage broke apart, Kai finally caught sight of his attacker—the mad immortal.

A flicker of astonishment crossed the mad immortal's face. He hadn't expected his time and space cage to be destroyed with a single strike from Kai, a mere small-stage immortal.

Without hesitation, Kai, still clutching the Dragon-Slaying Sword, launched an attack toward the mad immortal.

The mad immortal froze for a moment, his shock deepening. He couldn't comprehend where Kai found the courage—a low-level cultivator from the Transformation Immortal Realm—to challenge someone like him, a powerful being from the Scattered Immortal Realm.

Was he seeking death?

Enraged, the mad immortal took a heavy step forward, heading straight for Kai. He intended to teach this reckless young immortal a painful lesson.

After all, the gap between the Transformation Immortal Realm and the Scattered Immortal Realm was vast and unbridgeable.

The Transformation Immortal Realm was merely pseudo-immortality, while the Scattered Immortal Realm represented true immortality—though still outside the ranks of full celestial beings. The Crazy Immortal launched a punch at Kai, showing no fear even in the face of the Dragon-Slaying Sword!

Boom!

The sword energy and the fist collided fiercely.

Kai was sent flying backward but managed to land steadily on the ground.

Meanwhile, the Crazy Immortal was shaken and forced to retreat several steps before finally steadying himself, though his arm continued to tremble uncontrollably.

This scene caused Fengxian's face to turn extremely grim.

He hadn't expected that a mere cultivator at the Immortal Transformation Realm like Kai could possess such terrifying strength!

Even the city lord, the Gadfly, gulped nervously as he watched, his face full of disbelief.

The Crazy Immortal glared at Kai coldly, preparing to say something.

But Kai didn't give him the chance—he swung the Dragon-Slaying Sword again without a word.

“F*ck...” the Crazy Immortal cursed, punching out once more.

Boom!

This punch shattered Kai's sword energy again. Just as the Crazy Immortal was about to mock him, thousands of sword energies suddenly rained down from above.

The Crazy Immortal's expression changed dramatically. He hurriedly raised his palms, forming a barrier above his head.

The sword energies shattered against the barrier without managing to break through.

Yet just as he barely managed to block the attack and had no time to catch his breath, Kai charged forward again with his sword.

“F*ck, are you insane...?”

The Crazy Immortal frowned, growing furious as he shouted at Kai, calling him a madman.

Ironically, although others called him the Crazy Immortal, Kai now seemed even crazier than him.

As the Dragon-Slaying Sword slashed toward Fengxian, he frowned deeply. Sensing the overwhelming murderous intent radiating from Kai, Fengxian suddenly felt unsettled.

He hadn't noticed it during the first exchange, but now he realized—Kai's body was exuding a horrifying murderous aura, a dark and sinister evil energy, and even traces of demonic power.

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Since when could a demon cultivator enter the purgatory within the beast tribe's territory?

Had the outside world undergone earth-shaking changes during the centuries he had been secluded?

While these thoughts raced through his mind, Fengxian swiftly threw a punch!

Boom!

The deafening clash of fists and sword echoed through the purgatory.

A powerful shockwave spread wildly in all directions like a surging tide. Wherever it passed, the ground split into deep, jagged grooves, gravel scattered, and dust billowed into the air.

The battle between Kai and Fengxian had entered a fever pitch. In the beginning, the two had fought evenly, each side struggling to gain the upper hand.

With his profound cultivation at the Scattered Immortal Realm and vast combat experience, every punch from the Crazy Immortal carried a force capable of shattering the heavens.

The roaring gusts from his fists seemed strong enough to rip through space itself.

Facing him, Kai—at the ninth level of the Immortal Transformation Realm—relied on the violent and mysterious power within his body and the deadly sharpness of the Dragon-Slaying Sword to withstand the Crazy Immortal's fierce onslaught.

In Kai's hands, the Dragon-Slaying Sword danced like a living dragon. Sword shadows flickered, and each swing unleashed sharp bursts of sword energy that violently collided with Fengxian's terrifying punches.

The crisscrossing sword energy lit up the battlefield, drawing brilliant streaks of light through the darkness, making it seem as if day had broken inside the purgatory.

The Crazy Immortal grew increasingly alarmed as the battle wore on. He had never imagined that a young cultivator from the Immortal Transformation Realm could possess such resilience and overwhelming strength.

Initially confident that he could easily crush Kai, he slowly realized—

Not only was Kai showing no signs of faltering, but he was growing even fiercer as the battle dragged on.

Each of Kai's sword strikes carried a ruthless momentum, as if determined to cut him down at all costs.

As time passed, Kai gradually discerned Fengxian's attack patterns and shifted from defense to offense.

His movements became as swift as lightning, weaving skillfully between the Crazy Immortal's fist shadows. He unleashed a relentless barrage of sword strikes, with sharp sword energy raining down on Fengxian like a violent storm.

Fengxian suddenly felt the pressure double. He struggled to withstand Kai's relentless assault, and beads of sweat began to form on his forehead.

Each time his arms clashed with the Dragon-Slaying Sword, they went numb, and the blood within his body churned violently.

"Damn it, why is this kid so hard to deal with!"

Fengxian cursed inwardly, desperately trying to spot a weakness in Kai's defense to land a fatal blow.

However, Kai's attacks were so fierce and relentless that he left Fengxian no opening to counter.

Seizing the right moment, Kai let out a thunderous roar, unleashing the long-suppressed power within his body like an erupting volcano.

A wild, manic gleam flashed in his eyes as the Dragon-Slaying Sword in his hand radiated a dazzling brilliance.

A colossal golden sword beam soared into the sky, carrying a destructive force capable of leveling the world, and slashed down fiercely toward the Crazy Immortal.

Fengxian's face changed dramatically. Sensing the terrifying might of the sword, he frantically gathered all his strength to condense a thick shield of immortal power before him.

Yet, in the face of Kai's full-force strike, the spiritual shield appeared fragile and feeble.

The golden sword beam pierced through it like a knife through paper, slamming mercilessly into the Crazy Immortal.

Boom!

With a deafening crash, Fengxian's body was hurled away like a cannonball, smashing heavily into the ground.

The impact carved a massive crater into the earth, filling the air with dust and debris.

