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Chapter 4981

At that moment, Kai suddenly remembered everything.

No wonder the boy looked familiar—he bore a strong resemblance to Huo Zhao.

Back in the Land of No Return, Kai had fought against Huo Zhao. At the time, Huo Zhao wasn't in his original form but had been summoned.

Even so, Kai hadn't been a match for him. In the end, he only managed to defeat Huo Zhao with the help of the Red Cloud Demon Lord.

Now, this boy was very likely Huo Zhao's son.

The thought made Kai nervous. He had only just arrived in the Heavenly Realm—could he already be encountering someone from the temple?

He harbored a deep grudge against the temple. If they discovered he was here, they would undoubtedly stop at nothing to hunt him down.

Right now, Kai's priority was to leave Feihu City as quickly as possible and keep his identity hidden.

More importantly, he needed to grow stronger. Once his strength increased, he would no longer fear the temple's pursuit!

Another pressing matter was finding Su Yuqi and Ning Zhi.

They had also been guided to the Heavenly Realm by the Great Dao. If they were among the human race, that would be fine—but if they had ended up with the beast or demon races, things could become very complicated.

Unbeknownst to Kai, Su Yuqi and Ning Zhi's bloodlines had already transformed into that of the demon race.

And so, Kai and the others obediently followed behind Huo Shizi.

Looking at Huo Shizi's arrogant demeanor, Kai felt the urge to teach him a lesson, but he restrained himself.

Before long, Huo Shizi arrived at a lavishly decorated mansion. Stopping at the entrance, he waved his hand and said, "You can all go now—I'm going home!"

"Yes, sir!" the team of soldiers responded and came to a halt.

After Huo Shizi entered the mansion, a flash of white light soon erupted from within. As it shot into the sky, Huo Shizi's figure vanished.

Seeing the light, Kai frowned slightly. The guy actually had a teleportation array in his courtyard. It seemed he had just used it to teleport to that small city on the mountain.

If his guess was right, Huo Zhao was likely in that very town.

"Alright, everyone disperse," said one of the soldiers, waving his hand.

With that, the group disbanded.

These soldiers had been restless and impatient. Now that they were dismissed, they could finally remove their heavy armor and rest in comfort.

One by one, they began taking off their armor—but Kai and the other four kept theirs on.

"Brother, we've been dismissed. Why are you still wearing your armor? Don't you want to relax?"

The soldier who had spoken to Kai earlier came over and asked.

“Oh, I’m just worried that Master Huo might suddenly come back. If he calls us and we’re not ready, it could be a problem.”

Kai lied.

If they removed their armor, their identities would be exposed instantly.

“Master Huo won’t be back anytime soon. Didn’t you see him use the teleportation array to return home? This mansion is just a temporary stop. He won’t stay here.”

“You should take it off—wearing armor is so uncomfortable...”

Surprisingly, the soldier was quite friendly. He stepped forward and reached out to remove Kai’s helmet and armor.

“Brother, I think I’d better keep it on. I’m too ugly—I might scare you,” Kai quickly stopped him.

“How ugly could it be? You think you can scare me...?”

As he spoke, the soldier casually removed Kai’s helmet.

The moment the helmet came off, a terrifying and grotesque face was revealed, as if it had been severely burned.

“Damn—!” the soldier cried out in shock, dropping the helmet from his hand.

“I told you I might scare you, but you didn’t listen,” Kai said, quickly putting the helmet back on.

“That was horrifying... Were you burned by fire?” The soldier took a deep breath, his face still filled with fear.

But just then, a sharp, sudden voice rang out—and the soldier’s expression changed instantly.

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“A prisoner has escaped from the prison! It’s a female cultivator from the human race. All soldiers, prepare for battle immediately!”

An anxious voice echoed through the air.

“Damn it, are they trying to work us to death?” one soldier complained.

The soldiers who had already removed their armor hurried to put it back on and began running nervously throughout the city.

Kai and the other four used the chaos as cover to move around the city as well.

Originally, Kai had planned to visit the small mountain town, but after learning that the eighth master of the temple, Huo Zhao, was there, he decided not to provoke him. Now, his only option was to find another way out of Feihu City without drawing attention.

“Let’s use this chance to find somewhere to hide. This armor is way too stuffy,” Kai said.

“Alright, let’s find a hiding spot first,” Fengxian agreed.

The group found a secluded area and prepared to remove their heavy armor.

But just as they were about to do so, a sudden flash of sword light slashed toward them.

The unexpected attack startled all four of them.

As if anticipating danger, Kai instantly summoned the Dragon Slaying Sword, which blocked the incoming strike.

At that moment, they noticed a woman in black concealed nearby. She held a long sword and glared fiercely at them.

Judging by her aura, she was in the first-grade Immortal Realm and radiated the presence of the human race.

It was clear—this woman was the escaped prisoner.

After her initial attack was blocked, she launched another assault against them.

However, she didn't release her full strength, keeping her aura tightly controlled—likely to avoid drawing attention from others.

Seeing her hesitation, Kai smirked coldly, stepped forward, and didn't dodge. He let her blade strike directly against his armor.

The soldiers' armor was extremely durable, and Kai's body was exceptionally strong. Even if the armor broke, he had nothing to fear.

He closed the distance, grabbed the woman's wrist, and applied force. The long sword slipped from her grasp and clattered to the ground.

Subduing her was surprisingly easy. "You beasts... you'll die a miserable death!"

The woman struggled fiercely as she shouted.

"Keep screaming, and the four of us will take turns with you..."

Kai threatened coldly.

The woman froze, fear flickering in her eyes, and quickly fell silent.

Bai Yi's face turned red. "Xiansheng, don't joke like that. With our identities, how could we touch a woman?"

“Father-in-law, I was just trying to scare her. Why are you taking it so seriously?”

Kai shook his head, speechless.

It seemed like Bai Yi might’ve actually been tempted.

The woman looked confused as she heard them address each other as “Xiansheng” and “Father-in-law.”

At that moment, Kai removed his helmet, revealing his face. Then he channeled a surge of human spiritual energy into the woman’s body.

Sensing the human aura, her eyes widened with shock and disbelief.

“You... you’re...”

She stared at Kai, speechless for a moment.

“We’re not soldiers of Feihu City. We sneaked in too, and we’re trying to escape now.”

Kai explained calmly.

Hearing this, the woman visibly relaxed, and the hostility vanished from her face.

“Brother, we can’t even protect ourselves. Why bother getting involved with her?”

Fengxian muttered to Kai.

“Shut up. Are you the eldest brother, or am I?” Kai snapped coldly.

“You are! I’ll listen to you!” Fengxian replied quickly.

“Miss, who are you? How did you end up captured in Feihu City?”

Kai asked her seriously.

Judging by her strength as a Scattered Immortal, it was unlikely she had simply been guided here by the Great Dao.