The Crazy Immortal struggled to rise, only to realize that his body had suffered severe injuries—his internal organs felt shattered, and the pain was excruciating.

Lifting his head, he saw Kai approaching step by step, and his eyes filled with a mix of shock and unwillingness.

Meanwhile, outside the purgatory, the city lord, the Gadfly, who had been observing everything through a bronze mirror, was so stunned he couldn't utter a word.

His eyes were wide as saucers, and his mouth hung open so wide it looked like an egg could fit inside.

He could hardly believe what he was witnessing—Kai, a young cultivator at the Transformation Immortal Realm, had actually defeated the Crazy Immortal, a powerhouse of the Scattered Immortal Realm.

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There is an insurmountable gap between the Transformation Immortal Realm and the Scattering Immortal Realm—a divide that countless cultivators fail to cross in their entire lives.

Yet Kai had done it, and with stunning ease and efficiency.

“This... how is this possible?”

The Gadfly murmured to himself, doubting whether he was dreaming.

He pinched his arm hard, and the sharp pain jolted him back to reality. The scene before him was truly happening.

His heart filled with awe and curiosity toward Kai. Just how many secrets was this young man hiding?

Kai approached Fengxian, standing over him coldly, without a trace of mercy in his eyes.

The Crazy Immortal struggled to sit up, looking at Kai with a mixture of confusion and shock. “You... who are you? How could you defeat me with just Immortal Realm strength?”

Kai sneered without answering, instead slowly unleashing the blood power within his body.

In an instant, a blinding golden light erupted from him, and the shadow of a massive golden dragon appeared behind him. The dragon’s roar shook the entire purgatory.

The noble and overwhelming aura made both Fengxian and the Gadfly feel their hearts tremble.

“Gold... Golden Dragon Bloodline!”

The Crazy Immortal’s eyes widened as he spoke, his voice trembling with disbelief.

He had never imagined that the young man standing before him actually possessed the bloodline of the Golden Dragon.

The Golden Dragon lineage was known as the most noble among the beastmen, blessed with immense strength and mysterious talents—true kings of the beast clans.

In the ancient legends of the beastmen, the Golden Dragon bloodline had long been thought extinct, surviving only in scattered records and myths.

Fengxian had once believed that the Golden Dragon lineage was no more than a myth, something that would never exist in the real world.

But now, as he witnessed Kai unleashing the true power of the Golden Dragon bloodline before his eyes, he knew it was all real. There is an insurmountable gap between the Transformation Immortal Realm and the Scattering Immortal Realm, a barrier that countless cultivators fail to cross in their entire lives.

Yet Kai had done it, and with such precision and efficiency.

“This... how is this possible?”

The Gadfly muttered to himself, wondering if he was dreaming.

He pinched his arm hard, and the sharp pain brought him back to reality. What he was witnessing was truly happening.

A sense of awe and deep curiosity toward Kai rose in his heart. Just how many secrets was this young man hiding?

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The Crazy Immortal struggled to sit up, gazing at Kai with a face full of confusion and shock. “You... who are you? How could you defeat me with the strength of the Immortal Realm?”

Kai sneered without answering, and slowly released the blood power hidden within his body.

In an instant, a dazzling golden light erupted from him, and the shadow of a colossal golden dragon appeared behind him, its roar shaking the entire purgatory.

The majestic and overwhelming aura made both the Crazy Immortal and the Gadfly feel their hearts tremble.

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Fengxian had once believed the Golden Dragon lineage existed only in legends and could never appear in reality.

But now, seeing Kai unleash the power of the Golden Dragon bloodline with his own eyes, he realized that the legends were true.

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“Why not? Lead the way...” Kai said calmly. He understood that since this Crazy Immortal had appeared in the purgatory, he must be far more familiar with its inner workings than he was.

Fengxian nodded. “Follow me...”

With that, the Crazy Immortal led Kai deeper into the purgatory.

Kai wasn't worried. Having reached the ninth level of the Immortal Realm, he no longer feared encountering a strong opponent from the Loose Immortal Realm.

Although he couldn't determine exactly what stage Fengxian was at within the Loose Immortal Realm, the fact that he had already defeated him gave Kai confidence.

Moreover, Kai had several trump cards: the Fire Qilin, the Sky-Devouring Beast, and the Red Cloud Demon Lord hidden in his sea of consciousness.

If push came to shove, these forces could be unleashed to assist him.

The moment the Sky-Devouring Beast appeared, it would be enough to terrify any enemy. If the Red Cloud Demon Lord possessed him again, Kai was confident he would have no rival within the first level of heaven.

Meanwhile, outside the purgatory, the city lord, the Gadfly, watched Kai's tall figure through the bronze mirror, his heart filled with anticipation.

He knew that this young man, blessed with the blood of the Golden Dragon, would bring about monumental changes to Rhino City—and possibly the entire beast tribe.

Gadfly had already made up his mind. Once Kai exited the purgatory, he would befriend him and see if he could rely on Kai's strength to make Rhino City even greater.

At that moment, Kai followed the Crazy Immortal, advancing into the depths of the purgatory.

The deeper they ventured, the more terrifying and eerie the atmosphere between heaven and earth became.

Yet strangely, they encountered no demon corpses or evil spirits along the way, even though the surrounding evil energy grew noticeably stronger.

However, Kai refrained from absorbing it. No matter how thick the evil energy in the air was, it couldn't compare to the speed and efficiency of killing demon corpses and directly absorbing their energy.

Kai was the perfect example of someone who, after tasting fine grains, had no desire to return to coarse ones.

As the two continued walking, Kai suddenly noticed a vast stretch of blood-red land ahead.

Even the sky and earth were tinted crimson, causing Kai to frown deeply.

At the same time, an unsettling energy began to stir within his body.

Fengxian gazed at the area before them, his expression filled with emotion as he explained, “Ahead lies a mass grave filled with countless corpses and evil spirits. There’s a special restriction there, making that place completely different from the rest of purgatory.”

“Moreover, the evil spirits trapped there have no way to escape. They can only linger endlessly within that area...”

“Have you been inside?” Kai asked.

The Crazy Immortal nodded, then shook his head, leaving Kai puzzled.

“If you have, you have. If you haven’t, you haven’t. So, which is it?” Kai asked impatiently.

The Crazy Immortal gave a bitter laugh and said, “My physical body couldn’t pass through the restriction, so I entered only with my spiritual consciousness. Fortunately, I withdrew almost immediately. Otherwise, I would’ve been trapped and turned into an evil spirit—or worse, a walking corpse.”

“How long have you been trapped in this purgatory?” Kai pressed.

“I can’t say for sure... it must have been many, many years,” Fengxian replied after thinking for a moment.

“Then do you know how this purgatory came to be? I noticed that all the corpses here belong to demons, yet now this is considered beastman territory,” Kai asked curiously.

Fengxian nodded and said, “Originally, this land belonged to the demons. But the demons from two major cities fought each other mercilessly and ended up destroying themselves here.”

“I heard that a demon cultivator at the peak of the Scattered Immortal Realm later descended from the Third Heaven, quelled the chaos, and sealed the battlefield.”

“Over time, through annexation and migration, this place gradually became the territory of the beastmen.”

“The discovery of this purgatory brought tremendous benefits to Rhino City. Many beastmen from other cities are willing to pay high prices just to come here for trials.”

Chapter 4951

“Although this is the Heaven, the distribution of resources is extremely unfair. Even if cultivators here reach the Scattered Immortal Realm in the Third Heaven, they are still looked down upon. No one truly recognizes them as immortals.”

“I’ve trapped myself in this purgatory for so many years, hoping that one day I could break through the Third Heaven and become a true immortal,” the Crazy Immortal said, his eyes unconsciously lifting toward the sky.

“Senior, what level have you reached in the Loose Immortal Realm?” Kai asked.

Kai was eager to know. With his current strength at the ninth level of the Transformation Realm, he needed to gauge how he would fare against someone in the Scattered Immortal Realm, so he wouldn’t misjudge and suffer a loss when facing a true expert.

“I’ve reached the peak of the second level of the Sanxian Realm. It won’t be long before I break through to the third level,” the Crazy Immortal replied.

“Once I step into the third level, I’ll be able to ascend to the Second Heaven.”

“Ah? You’re only at the peak of the second level of the Sanxian Realm?” Kai said, sounding a little disappointed.

The Crazy Immortal’s face darkened. He glared at Kai and said, “What do you know? Even though the so-called immortals in the heavens don’t acknowledge us, reaching the Sanxian Realm still means you’re an immortal!”

“Every step in cultivation from now on becomes extremely difficult. Do you think it’s as easy as cultivating in the lower realms?”

“For some cultivators, it takes thousands of years—or even longer—to advance from the first to the second level of the Loose Immortal Realm.”

Seeing Fengxian so agitated, Kai quickly apologized, “Senior, I’m sorry. I’ve never been to the Sanxian Realm, so I don’t fully understand.”

“When you reach the realm of scattered immortals, you’ll see for yourself. Both the resource consumption and the difficulty of cultivation skyrocket,” the Crazy Immortal said, feeling much better after hearing Kai’s apology.

“Senior, I have one more question. Are there any cultivators above the third level of the Loose Immortal Realm here in the First Heaven?” Kai asked. “I can’t say there aren’t any, but they are extremely rare. Once someone reaches the third level of the Loose Immortal Realm, they typically ascend straight to the Second Heaven, where the resources and environment are far superior to those of the First Heaven.”

“But there are still some who remain in the First Heaven, likely because of personal attachments. Also, cultivators from the Second Heaven can return to the First Heaven at any time, so it’s difficult for me to give you a definite answer,” the Crazy Immortal explained to Kai.

Hearing this, Kai felt a little disappointed. He had assumed that only third-level Loose Immortals existed in the First Heaven and that stronger cultivators would have moved on to the Second Heaven.

If that were true, then with his current strength, he might be able to dominate this world.

After battling the Crazy Immortal just now, Kai realized he still had energy to spare; even facing a third-level Loose Immortal might not be impossible for him.

Besides, Kai still had many cards left to play.

The Sky-Devouring Beast, the Fire Qilin, the Scarlet Cloud Demon Lord, and a variety of powerful magical weapons were all at his disposal.

Even against a third-level Loose Immortal, Kai felt no fear.

“You don’t have to be discouraged,” the Crazy Immortal said, mistaking Kai’s expression. “You’ve only just entered the Immortal Realm, yet you managed to defeat me. Talent like yours may not exist anywhere else in the First Heaven.”

“And your Golden Dragon bloodline is something countless people would envy. Your bloodline is a hundred times stronger than that of the ordinary beastmen.”

The Crazy Immortal looked at Kai, thinking he was upset over his low cultivation level and tried to encourage him.

“Senior, what kind of beast were you in your previous life?” Kai asked.

“I...” The Crazy Immortal paused for a moment, then said, “I’ve been in human form for so long that I’ve long forgotten my past life...”

Kai couldn’t help but chuckle inwardly.

Seems like this Crazy Immortal wasn’t anything special in his previous life, yet he dared to look down on others as mere cats and dogs...

“You’d better go and absorb that evil spirit. I’ll guard you from here,” said the Crazy Immortal.

“Senior, aren’t you coming with me?” Kai asked curiously.

It struck him as strange that the Crazy Immortal would bring him here but choose not to enter himself.

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“I won’t go. I don’t have the strength to handle it.”

Crazy Immortal waved his hand and stepped back.

Seeing this, Kai no longer paid him any attention. Instead, he closed his eyes slightly, letting his consciousness slowly drift toward the area ahead.

Uncertain of what lay within, Kai didn’t dare to charge in recklessly.

As his consciousness gradually entered the area, his expression grew increasingly grave. He could sense a strong presence of evil spirits—far more sinister and violent than those outside.

These spirits radiated a terrifying aura.

Taking a deep breath, Kai suddenly opened his eyes!

He understood that danger often accompanies opportunity. Having just broken through to the ninth level of the Immortal Realm, if he advanced one more step, he could become a scattered immortal—a true immortal, as people called them.

Boom!

Without hesitation, Kai dashed into the area. In an instant, a pillar of golden light shot up from the blood-red expanse ahead.

His body was quickly swallowed by the sea of blood. Piercing wails echoed all around, as if coming straight from hell.

Watching Kai charge in so decisively, Fengxian was full of admiration.

“Kid, you’re bold. If you die in there, don’t blame me...”