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“My name is Aisha. I’m from the Cangxuan Continent. Feihu City plundered our land—besides stealing our resources, they also captured tens of thousands of our people as slaves.”

“I finally managed to escape from prison. Please, I beg you to help me. If you save me, my father will make sure you’re well rewarded.”

Aisha pleaded with Kai.

Kai hadn’t expected Aisha to be a princess.

“Don’t talk nonsense. The Cangxuan Continent is protected by natural barriers and countless formations. It’s remained untouched for generations. How could Feihu City possibly plunder it?”

Bai Yi interjected skeptically.

“Father-in-law, you know about the Cangxuan Continent?” Kai asked, intrigued.

“Of course. It’s the most prosperous and resource-rich region of the human race. Many powerful human experts reside there.”

“Forget Feihu City—once, even the King of Ten Thousand Beasts gathered forces from several beast cities to attack the Cangxuan Continent, but they all failed and returned empty-handed.”

Bai Yi explained as he walked with Kai.

Kai agreed that Bai Yi's reasoning made sense. He turned to Aisha with a puzzled look, waiting for her explanation.

"If it were just Feihu City, they could never have breached our defenses. But they had help—mysterious outsiders. These people were incredibly powerful. They destroyed both our natural barriers and protective formations. That's how Feihu City managed to invade."

Aisha explained.

After hearing that, Kai quickly understood. These "mysterious outsiders" had to be from the temple. Feihu City must have become one of the temple's pawns, which is why they were able to attack the Cangxuan Continent.

"Alright, enough talk. We need to get out of here first."

Kai knew this hiding spot wasn't secure and could be discovered at any time.

He put his helmet back on, and the group of four began escorting Aisha out of the area.

Wearing soldier armor, they wouldn't draw suspicion while moving her. But just as they approached the city gate, a squad of warriors suddenly blocked their path.

One of the captains stepped forward and said, "I didn't expect you to catch her. Hand her over to me—you can go take a rest."

"Captain, we're the ones who caught her. Why should we hand her over to you?"

Kai questioned firmly.

"You insolent fool! I'm the captain—how dare you talk back? Do you have a death wish?"

The captain snarled and stepped forward to kick Kai.

Swish!

But the moment the captain moved, a flash of cold light streaked through the air. Kai acted instantly—his Dragon Slaying Sword slashed through, and the captain's head flew high into the sky.

Seeing Kai strike, Fengxian, Bai Yi, and Aisha also sprang into action.

They had to eliminate the entire squad quickly to prevent anyone from raising the alarm.

Unfortunately, no matter how fast they were, one soldier managed to let out a piercing alarm before dying.

In an instant, soldiers from all over the city began to swarm toward Kai and his group.

“What do we do now?” Aisha asked anxiously.

“Follow me!”

Without hesitation, Kai led everyone toward Lord Huo's mansion.

Soldiers were everywhere now, and their only hope was the teleportation array inside the mansion. If they could reach the small town via teleportation, they might still escape.

They arrived at the mansion, finding it completely deserted—no guards in sight. In the center courtyard stood a circular formation, clearly the teleportation array.

Kai and the others quickly shed their armor. Now that they had been exposed, the armor was useless and only slowed them down.

“Brother, do you know how to use this teleportation array?”

Crazy Immortal asked, looking at Kai.

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After all, every teleportation array has its own activation method. Although Kai was skilled in array formations, he might not necessarily know how to activate someone else's teleportation array.

“Don't underestimate my son-in-law. He's good at everything,” Bai Yi said proudly to Fengxian.

“Get into the array quickly. I'll activate it now.”

“This thing is child's play to me...” Kai said confidently, without exaggeration.

Everyone stepped into the teleportation array. As Kai's fingers traced through the air, the formation lit up. With a flash of white light, their figures vanished instantly.

Moments later, when Kai and the others opened their eyes, they found themselves in a completely different courtyard.

The courtyard was surrounded by towering red stone walls, each over a hundred meters high.

Everything around them was eerily quiet—there wasn't a soul in sight.

But before they could react, the red walls around them began to shift slowly.

Then, one by one, soldiers emerged from behind the walls.

Huo Shizi walked forward with a cold, arrogant expression on his face.

“How dare you use the teleportation array to enter the palace without permission? Are you not afraid of death?”

As he said this, Huo Shizi suddenly narrowed his eyes. “Human race?”

He was staring at Aisha.

“Master, they’re probably just fugitives who stumbled into the teleportation array by accident and ended up here,” one of the soldier captains stepped forward and explained.

Huo Shizi’s face turned grim as he snorted coldly. “Useless fools. How could you let fugitives enter my estate?”

“Capture them and send them back immediately...” he ordered calmly.

Boom!

The surrounding soldiers moved at once, releasing a powerful aura that pressed down on Kai and the others.

These soldiers were clearly elites—far stronger than the ones stationed in the other cities. Their overwhelming presence could be felt through the intense spiritual pressure they exuded.

“Damn it, looks like we have no choice but to fight to the death...”

Seeing the situation, Fengxian released his aura, ready to begin a killing spree.

Bai Yi and Aisha also prepared for battle.

Niu Ben, still just a child, nervously hid behind Kai.

“Don’t worry...” Kai said calmly, raising his palm as a ripple spread across the space.

In an instant, all the soldiers in the area froze.

It was as if time itself had stopped.

Seeing this, Huo Shizi's eyes widened in disbelief.

Hundreds of soldiers were suspended mid-air, frozen in odd positions. Huo Shizi turned to flee, but the ripple reached him as well.

His body became completely immobile—locked in place along with the frozen space.

Even when he summoned all his strength and released his full immortal power, he couldn't move an inch.

At that moment, Kai's face darkened slightly, and a faint glow pulsed from his palm.

"Time magic?" Fengxian's eyes widened. "Brother, you can actually control time magic? That's incredible!"

But Kai ignored him and said, "Get ready—we're leaving."

Using time magic consumed a significant amount of temporal essence, and Kai couldn't maintain it for long.

Escaping through brute force would be nearly impossible, especially with so many members of the Eight Palaces likely present in the city.

With a flash of white light, Kai and the others vanished through the teleportation array.

The moment they disappeared, the space trembled violently, and all the frozen figures crashed to the ground.

Huo Shizi's body jolted, and he nearly lost his balance.

"This guy actually knows time magic. We have to capture him—pursue them!" Huo Shizi shouted as he led several men into the teleportation array.

Because the array was too small to transport a large number of soldiers at once, it was impossible to send everyone through.

Huo Shizi took only a few elite soldiers and chased after Kai through the teleportation array.

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Kai and his group returned to the city.

By now, the city was in complete chaos, with a large number of soldiers running through the streets.

Kai frowned slightly. He knew they had to escape as soon as possible. Master Huo was surely chasing them through the teleportation array by now.