He muttered softly.

Moments later, terrifying auras surged outward, forcing Fengxian to retreat.

But soon, the golden light suppressed the evil energy, and the chaos began to settle.

Fengxian looked stunned. He couldn’t believe Kai had managed to suppress such powerful evil spirits.

Wasn’t this far too unbelievable?

Even with the Golden Dragon bloodline, Kai was still only at the Immortal Realm.

The Crazy Immortal stared at the area, while City Lord Gadfly nervously observed through the bronze mirror.

At this moment, he didn’t want Kai to die in the purgatory. If Kai survived, he might have a chance to approach him—or even recruit him for his own use.

He had even considered using his daughter to seduce Kai.

In that area, terrifying evil spirits continued to erupt, shaking the surrounding airspace.

Sensing the dreadful aura, the Crazy Immortal was deeply shocked. He couldn’t tell whether Kai was still alive in there.

With such intense evil energy, even he knew he wouldn’t last a moment.

As the evil spirits burst forth, they were quickly overwhelmed by golden light—Kai's blood breath.

At that moment, Kai was fiercely absorbing the evil spirits.

“Won't you explode if you absorb them like that?”

Gadfly frowned, clenching his hands, cold sweat forming as he worried for Kai.

The evil spirits in this area were incredibly dense. If one failed to control the intake, the mind could easily be corrupted.

If Kai absorbed too much and became possessed—reduced to a mindless killing machine—then no matter how powerful his bloodline was, it would be meaningless.

Neither Fengxian nor Gadfly could see what was happening inside. They could only sense evil spirits constantly surging—then being suppressed by Kai's bloodline.

This terrifying standoff lasted an entire day and night...

Fengxian at the scene, and Gadfly through the bronze mirror, watched without rest for a full day and night.

Boom!

With a thunderous explosion, the entire area suddenly blew apart, and the bloody mist in the sky slowly began to clear.

Kai stepped out.

He was now wrapped in thick evil energy, and a terrifying killing intent radiated from his body.

Sensing this, Fengxian was terrified. He backed away immediately, afraid that Kai might lose control and attack him.

Chapter 4953

However, Kai's eyes remained clear as he suppressed the evil spirits using his own blood.

Suddenly, a golden light burst from his body, accompanied by the roar of a dragon.

The killing intent surrounding Kai began to fade, and the evil energy wrapped around him slowly dispersed.

Seeing this change, Fengxian finally dared to approach.

Looking at Fengxian's cautious expression, Kai couldn't help but smile and said, "Senior, I'm truly sorry—I must have frightened you."

"Damn right, you did."

Realizing Kai was indeed fine, Fengxian let out a long sigh of relief. If Kai had been overcome by the evil spirit and attacked him, he wasn't sure he could have resisted.

"Senior, do you happen to know if there are other places in this purgatory field with even stronger evil spirits?"

Kai asked.

"No, absolutely not. I've been here for hundreds of years—there's definitely nothing worse than this."

Fengxian shook his head immediately.

Even if he did know, he wouldn't dare take Kai there. It was too dangerous. If Kai lost control, he'd be in serious trouble.

"Since that's the case, I need to refine the evil spirit inside me and absorb it completely. So I won't accompany you, Senior."

Kai took out the Demon Suppression Tower, planning to enter it for cultivation and fully absorb the evil spirit within his body.

Although he appeared fine now, it was only because he was forcefully suppressing it with his bloodline.

“What is that? Is it okay?” Fengxian asked curiously when he saw the tower.

“It’s just a small tower. Senior, would you like to come in and take a look?”

Kai offered.

“I can?” Fengxian’s curiosity deepened.

“Of course!” Kai replied, then brought Fengxian into the Demon Suppression Tower.

“There’s nothing in here. It’s empty. What’s so special about this place?”

Fengxian looked around, puzzled.

“Senior, just cultivate here for a while. When you come out, you’ll naturally understand what makes it special.”

After saying that, Kai sat cross-legged and ignored the Crazy Immortal.

Seeing this, the Crazy Immortal also sat down and began to cultivate.

In the blink of an eye, dozens of days passed.

Kai fully absorbed the evil spirits, and his strength rose to the peak of the ninth level of the Transformation Realm—just one step away from breaking through to the Scattered Immortal Realm.

“I wonder if my cultivation speed will remain this fast after reaching the Scattered Immortal Realm,” Kai said with some emotion.

“Your tower doesn’t even have any resources or immortal energy. What’s the point of cultivating in there?” the Crazy Immortal grumbled, seeing that Kai had finished.

Kai simply smiled without replying and took the Crazy Immortal out of the Demon Suppression Tower.

At that moment, Gadfly, who had been observing them, noticed that Kai and the Crazy Immortal had entered the Demon Suppression Tower—and then emerged again after only a few hours.

The Crazy Immortal, noticing nothing unusual, asked, “We just came out, and it still looks the same outside. What’s so special about this place?”

Kai smiled faintly and asked, “Senior, how long do you think we spent cultivating inside the tower?”

The Crazy Immortal frowned and replied, “It felt like dozens of days and nights, didn’t it?”

Kai nodded. “Yes, inside the tower we cultivated for dozens of days—but out here, only a few hours have passed.”

“What?” The Crazy Immortal was stunned. “You’re not joking? Is your tower a time-type artifact? Can it alter the flow of time?”

“One year outside equals a hundred years inside the tower,” Kai explained.

“Damn...” The Crazy Immortal was shocked. “You mean I’ve spent hundreds of years in this purgatory, but with your tower, that would’ve taken just a few years?”

“That’s right,” Kai confirmed.

“No wonder you’re so young, yet so powerful! With a treasure like that, others need to cultivate for years to make progress, while you get centuries of practice.”

“You’re seriously incredible...”

The Crazy Immortal stared at the Demon Suppression Tower in Kai’s hand, his eyes full of envy.

Chapter 4954

“Senior, if you ever need it, you’re welcome to enter the tower and cultivate anytime,” Kai said with a smile. “After all, we’ve known each other for a while, and you brought me to such a great place.”

Upon hearing this, Fengxian was immediately thrilled. He grabbed Kai’s hand and pulled him to kneel on the ground. “Heaven above, earth below, from this day forward, I and—wait, what’s your name again?”