But with so many soldiers present, escaping the city wouldn't be easy.

“Niu Ben, do you have a way to contact your father?”

Kai hoped to reach the Gadfly and have him send troops to attack Feihu City.

If Gadfly led an army to assault the city, the local soldiers would likely be redeployed, reducing the pressure on Kai and his companions.

However, when Kai first arrived, he had forgotten to bring a sound transmission jade slip. Now, he had no way to reach Gadfly.

“I can contact my father,” Niu Ben said, pulling a token from his robe. It was identical to the one Niu Li had once given Kai.

After Niu Ben dripped a drop of blood onto the token, he quickly established contact with the Gadfly.

Kai wasted no time and directly explained the situation.

Gadfly promptly mobilized an army of over 100,000 soldiers and marched toward Feihu City with great force.

“In a short time, the troops probably won’t be withdrawn. Where can the five of us hide?” Bai Yi asked Kai.

Kai, unfamiliar with the city, didn’t know where they could seek refuge.

“I know a place—follow me. The people imprisoned there are all human cultivators. If we rescue them, we might stand a better chance of breaking out together,” Aisha said.

“You just want us to save your people,” Crazy Immortal rolled his eyes. “We’re not stupid. That place must be heavily guarded.”

“There really aren’t many guards!” Aisha said anxiously.

She genuinely hoped Kai and the others would help her rescue her people—not just for their sake, but because a larger group would have a better shot at escaping.

“You lead the way,” Kai said. Kai asked Aisha to lead the way.

Aisha nodded and guided Kai and his team through the city.

She was clearly much more familiar with the city’s layout than the others.

Several times, they were nearly discovered by patrolling soldiers, but Aisha managed to skillfully avoid them each time.

Before long, they arrived at a massive city wall—like a fortress within the city. The towering stone walls were stained blood red.

“All the human cultivators are imprisoned here,” Aisha said, pointing to the wall. “With many guards out searching for us, this place is probably less guarded now.”

“They’d never expect us to come back here instead of escaping, so we can catch them off guard.”

“Alright, we’ll do it your way,” Kai nodded. “Let’s put on our armor and go in first.”

Kai and his team donned their armor once again and brought Aisha to the city wall.

As they reached the entrance, an old man stepped forward and blocked their path.

“This is a prison. No one is allowed inside without a military order,” the old man said coldly.

“We’re here to escort this fugitive. She escaped from prison and we caught her,” Kai said, stepping forward and pointing at Aisha.

The moment the old man saw her, his eyes flared with anger.

“Damn it! I got scolded for letting you escape,” he growled, stepping forward and striking Aisha across the face.

The slap made her mouth and nose bleed, but she endured it and glared at him in silence.

“Good work, brothers,” the old man said, then waved his hand.

The massive city gate slowly creaked open.

Kai followed the old man inside, taking Aisha with him.

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Just as everyone entered, the old man said to Kai and the others, “Leave the people here. You may go.”

In response, Kai suddenly launched an attack.

The dragon-slaying sword in his hand emitted a sharp hum before slashing fiercely at the old man!

The old man's pupils contracted. He spun around and casually threw a punch!

Boom!

The powerful punch halted Kai's sword mid-strike, but the impact sent the old man flying back dozens of meters!

"Who are you?" he demanded, staring at Kai and the others with a bewildered expression.

Kai glanced at Aisha, her mouth smeared with blood. He removed his armor, snorted at the old man, and said, "You're rough with women—heartless and cruel. Let me tell you, I can't stand people who hit women."

"Hmph! Since you've come here, don't blame me for being ruthless," the old man growled, then suddenly thrust both hands forward.

Boom!

The air around them trembled as countless oppressive auras surged toward Kai and the others!

Fengxian and Bai Yi exchanged a look, then struck out at once!

Boom!

The oppressive aura shattered instantly, and the old man was forced back again.

His expression shifted. He was clearly preparing to flee.

But Kai vanished in an instant—only to reappear above the old man's head!

He couldn't allow him to escape.

Kai brought his sword down toward the old man's skull.

The old man's face twisted in shock as he instinctively backed away, trying to dodge the blow.

But no matter how he moved, he remained engulfed in the sword's glow!

Swish...

Sword light rained down like a storm.

"Ahh!" the old man roared in fury as a powerful burst of energy exploded from him, shattering the barrage of sword strikes.

At that moment, Kai vanished once more from above him.

The old man scanned his surroundings—and when he finally located Kai, the dragon-slaying sword was already pressed against his neck.

"I am an elder of Feihu City. If you kill me, none of you will escape," the old man threatened Kai.

"I have no intention of escaping. Take us inside," Kai replied coldly, keeping the old man under control.

Although Kai and his group had already passed through the prison gate, they still needed the old man to guide them to the innermost section.

With no choice under Kai's control, the old man led them deeper into the prison.

After passing through three gates in succession, a strong stench of blood assaulted their senses.

Kai and his companions all frowned, while Aisha's face showed deep concern.

The overwhelming smell of blood meant that many lives had been lost.

As they passed through another door, they were stunned by the horrific scene before them.

The floor was littered with corpses scattered in every direction, and rivers of blood flowed freely.

The dead included the elderly, the weak, women, and even children.

The smell of blood was suffocating, making it hard to breathe.

Aisha's eyes blazed with fury as she screamed at the old man, "Why? Why did you kill them?"

"Blame yourselves. Who told you to escape? For every one that escapes, ten thousand will die in punishment," the old man replied shamelessly.

Aisha trembled with rage, her emotions barely under control.

"Good and evil always come full circle. One day, this slaughter will be repaid," Kai said coldly, then swung the Dragon-Slaying Sword in his hand.

The old man's head was sliced off cleanly and flung into the distance.

From deep within the sky prison, the sound of screaming still echoed—proof the massacre was ongoing.

"Please... please save my people..." Aisha fell to her knees before Kai and the others.

Kai remained silent, but the murderous glint in his eyes made it clear—he could no longer stand by.

“Who are you?” A soldier in armor suddenly spotted them and charged forward!

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Swish!

Kai swung the Dragon-Slaying Sword in his hand!

The soldier’s head flew off in an instant.

As it rolled to the feet of Kai and his group, the soldier’s eyes remained wide open, his face frozen in disbelief—he hadn’t even realized how he died.

Aisha looked at Kai in shock. She hadn’t expected someone like him—a first-grade scattered fairy—to possess such immense power.

“Today, let’s kill to our hearts’ content!” Kai stared at the Dragon-Slaying Sword as he spoke.

Fengxian and Bai Yi nodded in agreement.

The deaths of the innocent—the elderly, weak, women, and children—had ignited their fury.

Although the three tribes often clashed over resources, such battles were always between armies. Never had there been such wanton slaughter.

This wasn’t war. It was a massacre.

It was genocide.

Kai and his men advanced, while Aisha stayed behind to protect Niu Ben.

“Who are you?” another soldier barked, appearing suddenly with a spear—on which the body of a child was impaled.

The moment he spoke, Kai vanished.

Swish!

A flash of sword light shot into the sky, and before the soldier could react, Kai's blade had already severed his head.

More soldiers appeared soon after, their weapons still dripping with blood.

“Kill!” Fengxian and Bai Yi roared as they charged.

With murderous intent sweeping out like a tidal wave, they beheaded the soldiers on the spot.

Now, killing was their only release—perhaps the only way to vent their seething rage.

Aisha's eyes sparkled with both awe and astonishment.

She hadn't realized that Fengxian and Bai Yi were so powerful.

With their strength, they might just be able to save some of her people and break free from Feihu City.

Rumble...

At that moment, the ground began to shake, and a powerful pressure surged toward them! Hundreds of soldiers advanced toward them in unison!

These warriors were powerful, their bloodshot eyes revealing their frenzied state—clearly driven mad by slaughter and intoxicated by killing.

Now, their eyes saw nothing but death.

Kai gripped the Dragon-Slaying Sword tightly, flames igniting along its blade. He intended to burn these beasts alive.

Fengxian and Bai Yi also clutched their weapons, radiating a deadly aura.

Even after spotting Kai and his group, the soldiers didn't hesitate—they continued marching forward as one.

The combined aura of hundreds of soldiers pressed in, creating a suffocating atmosphere that weighed heavily on Kai and the others.

Suddenly, Kai stepped forward.

He slashed with the Dragon-Slaying Sword, unleashing a surge of fiery sword energy that swept forward like a wave.

In an instant, all of Tianlao was engulfed in flames.

Staring at the inferno before them, the soldiers finally halted.

The sea of fire in the sky surged forward, bearing down on them.

The terrifying pressure from earlier had completely vanished under Kai's blade.

Soon, a captain stepped forward, confusion flickering in his eyes.

"You're also a beastman. Why are you trying to save these humans?" the captain asked.

"There's no need for useless talk. I don't speak to the dead," Kai replied coldly, then turned into a streak of light and charged forward!

As he flew ahead, his sword unleashed waves of fire-infused energy that rained down upon the soldiers.

"Kill!" the captain roared, refusing to retreat.

With that, the hundreds of soldiers surged forward to meet Kai.

Seeing this, Fengxian and Bai Yi joined the fray without hesitation.

Aisha wanted to rush in as well and kill the soldiers to avenge her people.

But she had to stay back and protect Niu Ben, so she could only retreat with him, searching for a safer place to hide.

She didn't know if Kai and the others could truly handle so many war soldiers.

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Kai charged into the group of a hundred soldiers!

Among them, over 30 were at the Scattered Immortal Realm, while the rest were all at or above the eighth level of the Transformed Immortal Realm.

It had to be said—the soldiers from Tianlao of Feihu City were truly formidable!

Working together, they instantly doubled the pressure on Kai.

If he faced them one-on-one, Kai could kill any of them within seconds.

But with hundreds of soldiers acting in unison, he found himself overwhelmed.

Otherwise, he wouldn't be running around with Fengxian and the others.

There were tens of thousands of soldiers in the city. Even if they stood still and let him attack freely, Kai might collapse from exhaustion before defeating them all.

As soon as the two sides clashed, Kai's figure burst backward in retreat.

At the same time, a long spear shot straight toward him.

Kai immediately swung his Dragon Slashing Sword forward in response.

Boom!

The spear shattered instantly under the sword's energy!

Simultaneously, he clenched his left fist and punched forward.

“Holy Light Fist...”

Boom!

A massive gust of fist wind erupted from Kai's punch, striking the front-line soldiers head-on!

Their armor shattered one after another. Blood spurted from their mouths as their internal organs were destroyed by the powerful blow—they all died on the spot.

But quickly, the soldiers behind advanced, thrusting their spears fiercely at Kai.

“Indestructible Golden Body...”

Golden light flared from Kai's body, covering him entirely in the radiant shield.

The dazzling light stunned the surrounding soldiers.

Spears stabbed into him one after another, but even the Indestructible Golden Body remained intact.

And even if it had broken, Kai's body was so strong it would've been impossible to injure him!

He withstood the stabbing of several spears and, with a swift motion, swung the Dragon Slaying Sword.

Puff puff puff...

With a single swing of his sword, the heads of the soldiers who had stabbed Kai were severed, and blood gushed out like a fountain.

Yet the soldiers remained fearless, continuing to charge at Kai without hesitation.

Kai no longer retreated. His eyes burned with murderous intent as he wielded the Dragon Slaying Sword, cutting down the soldiers one after another.

At this moment, only one thought filled Kai's mind—kill!

Fengxian and Bai Yi flanked him on both sides, guarding his wings and slaying enemies of their own.

The three fought in perfect sync, killing as one.

The more Kai and his companions killed, the more exhilarated they became—and strangely, the more frenzied the soldiers grew as well.

Both sides were now caught in a violent, frenzied slaughter.

Though facing a hundred soldiers alone would have been difficult for Kai, with Fengxian and Bai Yi beside him, the pressure eased significantly.

Together, the trio quickly cut down nearly half of the enemy force. The more they killed, the braver they became—while the surviving soldiers grew increasingly terrified.

“Don't just stand there—go release your people!” Kai shouted at Aisha as he fought.

Aisha instructed Niu Ben to stay put, then dashed into the prison to begin rescuing her people.

One of the enemy captains saw this and realized that if things continued like this, they'd all die here.

Especially if the human prisoners were freed—then there would truly be no escape.

“Retreat! Get out of the prison—now!” the captain shouted loudly.

He no longer wanted to clash with Kai and the others. If they could just escape the prison, the tens of thousands of soldiers stationed outside would be their backup.

Even if Kai and his group couldn't flee the city, there was no need to die here.

Without hesitation, the captain turned and fled with the remaining soldiers.

Kai and Fengxian saw this and leapt forward, chasing after the fleeing enemies.

Kai wasn't about to let them get away.

Those who kill must pay with their lives. Those who owe must repay their debt.

These soldiers had slaughtered too many innocent people—how could they be allowed to escape so easily?

Seeing Kai and the others pursuing relentlessly, the battle captain gritted his teeth and shouted, “Move faster—get out of this prison!”

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After that command, the remaining soldiers all charged out of the prison.

Kai and his two companions kept up the pursuit, relentlessly cutting down soldiers every minute.

Kai moved with incredible speed, and his Dragon Slashing Sword was even faster.

Blades of sword energy followed him like shadows, continuously slaying the fleeing enemies.

The soldiers neared the prison gate—if they managed to get outside, they could quickly alert the city's forces.

If that happened and the prison was surrounded, any hope of escape for Kai and his group would vanish.

“Don't even think about escaping...”