“My name is Kai,” Kai replied, a bit confused.

“From this day forward, Kai and I are sworn brothers. We shall share both joy and hardship. We ask not to be born on the same day, month, and year—but to...”

“Senior, that’s enough, really...” Kai quickly pulled Fengxian back to his feet.

He was still very young and likely had a long life ahead. Fengxian, on the other hand, had already lived for countless years—Kai didn’t want to be bound to die on the same day as him!

“We’re brothers now—why are you still calling me ‘senior’? It sounds too distant,” Fengxian said.

“From now on, let’s just call each other brothers.”

Then, clasping his fists, Fengxian respectfully said to Kai, “Big Brother!”

“Huh?” Kai was stunned. “How did I become the elder brother?”

This Crazy Immortal was clearly much older than him. How could he be the big brother?

“When two people become sworn brothers, it’s not about age—it’s about strength,” Fengxian explained. “You’re stronger than me, so naturally, you’re the elder.”

“Big Brother, please accept my respects.”

With that, the Crazy Immortal knelt again before Kai.

Kai rushed forward to stop him. “Senior—no, no, you can’t do this...”

“If you don’t recognize me, I won’t get up,” the Crazy Immortal said solemnly from the ground.

“All right, all right, I recognize you! Now please get up,” Kai said helplessly.

“Big Brother!” the Crazy Immortal called out again.

“Little Brother, get up already!” Kai replied.

Kai had no choice but to call him “little brother.”

Only then did Feng Xian stand up happily. “Big Brother, if you ever need anything, just let me know. I still have some influence in Rhino City.”

“Even though I’ve been trapped in this purgatory for hundreds of years, everyone still knows the name Feng Xian.”

“Alright then, I’ll take my leave now,” Kai said with a nod.

Gadfly, who had been watching everything unfold through the bronze mirror, was deeply impressed by Feng Xian's adaptable behavior.

This guy had actually knelt down to Kai and called him big brother.

"Hmph, spineless fool," Gadfly muttered coldly. "Just to get your hands on someone's magic treasure, and you're willing to become their little brother."

Then, without hesitation, he shouted, "Prepare the teleportation array! I'm heading to the Purgatory Field to meet my big brother!"

After seeing Kai's Demon-Suppressing Tower, Gadfly no longer cared about winning Kai over—he simply wanted to be accepted as Kai's little brother.

Even spending a year or two inside that tower could mean gaining a century's worth of cultivation.

Meanwhile, Bai Yi, who had been waiting outside the Purgatory Field, was beginning to grow anxious.

He feared something might have happened to Kai inside. After all, Kai had only recently reached the Immortal Realm, and he had been inside for quite some time.

Just as Bai Yi's concern peaked, a flash of white light suddenly appeared near the entrance of the Purgatory Field.

Within the light, Gadfly emerged, accompanied by a dozen guards.

The staff guarding the Purgatory Field and the attendant sister quickly ran over and knelt before Gadfly.

"We didn't know the City Lord was coming. Please forgive us..." the staff sister said, her voice trembling.

It had been many years since the City Lord last visited. This place was far from the City Lord's mansion, and although there was a teleportation array, it required a great deal of resources—so Gadfly rarely came.

His sudden appearance today startled everyone, leaving them nervous and unsure of what had happened.

Even Bai Yi was surprised at the sight of Gadfly and couldn't understand why the City Lord had shown up so unexpectedly.

“Have the ones undergoing trial in the Purgatory come out yet?” Gadfly asked the staff.

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Bai Yi's heart tightened upon hearing what Gadfly said. He couldn't understand how the city lord knew someone was inside the Purgatory Field.

Did Kai make some noise inside that alerted the city lord, prompting him to come in person?

Bai Yi, standing not far away, trembled slightly. If Gadfly had really come to capture Kai, they wouldn't have the strength to resist at all.

“The trial participant hasn't come out yet,” the staff lady replied.

“Oh,” Gadfly nodded, then led his people to the side to rest.

He was waiting for Kai to appear. Bai Yi grew increasingly nervous, quietly moving closer to the entrance in hopes that Kai would come out quickly so they could slip away before Gadfly noticed.

Just as Bai Yi was anxiously waiting, the figures of Kai and the Crazy Immortal appeared.

The two exited the Purgatory Field and flew straight toward the entrance.

Looking at the Sky Steps ahead, Kai thought bitterly that if he had to walk down from here, he might just collapse.

“My dear son-in-law...” Bai Yi called out, rushing forward to meet him.

“Father-in-law? Why didn’t you leave? You’re still here waiting for me?” Kai asked in surprise.

“I was worried something might happen to you, so I stayed,” Bai Yi said sincerely. Then, noticing Fengxian beside him, he asked, “And who is this fellow Taoist?”

“This is my younger brother, Fengxian,” Kai said casually.

“Fengxian?” Bai Yi was stunned. He looked at Fengxian in disbelief and asked, “Are you the Senior Fengxian who entered the Purgatory hundreds of years ago and never returned?”

Fengxian nodded. “Uncle, please don’t call me senior. Kai is my elder brother. Since you’re his father-in-law, I should call you uncle.”

“No, no, Senior Fengxian, you—”

“Father-in-law, if he wants to call you that, let him. Don’t object,” Kai interrupted, cutting Bai Yi off before he could finish.

Given the Crazy Immortal’s temper, if Bai Yi refused, he’d probably start kowtowing again right there.

“Alright!” Bai Yi nodded, then turned to Kai. “My dear son-in-law, let’s go quickly and not linger here.”

“Father-in-law, did something happen?” Kai asked, surprised.

Why was he urging him to leave the moment he came out?

“Don’t ask, just come with me first,” Bai Yi said firmly, attempting to lead Kai away through a side path rather than the main entrance.

But just as they were about to leave, the staff lady spotted them.

“Hey! What are you doing? Why are you sneaking out instead of using the main gate?”

“Did you steal something? Come over here and let me check!” she shouted.

Seeing this, Bai Yi frowned. Now they were in trouble—sneaking away unnoticed wouldn’t work anymore.

However, since Gadfly hadn’t come over yet, Bai Yi quickly stepped forward and said, “Miss, we didn’t steal anything. There’s just an urgent matter at home, so we wanted to leave quickly.”