Kai flicked his fingertips, and a formation symbol materialized in the air before flashing brightly.

In the next instant, a barrier formation appeared at the prison gate. When the soldiers reached it, they were instantly knocked back by a powerful force.

Seeing this, the soldiers' expressions turned grim.

“You, break the formation by force! The rest of you, fight with me!” the captain shouted, still trying to coordinate a response.

He ordered a group to dismantle the formation while he led the others to block Kai and his allies.

They only needed to hold on until the barrier was broken.

Several soldiers began attacking the formation with brute force, while the captain stood his ground, facing Kai and his group with cold eyes.

“Why are you trying to kill us all? Even if you wipe us out, there are countless soldiers outside this prison—you still won’t escape,” the captain questioned sharply.

Kai replied coldly, “When you slaughtered those from the human race, did you ever stop to ask why you wanted to kill them all?”

As his words fell, Kai vanished in an instant. A flash of light followed—the Dragon Slaying Sword cut straight toward the captain.

With a savage expression, the captain roared, “Then let’s fight!”

The three figures surged forward and stormed the group of soldiers once more.

In less than the time it takes to burn a stick of incense, the sound of battle fell completely silent. Fengxian and Bai Yi sat on the ground, panting heavily. Both were completely exhausted.

Kai had also expended a great deal of energy, but he could still keep going.

He was seen rummaging through the fallen soldiers, collecting any storage bags or useful supplies he could find.

Over a hundred soldiers had been slain by Kai and his team.

But it had taken immense effort to defeat just that many.

The thought of facing tens of thousands of soldiers was something Kai didn’t even dare to entertain.

Fortunately, the Gadfly had led the troops of Rhino City in an assault on Feihu City.

He believed that most of the soldiers would have been redeployed by Jie Zhong to defend against that attack.

At that moment, Aisha appeared, and behind her followed thousands of human cultivators.

They all looked to be in their prime. It seemed the elderly, weak, women, and children had already been killed.

The remaining able-bodied were likely kept alive to be used as slaves.

Aisha stared at the fallen soldiers in disbelief and asked, “You killed all of them?”

Kai nodded. “Yes. Every last one of them.”

Fengxian glanced at the human cultivators and let out a cold snort. “Thousands of you were slaughtered by a little over a hundred soldiers, and not one of you resisted. It’s pathetic—truly pathetic.”

“Do you know why you human cultivators are seen as weak and always end up being bullied?”

“It’s because each of you only thinks of yourselves. No one is willing to stand up. That’s how a mere hundred soldiers butchered thousands of you.”

“Even if you’re just ordinary people, even if you can’t defeat them, you could at least spit in their faces and show some dignity.”

“The tragedy is that you humans are too clever—so clever that you outsmart yourselves.”

Fengxian’s words pierced deep into the hearts of the human cultivators like steel needles.

It was true—they had become numb. No one dared resist.

In this beast prison, resisting often meant death. Enduring offered at least a slim chance of survival.

That very mindset was what allowed just over a hundred soldiers to massacre so many human cultivators.

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Aisha felt ashamed after hearing the Crazy Immortal's words and quietly asked Kai, "What should we do next? Once we leave the prison, there will likely be many soldiers waiting for us."

"There probably aren't many soldiers outside right now. When the time comes, we'll hold them off—you take your people and leave," Kai replied.

"We can go together. There's strength in numbers," Aisha offered.

But Kai shook his head. "You'll only slow us down and be of no help."

Truthfully, when Kai saw the human cultivators, he was deeply disappointed.

So many people, still in the prime of life, yet completely numb and passive.

He was still seething with anger at the sight of the dead elders, women, and children.

But how could these people turn a blind eye to such tragedy?

They were their people—their own families...

"Thank you. If we manage to escape, and you ever come to Cangxuan Continent, I'll make sure you're well received," Aisha said gratefully.

"We'll see about that," Kai replied flatly.

Then he lifted the formation at the prison entrance and stepped outside.

Niu Ben followed closely behind, eyes full of admiration, never leaving Kai's side.

As Kai had predicted, the number of soldiers in the city had noticeably decreased. From afar, figures could be seen rushing toward the border between Feihu City and Rhino City.

Not long after leaving the prison, Kai and his group encountered a dozen armed soldiers nervously patrolling the streets.

Upon seeing Kai and the others, the soldiers froze.

For a moment, silence hung between the two sides.

The dozen soldiers looked at the large crowd of human cultivators behind Kai and began to tremble slightly.

"Did you find anything around here?"

"Nothing."

"Let's patrol a different street."

The soldiers mumbled among themselves, pretending not to notice Kai and his group, then quickly turned and walked away.

Kai was left speechless at the sight. "What's going on? Are those soldiers blind?" Fengxian asked in confusion.

"They're not blind—they're just afraid..." Kai smiled faintly, then turned to Aisha and said, "Let's go. As long as you remain united, there should be no issue leaving this city. No one will try to stop you."

"As for returning to the Cangxuan Continent, that will depend on your own luck. I can't help with that. I have to leave as well."

"See you again someday." Aisha nodded, then turned and left, leading thousands of human cultivators with her.

Figures began rising into the sky, and the large crowd took flight, soaring out of the city in a dark wave.

Sure enough, no soldiers stepped forward to stop them. It seemed the city was indeed nearly empty of troops.

“Let’s head out too...” Kai said.

But just as Kai and his companions were about to leave, the dozen soldiers from earlier suddenly turned back around.

Seeing this, Kai chuckled and said, “Didn’t you say you didn’t see anything? Why are you back?”

“Cut the nonsense—who are you?” one of the soldiers demanded.

“Oh? So now that you see there are only a few of us left, you’ve got your confidence back?” Kai replied with a calm expression.

“Hmph, so what? Hand over your life!” The soldier shouted, charging at Kai with his weapon raised.

Kai’s eyes flashed with disdain. He didn’t even draw his Dragon Slaying Sword—he simply raised his palm.

Puff!

The soldier was instantly crushed into pulp by Kai’s strike.

Seeing this, the other soldiers froze, their faces twisting with fear—then they turned and fled.

“Cowards...” Kai muttered coldly, then punched again.

The powerful strike hit its mark, and the fleeing soldiers were instantly knocked into the air. Their bodies exploded mid-flight, torn apart by the force of his blow.

Compared to the prison soldiers, these ones were clearly much weaker—in strength and in courage.

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Kai searched the fallen soldiers but found nothing valuable. It was clear they were weak and poorly equipped.

“Let’s go. We should leave while the chaos lasts!”

With that, Kai led Fengxian and the others toward the outskirts of the city.

But just as he leapt into the air to escape, a group of soldiers suddenly appeared and blocked their path.

“Finally, I’ve found you.”

Master Huo’s face was twisted with anger as he spoke through gritted teeth.