As he spoke, Bai Yi discreetly handed her a storage bag.

The staff lady’s eyes widened and she snapped, “What are you trying to do, bribe me? I’ll have you know I take my job seriously—I don’t accept bribes!”

“Step forward right now and let me inspect you. I’m sure you stole something!”

“Who are you accusing of stealing? What junk around here is even worth stealing?” Kai snapped back angrily.

Wasn’t she just a ticket-taker? Yet she acted like some big official—what a joke.

“Shut your filthy mouth! How dare you accuse my brother of stealing? Are you tired of living?” the Crazy Immortal shouted, stepping forward and pointing at the staff woman furiously.

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The staff woman wasn't afraid of confrontation. When she saw Fengxian, she immediately questioned him, "How did you get in? I don't remember you entering the Purgatory."

"Tell me, did you sneak in without buying a ticket?"

"Pay up now, or I'll have you arrested..."

When Fengxian entered the Purgatory, the staff woman hadn't started working yet, so she had no idea who he was.

"Damn it, since when have I ever needed to pay to enter the Purgatory? I've always gotten in for free," Fengxian said indignantly.

He had indeed entered without paying back then.

But the staff woman didn't know that and assumed he had snuck in.

"Don't try to bluff me. Even our city lord has to pay to enter the Purgatory. If you don't cough up the money now, don't blame me for being rough!"

She prepared to take action.

At the same time, the surrounding guards moved in, thinking Kai and his group were causing trouble.

Just as the tension was about to erupt into a fight, Gadfly and his men rushed over.

"Stop! Everyone stop!" Gadfly shouted as he ran toward them.

"City Lord, these people snuck in. When we asked them to pay, they tried to start a fight," the staff woman reported, pointing at the group.

"Out of the way..." Gadfly said, pushing her aside. Then he looked at Kai with a warm smile and said, "Brother, you're finally out. I brought people to welcome you!"

Kai looked at him, clearly confused. He didn't know this person—why was he suddenly calling him brother?

Bai Yi was also bewildered. The man in front of them was the city lord of Rhino City. Why was he calling Kai his brother?

Did he mistake him for someone else?

Crazy Immortal stepped forward and looked at Gadfly. “Old Niu, what's the meaning of this? Are you trying to steal my brotherhood?”

“Crazy Immortal, who's stealing anything from you? If you can recognize him as your brother, then so can I...” Gadfly replied with a grin.

After Gadfly finished speaking, he looked at Kai with a warm smile and said, “Brother, my name is Gadfly, and I'm the city lord of Rhino City...”

Upon hearing that this man was the city lord, Kai immediately showed respect. After all, without Niu Li's help, they wouldn't have been able to enter Rhino City in the first place.

The man in front of him was Niu Li and Niu Ben's father.

“So you're the city lord. My apologies...” Kai quickly greeted him politely.

“Brother, just call me Xiao Niu,” Gadfly said humbly. “I've prepared a banquet at the City Lord's Mansion. You've had a tough time in the purgatory trial—I hope you'll honor me by coming to rest and enjoy a meal.”

“Is that... appropriate?” Kai glanced at Bai Yi, unsure of what to do.

After all, Bai Yi was more familiar with this place and understood the city lord's personality. Kai didn't know Gadfly at all.

“Since the city lord has extended a sincere invitation, we should go,” Bai Yi said.

It was a rare opportunity to build rapport with the city lord—how could they turn it down?

“Alright, please lead the way,” Kai nodded.

Gadfly immediately led Kai and the others back to the City Lord’s Mansion.

Thanks to the teleportation array they used, they arrived instantly, leaving Kai in awe.

When he and Bai Yi came here earlier, they had flown for a long time.

They hadn’t expected there to be a teleportation array that could bring them here in the blink of an eye.

However, that array was located inside the City Lord’s Mansion—off-limits to ordinary people.

Gadfly warmly received Kai and the group. During the banquet, as he raised a toast, he asked, “Brother, I wonder if you’d allow me to enter your pagoda to cultivate when you have time?”

“How do you know I have a pagoda?” Kai was stunned.

He didn’t recall telling anyone about his Demon-Suppressing Pagoda. Only Bai Yi knew—and he certainly hadn’t mentioned Crazy Immortal to Gadfly.

“To be honest, after you entered the purgatory, I was able to observe you through a bronze mirror,” Gadfly explained sincerely.

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Kai was shocked when he heard this. Fortunately, he hadn’t revealed too much in the Purgatory Field—only the Demon Suppression Tower.

He had kept the God King Bow, Dragon Pattern Bell, Demon Whip, and other treasures hidden.

Not to mention the Fire Kirin and the Sky Devouring Beast. If all of those had been exposed, it would have caused a major stir.

“You can enter the tower to cultivate, but there are no resources inside. So, if you want to train there, you must bring enough resources with you,” Kai said.

Although one year outside equals a hundred years inside the tower, without a century’s worth of resources, staying inside that long would be pointless.

“Don’t worry about that, brother. The resources of my Rhino City are at your disposal. I’ll prepare everything myself,” Gadfly assured him.

As the city lord, Gadfly naturally had far greater resources than most.

“As long as you bring your own resources, it’s none of my concern,” Kai said indifferently.

“Thank you, brother. Let me toast you...”

Gadfly lifted his glass and downed the drink in one go.

Seeing this, Bai Yi turned to Gadfly and said, “City Lord, I have a request—may I speak?”

“Go ahead,” Gadfly replied.

Bai Yi explained the situation with the black market in Rhino City. He wanted to consolidate and take full control of it.

After hearing this, Gadfly nodded and agreed. “No problem. I’ll assign you another squad of soldiers. Anyone who doesn’t comply will be dealt with immediately.”

“Once it’s all under control, I’ll legalize the black market. You won’t have to sneak around anymore.”

“Thank you, City Lord...” Bai Yi quickly stood and raised his glass in gratitude.

“Uncle, you’re the elder brother’s father-in-law, and Old Cow here is the younger brother. He should call you uncle and toast you!” Crazy Immortal reminded him.

When Gadfly realized Bai Yi was actually Kai’s father-in-law, he immediately stood up and said, “Uncle, let me toast you! From now on, only you’ll have control over Rhino City’s black market!”