Seeing that it was only Master Huo with a handful of soldiers, Kai couldn’t help but chuckle.

“You came after us with just these few men?”

Kai said with a smirk.

“Don’t underestimate them. Even if it’s just me, taking you down would be effortless.”

“I don’t care who you are. Surrender now, or suffer.”

Master Huo scoffed coldly.

“Seriously, do all you so-called God Clan members love showing off this much? Will you die if you stop bragging for a second?”

Kai was clearly unimpressed.

He couldn't understand what was so special about this so-called God Clan and their claims of noble blood.

Yet every single one of them acted proud and arrogant.

Master Huo was momentarily stunned. He frowned and asked, "You know who I am?"

"I know more than that. Isn't your father Huo Zhao, the Eighth Palace Master of the Temple?"

"In fact, I defeated your father. So you? You're no threat at all."

Kai replied with a faint smile.

Master Huo was visibly shaken, staring at Kai in disbelief. He couldn't understand how Kai knew his father's identity.

After all, the Eighth Palace's control over Feihu City was a closely guarded secret.

To the outside world, it was always City Lord Jie Chong who appeared to be in charge.

So how did Kai suddenly know the truth? "Who are you? How do you know my father?"

"You're just a young cultivator who's barely stepped into the realm of scattered immortals. How could you possibly defeat my father?"

Master Huo was in complete disbelief.

"When I beat your father, I was only in the transformation realm. If it were now, I could make him kneel and beg for mercy with just one hand."

Kai stated confidently, without the slightest exaggeration.

What he said was true. He just didn't mention that it was the Red Cloud Demon Lord who had possessed him and defeated Huo Zhao.

“How dare you insult our hall master! You're courting death...”

One of the soldiers suddenly stepped forward, his aura bursting out as it surged toward Kai.

It was clear these soldiers weren't ordinary—they were disguised temple agents, not regular city troops. Their aura was completely different.

“How dare you speak to my big brother like that?!”

The Mad Fairy shouted in fury and struck with a palm.

The soldier was sent flying, his body exploding mid-air into a mess of flesh and blood.

After surviving centuries in purgatory, the Mad Fairy's strength far exceeded that of the Temple's common henchmen.

Master Huo's expression darkened instantly.

Recalling the time magic Kai had just used, a trace of fear crept into his heart.

Because of the teleportation array, he hadn't brought many men with him.

And now that most city troops had been deployed to the border, these few weren't likely to stand a chance against Kai.

“Boy, since you know I'm from the Temple, you still dare to oppose us? Are you really not afraid of death?”

Master Huo tried to intimidate Kai with the Temple's name.

“Hahaha...” Kai laughed. “Forget being a mere prince of the Eighth Palace—even your Palace Master isn’t safe from me.”

“I wiped out the Tenth Palace. Its master is now my subordinate. The Ninth Palace Master died the moment he showed up. Do you really think I’d be scared of a petty prince from the Eighth?”

Kai declared boldly.

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Upon hearing this, Master Huo’s eyes widened as he stared at Kai in disbelief. “You... you’re from the Heaven Realm?”

“Yes,” Kai nodded.

At that moment, Master Huo’s expression turned grim. He had likely heard something from his father, Huo Zhao.

“You can go. I’ll pretend I didn’t see anything.”

Master Huo put away his arrogance and unexpectedly chose to let Kai and the others leave.

“I suddenly don’t feel like leaving,” Kai said.

“What... what do you want to do?” Master Huo asked nervously.

“There are many cities within Feihu City. Even if I leave this one, I’ll still run into obstacles trying to get out of the region.”

“So I want you to escort us out of Feihu City,” Kai said.

“Hmph! Don’t even think about it...”

As soon as Master Huo finished speaking, he turned around and fled.

“Trying to run?” Kai sneered. He pointed with his right hand, and a golden beam shot straight at Master Huo.

It was the Immortal Finger. Now that Kai had reached the scattered immortal realm and his body brimmed with immortal energy, using the technique felt much smoother.

Master Huo let out a shriek as he fell from mid-air, crashing heavily to the ground.

“Damn it...” he cursed, gritting his teeth and trying desperately to fight back.

But to his shock, his body wouldn’t move—it felt completely bound.

What he didn’t realize was that Kai’s casual-looking finger strike was actually a fairy technique laced with powerful time laws.

Puff...

Because he was bound, Master Huo forcibly activated the fairy power in his body.

But the energy had nowhere to go. It backfired and exploded internally!

Master Huo’s face twisted in agony.

Blood spewed from his mouth, and his bodily functions went out of control. Feces and urine poured out as if he had lost all control of his body.

Wide-eyed and horrified, Master Huo stared at Kai in terror.

“It reeks like hell...” Kai muttered. Fengxian quickly covered his nose.

Even the soldiers accompanying Master Huo took two steps back.

The stench was unbearable.

At that moment, Master Huo felt utterly humiliated.

He was a member of the God Clan—the son of the Eighth Palace Master of the Temple.

“What are you all standing around for? Kill them!” Master Huo roared at the soldiers.

The soldiers exchanged glances, then gritted their teeth and charged at Kai and his group.

Kai didn’t even spare them a glance as he walked straight toward Master Huo.

Fengxian and Bai Yi leapt into action, intercepting the soldiers and engaging them in battle.

As Kai drew near, he looked down at Master Huo, who had completely lost his earlier arrogance. His face was now full of fear.

“It reeks. You might want to watch yourself.”

After Zhao Yu spoke, he lightly waved his hand, and Master Huo’s body shot into the air, then crashed into a nearby pond!

With a casual sweep of Kai’s hand, Huo Shizi flailed through the water like a puppet on strings.

When Kai finally pulled him out, the man looked like a drowned rat.

His sorry appearance was both pathetic and comical.

“Who dares act so brazenly?”

Just as Huo Shizi was about to lose all hope, a squad of soldiers suddenly rushed over.

More than ten of them came charging forward.

“Help! Save me!” Huo Shizi shouted desperately when he saw them.

The soldiers’ expressions changed the moment they recognized Huo Shizi. They immediately shouted at Kai, “How dare you! Let him go!”

Kai glanced at the group—none of them had even reached the scattered immortal realm. To him, they weren’t even worth considering.

“Take a good look. Do you really think they can save you?”

Kai sneered coldly, then suddenly launched a strike at the soldiers.

“Holy Light Fist...”

A massive golden fist imprint descended from the sky, engulfing the entire group.

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Boom!

With a thunderous roar, the fist crashed down and instantly obliterated the dozen soldiers below.

A hundred-meter-deep crater formed in the ground, with no trace of the soldiers’ bodies remaining.

It was as if they had been vaporized—completely unable to react.

The sheer power of the strike was astonishing.

Even Fengxian and Bai Yi, who had already finished off their opponents, couldn’t help but be amazed by the sight.