They had a lively and enjoyable drinking session, and Gadfly even invited Kai to stay at the City Lord’s Mansion.

After all, the conditions in the City Lord’s Mansion were far better than those outside.

That night, Gadfly brought a large number of resources and followed Kai into the Demon Suppression Tower.

Training in the Demon Suppression Tower for just one night was equivalent to cultivating for dozens of days—it was incredibly rewarding.

However, while Kai and Gadfly were cultivating inside the tower, a group of people gathered at the Tianbao Pavilion in Rhino City.

Dozens of gray-robed figures stood assembled, led by none other than the shopkeeper of Tianbao Pavilion.

In his hand, the shopkeeper held a token—the same one that Kai had pawned earlier.

“Tonight, we must succeed. With this token, entering the City Lord’s Mansion will be easy,” he declared.

“If we can capture the young lady and the prince of Rhino City, we’ll have enough leverage to force Gadfly to surrender.”

“If we succeed, we’ll be heroes. The city lord won’t forget our efforts. Rhino City has controlled the Purgatory Field for years and hoarded countless immortal coins.”

“Compared to them, our Feihu City is barely surviving. Everything rides on this one operation.”

The shopkeeper rallied the group with passion.

It turned out he was actually the leader of Feihu City’s spies—an undercover agent who had infiltrated Rhino City years ago and steadily risen to his current position.

No one would have suspected that the respected shopkeeper was a Feihu City spy.

That was why he had willingly paid 10,000 immortal coins for Kai’s token, and then sealed it with a formation to avoid detection by Niu Li.

“Kill, kill, kill...”

The eyes of the Feihu City spies burned with murderous intent.

For years, Rhino City and Feihu City had clashed repeatedly over resources.

The struggle wasn’t limited to conflicts between different tribes—even those within the same tribe fought among themselves. From ancient times to now, it had always been about利益—interest and gain. Even if one became an immortal, this reality wouldn’t change.

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Dozens of spies from Flying Tiger City changed into the armor of the War Soldier Team and marched in an orderly formation toward the City Lord's Mansion.

Due to Rhino City's increased patrols, the streets were filled with War Soldier Teams, so no one suspected this group's identity.

When they reached the gate of the City Lord's Mansion, they were stopped.

"Show your token," a guard said to the leader.

The leader, the shopkeeper of Tianbao Pavilion, smiled and handed over the token.

The guard inspected it. A flash of white light confirmed its authenticity—it was a genuine token, not a forgery.

Satisfied, the guard returned the token. "Go in."

The shopkeeper of Tianbao Pavilion then led the group into the City Lord's Mansion.

Once inside, he whispered, "Split into two groups. Avoid conflict if possible, and search for the residences of the City Lord's son and daughter."

Everyone nodded, then divided and began their search for Niu Li and Niu Ben.

Because the City Lord's Mansion was vast and unfamiliar to them, and they couldn't risk using spiritual sense to search—doing so could expose them—they had no choice but to search manually.

However, the Feihu City spies failed to notice that the blue bricks beneath their feet were faintly glowing with green light.

To prevent intrusions, City Lord Gadfly had spent a fortune setting up a protective formation throughout the mansion.

Although the spies carried legitimate tokens and wore official armor, their auras weren't registered in the formation. As a result, the formation began activating the moment they entered.

At that moment, Gadfly—cultivating inside the Demon Suppression Tower—suddenly opened his eyes and frowned deeply.

“What’s wrong?” Kai asked, noticing the change.

“An intruder has entered the City Lord’s Mansion. I need to check it out.”

Without delay, Gadfly stood up and exited the Demon Suppression Tower.

Seeing this, Kai also followed him out, and the two made their way into the courtyard.

It didn't take long before they spotted a suspicious group of soldiers moving within the City Lord's Mansion. “There has never been a War Soldier Team patrolling the mansion at night...”

Gadfly said quietly.

“It’s very likely this team is an imposter,” Kai replied.

Gadfly nodded, then pulled a dark stone from his robe. Strange, cryptic symbols were etched across its surface.

As he channeled immortal power into the stone, beams of white light shot out from various points around the City Lord's Mansion.

The lights linked together, forming a barrier that enveloped the entire estate.

“This is bad—we’ve been discovered! Retreat immediately!”

The shopkeeper of Tianbao Pavilion hadn't expected their presence to be noticed so quickly after entering the mansion.

At the same time, shrill alarms echoed throughout the City Lord's Mansion, and countless guards poured out to respond.

Bai Yi and Fengxian also rushed out, visibly anxious.

"What's going on?" they asked.

"It's fine," Gadfly reassured them. "Someone broke in—likely spies from Feihu City. It'll be dealt with shortly."

"Damn it! Why won't Feihu City stop? Must they really force a fight to the death?"

Bai Yi said angrily.

"Does Rhino City have a feud with Feihu City?"

Kai asked, noting from Bai Yi's words that this kind of incident seemed all too common.

"There's no deep grudge," Bai Yi replied, "but Feihu City is resource-poor and frequently crosses into our territory to fight over what we have."

"And they've always coveted the Purgatory Field. They want to seize it for themselves, which causes constant friction."

"We're only a few thousand miles apart. Rhino City and Feihu City are the closest neighboring cities—it's only natural for conflicts to break out."

Gadfly, calm and composed, saw things clearly. To him, disputes over resources were inevitable.

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“I think they’re after the treasure land—Rhino City has occupied it, and Flying Tiger City refuses to accept that,”

Bai Yi said.

“Treasure land?” Kai was stunned, his face full of confusion.

“Brother, I’ll explain later. Let’s deal with these intruders first,”

Gadfly replied. As he finished speaking, his figure flickered and he charged straight at the Western Region spies.

Seeing this, Kai called out to Bai Yi and Fengxian, “Let’s go too—we can’t just eat and drink for free!”

With that, Kai unsheathed the Dragon Slaying Sword and rushed forward!

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Kai slashed three times in quick succession!

Each strike hit its mark—three Western Region spies fell, their lives ended in an instant.

These spies had been wearing specialized armor forged by the War Corps—armor that was not only incredibly tough but also infused with turtle blood to enhance its resilience.

Yet Kai’s strikes pierced right through, killing them outright, leaving the remaining spies in shock.

Already outnumbered and now facing a powerhouse like Kai, their morale crumbled instantly.

“Courting death...”

Seeing this, the shopkeeper of Tianbao Pavilion roared and slashed at Kai with a blade.

A blood-red long knife shot into the sky, crashing down with a suffocating aura of death.

Kai, unfazed, raised the Dragon Slaying Sword to meet the attack.

“You dare lay a hand on my big brother?”

Fengxian shouted in rage. His figure darted forward, placing himself between Kai and the oncoming strike. With both palms, he struck out.

Twin red flames surged from Fengxian’s hands, colliding violently with the blood-red long knife.

In a thunderous explosion, the long knife shattered into countless fragments, and the shopkeeper of Tianbao Pavilion was sent flying like a broken kite, crashing into a pillar.

His helmet was knocked off, and he spat a mouthful of blood, staining the chest of his battle armor bright red.

“H-How is this possible...” The shopkeeper of Tianbao Pavilion stared at Fengxian in horror, his eyes filled with disbelief.

“Y-You... you’re Fengxian?”

He was stunned. Fengxian had been trapped in the Purgatory for hundreds of years—everyone assumed he was dead. Yet here he was, alive and standing before him.

What shocked him even more was that Fengxian had just called Kai “Big Brother.”

He didn’t know Kai’s full identity, but the token had come from him—clearly, Kai had a special connection to the City Lord’s Mansion. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have had that token.

“It’s you?”

Kai was also surprised upon recognizing the shopkeeper of Tianbao Pavilion.

At that moment, Gadfly approached and clearly saw the man’s face. His pupils shrank, and a wave of shock washed over him.

“It’s you—Li Tianbao!”

Gadfly’s voice trembled with anger and disappointment. “I trusted you enough to put Tianbao Pavilion in your hands... but you were a Feihu City spy all along!”

Li Tianbao struggled to his feet, wiping blood from the corner of his mouth as he sneered.

“Gadfly, don’t be so naïve. In a world where the strong devour the weak, who doesn’t want more resources? Your Rhino City took the treasure land and monopolized it—of course Feihu City won’t just stand by.”

“Shut up!”

Gadfly roared furiously as his aura erupted, surging with killing intent.

“None of you will leave here alive!”

As he spoke, his hand formed a series of gestures, activating the formation above the City Lord’s Mansion. The barrier lit up, and chains materialized from the void, shooting toward the remaining Feihu City spies.

Just as the fierce battle raged on, a sudden cry rang out from the distance.

“Let me go!”

Niu Ben appeared, being dragged out of a room by a Feihu City spy who held him hostage. The spy's hand gripped Niu Ben's throat—one wrong move, and his life would be forfeit.

“Father! Save me!”

Niu Ben cried out in fear.

Gadfly froze, a flicker of panic flashing in his eyes.

“If you dare harm my son, I swear I'll make you suffer a fate worse than death!”

His eyes burned with rage, and murderous intent surged through his entire being.

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Seeing this, Li Tianbao was overjoyed. Enduring the pain, he struggled to walk toward the spy holding Niu Ben hostage.

“Gadfly, you didn't expect this, did you? Heaven always leaves a way out.” Li Tianbao sneered coldly. “Step aside and let us go, or your son will die.”

Gadfly's expression shifted uncertainly as he met his son's terrified gaze.

As a city lord, he couldn't allow Feihu City's spies to escape so easily—but that was his son. How could he watch him fall into danger?

“Don't act impulsively.”

Kai stepped forward and whispered, “Let them leave for now. We'll make a long-term plan.”

Gadfly gritted his teeth, then slowly deactivated the formation.

“You can leave. But know this—what Feihu City did today, Rhino City will remember. We will settle this debt!”

Li Tianbao grinned smugly and motioned for his men to retreat slowly.

“Gadfly, until next time. I hope you’re still standing strong when we meet again.”

As the spies from Feihu City disappeared into the distance, Gadfly clenched his fists tightly. His nails dug into his palms, drawing blood that dripped to the ground.

“Father!” Niu Li rushed out of the room. When she saw her brother being taken hostage, tears filled her eyes. “I must save my brother!”

“Don’t worry. I’ll bring Ben’er back.” Gadfly’s eyes burned with resolve. “Feihu City dares act so arrogantly on my territory? They’ll pay a heavy price!”

After speaking, Gadfly turned to the City Lord’s Mansion guards and shouted, “Who was on gate duty today? How did these people get inside?”

Access to the City Lord’s Mansion required a verified token. Yet so many Feihu City spies had entered undetected. The guards had failed to stop them, leaving Gadfly deeply troubled.

He now suspected a mole within the mansion. If even the trusted shopkeeper of Tianbao Pavilion turned out to be a Feihu City spy, then who could he truly trust? “City Lord, we were on duty today. These Flying Tiger City spies entered using tokens, and the tokens were verified as genuine, so we let them in,” a guard stepped forward and explained cautiously.

“How did they get the tokens?” Gadfly asked, confused.

At that moment, Kai seemed to recall something and spoke with slight embarrassment, “The tokens were probably the ones I pawned...”

He remembered pawning the tokens at Tianbao Pavilion.

“You?” Gadfly was stunned. “Brother, why do you have a token from our City Lord’s Mansion?”

Before Kai could respond, Niu Li suddenly recognized him and exclaimed in surprise, “Why is it you? Did you pawn my token?”

After hearing Kai’s words, Niu Li quickly pieced it together.

Kai nodded awkwardly. “I was short on immortal coins at the time and had no choice but to pawn the token at Tianbao Pavilion...”

Gadfly glanced back and forth between Niu Li and Kai, clearly puzzled about how his daughter had come to know Kai.

“No wonder I couldn’t trace the token’s location when I tried to find you!” Niu Li complained.

“I’m really sorry!” Kai apologized again, then explained to Gadfly how he had received the token.

After listening, Gadfly didn’t press the matter. After all, he didn’t dare say much to Kai—Kai was now his elder brother.

“Brother, you couldn’t have predicted this. It’s not your fault. I was the one who misjudged the wrong person. I never imagined Li Tianbao was actually a spy from Feihu City.”

Thinking about the shopkeeper of Tianbao Pavilion, Gadfly’s face darkened with rage. He looked as if he wanted to tear Li Tianbao apart.