At that moment, Master Huo’s eyes were wide open, his gaze blank with shock.

In the face of overwhelming strength, the pride of the God Clan completely crumbled.

Kai hadn't even moved—he had simply thrown a punch.

More than a dozen soldiers had vanished without a trace.

Was this really something a cultivator who had just entered the scattered immortal realm could do?

“Impossible... how is this possible?” Master Huo muttered in disbelief. How could a first-stage scattered immortal like Kai possess such terrifying power?

“If you cooperate, I might spare your life. Otherwise, no one will be able to save you.”

“I kill whoever I want—even a saint from the Thirty-Sixth Heaven won't be an exception.”

Kai spoke with deliberate arrogance.

When it came to showing off, Kai was never afraid to outdo the so-called God Clan.

But just as he finished speaking, a loud thunderclap suddenly echoed through the sky.

Boom! Boom!

The thunder made Kai's heart tremble. A strange chill ran through his body.

“Damn, does bragging in the heavens actually attract lightning?”

Kai cursed inwardly.

“Brother, it’s fine to act cool, but don’t joke about the saints... they don’t play around,” the Mad Immortal warned urgently.

Kai looked embarrassed. He hadn’t expected the saints to be so petty.

It was just a bit of boasting!

“So, what do you say? Want to work with me and help us leave Feihu City?” Kai asked, his tone playful as he looked at Master Huo.

Pulled back to reality by the question, Master Huo stared at Kai as if he were seeing a real demon standing before him. Kai felt his heart racing—he had nearly scared himself.

At this point, Master Huo had completely lost the bearing of the Eighth Prince.

“I... I...” Master Huo stammered, then suddenly shouted into the sky, “Father, save me!”

Kai looked up, thinking Huo Zhao had arrived.

But there was nothing.

Taking advantage of the distraction, Master Huo turned to flee.

“Damn it! Calling your father won’t help!” Kai shouted, grabbing Master Huo before he could escape.

“Father! Father!” Master Huo cried out while struggling.

Pa! Pa! Pa! Kai raised his hands and slapped him hard across the face, alternating left and right.

He was determined to slap away the last shred of Master Huo’s pride.

Only then would Master Huo become truly obedient.

“If you don’t behave, I’ll cut out your tongue and see how long you can keep shouting,” Kai warned angrily.

Master Huo’s face turned bright red. If the man didn’t still have some use, Kai would have finished him off right then.

This time, Master Huo was truly terrified. He no longer dared to scream.

Fear gripped his heart, and any thoughts of escape vanished.

“No! No! I’ll do it—I’ll cooperate with you!” Master Huo pleaded frantically.

“That’s more like it. Be obedient and cooperative, and once we’re safely out of Feihu City, we’ll let you go.” Kai spoke soothingly, painting a hopeful picture for Master Huo.

But in truth, once they were safe, there was no way Kai would let this guy go.

He wasn’t about to let the tiger return to the mountain—he wasn’t a saint.

Since he was already a sworn enemy of the Temple, he couldn’t afford to show mercy.

When the time came, he’d strip Master Huo of everything and send him straight to the underworld.

But for now, he had to keep Master Huo calm and cooperative.

If the man suddenly risked everything in a desperate fight, things could get messy.

“I’m obedient—completely obedient!” Master Huo nodded again and again, trembling as he spoke.

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“Since you’re being obedient, then answer my questions. Otherwise, I have a hundred ways to kill you,” Kai said to Master Huo.

“O-Okay, okay! Ask me anything, I’ll tell you everything I know,” Master Huo replied, nodding frantically.

At this point, Master Huo was scared out of his mind and willing to do whatever Kai told him.

“If there’s a teleportation array in this city that leads to the small mountain town, then shouldn’t there be others that lead to different places?” Kai asked.

If he was planning to escape, he couldn’t rely on the path to the mountain town. Huo Zhao was likely still in the city, and everyone here seemed to be from the temple—far stronger than the soldiers in Flying Tiger City.

“I... I don’t know!” Master Huo said, shaking his head.

“Bullshit! How could you not know?” the Crazy Immortal shouted, stepping forward and punching Master Huo, who cried out in pain.

“I’m telling the truth! I really don’t know!” Master Huo trembled violently, veins bulging on his forehead as he screamed.

Fengxian landed several more punches in a row.

Seeing Master Huo coughing up blood and on the verge of collapse, Kai raised his hand. “Enough. It looks like he really doesn’t know.”

Fengxian stopped. Master Huo sobbed and said, “I swear I don’t know! My father never lets me wander. He only allowed me to teleport here. I don’t know anything about other teleportation arrays.”

“Useless,” Fengxian growled, glaring at him.

“My dear son-in-law,” Bai Yi said to Kai, “since he doesn’t know about any teleportation arrays, let’s just walk out of here wearing the soldiers’ armor. With Master Huo leading us, who would dare stop us?”

“That’s our best option. It might be slower, but it should work,” Kai agreed. Then, the group put on the soldiers’ armor again.

“Listen carefully,” Kai said to Master Huo. “You’re taking us out of here. Try anything funny, and you’ll face the consequences.”

Kai threatened Master Huo.

“I wouldn’t dare—absolutely not!” Master Huo shook his head repeatedly.

Soon, under Master Huo’s lead, Kai and his group successfully left the city. No one dared to stop them.

However, Kai had no intention of letting Master Huo go. Though they had exited the city, to truly leave the territory of Feihu City, they still needed Master Huo’s identity.

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A small mountain town.

After Huo Zhao arrived with the Eight Halls of the Temple, the entire town became occupied by temple members.

Huo Zhao was recuperating in a hidden chamber. His recent trip to the Heavenly World had left him badly injured.

“Palace Master, Rhino City suddenly launched an attack on Feihu City. It’s in complete chaos now,”

“The Master has been away from the temple for some time—we don’t know his current whereabouts.”

An elderly man in a coarse linen robe entered as he spoke.

Huo Zhao opened his eyes and looked at the old man. “Grand Elder, did Rhino City start the war because of the treasure land?”

“It appears so,” the elder replied. “Jie Zhong captured the son of the Gadfly, the lord of Rhino City, and tried to trade him for the treasure land.”

“But the Gadfly didn’t rescue his son. Instead, he launched an attack. That treasure land must be of great importance to Rhino City.”

“The treasure land hasn’t opened yet. Let them fight among themselves—there’s no need to rush.”

“Take some men and retrieve the prince. Stay out of the beasts’ conflict.”

Huo Zhao gave the order.

“Yes,” the elder nodded. Just as he turned to leave, Huo Zhao’s expression suddenly shifted. “Damn it... out of the city?”

“That fool! I told him not to leave the city—and he actually did it! Take more men, now! Bring the prince back at all costs!”

“Understood!” The elder vanished in a flash.

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At this moment, Kai and his group were escorting Master Huo and running at full speed.

They moved swiftly, no longer concerned about revealing their location, so they picked up the pace.

Just as they were about to pass through the next city, a figure suddenly dropped from the sky!

The figure descended with a powerful aura, radiating immense pressure.

Kai was momentarily confused. They were disguised in soldiers' armor, and Master Huo was with them—by all reasoning, no one in Feihu City should dare attack them.

But just as Kai unsheathed the Dragon Slaying Sword and prepared for battle, he suddenly laughed.

“Master Hu, what are you doing here?”

The figure who had fallen from the sky was none other than Hu Mazi.

Hearing Kai's voice, Hu Mazi stopped abruptly, looked at him, and said, “What are you doing? I almost mistook you for the enemy.”

“I wore this armor to throw off the Feihu City folks,” Kai explained, then asked curiously, “How did you manage to get here?”

After all, the place where Kai and his companions were was not the outskirts, but the core area of Feihu City.

Yet Hu Mazi, a human, had managed to arrive so easily.

“I came looking for you. I was worried something had happened,” Hu Mazi replied. Then he glanced at Huo Shizi and asked, “Who's this guy? Another human?”

“It's a long story. I'll explain when we get back,” Kai replied, intending to return with Hu Mazi.

But just as they were about to leave, the space in front of them suddenly distorted. A flash of white light burst forth, and an old man in a hemp robe appeared with a dozen monks from the Scattered Immortal Realm.

The old man was the Grand Elder of the Eighth Hall. The monks with him weren't wearing battle armor, but the distinctive robes of the temple.

"Grand Elder! Grand Elder!"

Seeing him, Master Huo immediately shouted.

Kai frowned, stepped forward, and slapped Master Huo to silence him.

The Grand Elder's expression turned fierce. He spoke coldly, "Who are you people? You dare lay a hand on the prince of our Eighth Hall?"

As he spoke, the dozen temple monks quickly surrounded Kai and his group.

Seeing this, Huo Shizi's arrogance returned.

"Hmph! Let me go now, or all of you will die without a proper burial," he sneered.

Pah!

"Let your mother go..."

Kai slapped him hard. "Look around. Even if there are more of them, you're still in my hands. I'm 100% sure I can turn you into a pile of meat before any of your people can act."

"You..." Huo Shizi was furious, but he didn't dare to act tough again—Kai wasn't bluffing.

"Boy, I don't care who you are. Let our prince go, and I won't kill you. I'll let you walk away," the elder said to Kai.

"Get lost. The words of you temple people are no different from farts—I don't trust them."

“If you don’t want your prince to die, then move aside,” Kai said as he pressed one hand against Huo Shizi’s head.

With just a bit of force, Huo Shizi’s skull would burst like a watermelon.

But the elder didn’t respond or back down, and the two sides entered a tense standoff.

Kai knew that since they were still in Feihu City, dragging this out would only work against them.

“Fengxian, Father-in-law, you two take Niu Ben and leave Feihu City immediately.”

“Master Hu and I will stay behind and stall these guys,” Kai ordered.

“Hell no—why do I have to stay? Can’t you do that yourself?”

“There are two women waiting for me in bed back home. I can’t die here,” Hu Mazi said, rolling his eyes.

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“Brother, I’ll stay with you,” Fengxian said.

“Go quickly. The most important thing now is protecting Niu Ben. Don’t forget why we’re here,” Kai replied, waving his hand.

Fengxian nodded, then followed Bai Yi and took Niu Ben to leave.

However, the people from the Eighth Palace didn’t move aside.

“Make way...”

Kai applied slight pressure, and Huo Shizi immediately screamed like a ghost. “Move... get out of the way...!”

Seeing this, the elder waved his hand.

Fengxian and Bai Yi soon took Niu Ben and departed. Once they were gone, Kai secretly breathed a sigh of relief.

Without Niu Ben to protect, he could now act freely. If he couldn't win, he could still run—Kai was very confident in his ability to escape.

Not to mention, he had Hu Mazi, once a master of the Sixth Heaven, by his side.

“Can we have our prince back now?” the elder asked.

“No,” Kai replied with a slight smile. “I plan to use your prince's life to exchange for some resources.”

Now that he finally had a trump card, Kai intended to make the most of it.

“Young man, you're playing with fire!” the elder said, his face darkening.

“Playing with fire? That's nothing—how about playing with your sister instead?” Hu Mazi stepped forward and mocked the elder.

The elder's gaze turned sharp, and a faint white light flickered in his eyes, instantly enveloping Hu Mazi.

“Master Hu, watch out!” Kai called out in alarm.

“It's fine—he can't touch me,” Hu Mazi said calmly, standing still.

The elder frowned, then suddenly took a step forward. The white light in his eyes turned to gold.

At that moment, the elder's face grew even paler.

As the golden light continued to envelop Hu Mazi, the elder's expression became increasingly strained.

“You... you’re actually someone reincarnated?” The elder stumbled back several steps, his voice trembling.

“Yes. If I weren’t, I wouldn’t even bother looking at someone like you,” Hu Mazi said coldly, a faint smirk on his lips.

Kai was a little surprised. He hadn’t expected the elder of the Eighth Hall to possess such ability—to recognize Hu Mazi’s reincarnated identity at a glance.

“You’re not bad. Now take a look at who I am,” Kai said as he removed his armor and stood before the elder.

The elder glanced at him, and golden light instantly flickered in his eyes. But after a moment, the golden hue shifted to purple.

Sweat formed on the elder’s forehead, and suddenly, with a thud, he collapsed to the ground.

Kai was puzzled. He hadn’t resisted at all and simply let the man look. Was that really necessary?

The elder slowly got back up, his eyes filled with confusion and doubt as he stared at Kai.

“Who... who are you?” the elder asked, still shaken.

“What the hell? You stared for so long and didn’t see anything?” Kai said, speechless.

“You have Xuan Qi shielding your body—I can’t see through it,” the elder replied, shaking his head. Then he pointed to Hu Mazi and added, “But your status is clearly far nobler than his.”

“What the hell kind of talk is that? So I’m just cheap now?” Hu Mazi was furious.

He looked ready to fight. Being told he wasn't noble? Hu Mazi couldn't let that slide!

"Master Hu, calm down. Don't let others' words get to you," Kai quickly stepped in to mediate.

"I'm not angry! This guy just can't see a damn thing," Hu Mazi said coolly—but even as he claimed he wasn't mad, he threw a punch at the elder.

Unexpectedly, the elder kept retreating, making no move to fight back.

Suddenly, he waved to his dozen subordinates and ordered, "Retreat... we're leaving."

"Elder? Elder...?" Master Huo was stunned. Why were they retreating without even rescuing him?

Right now, there were only Kai and Hu Mazi left, while they had the numbers. If they fought, they could easily win.

Why was the elder running away after just a couple of glances?

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The great elder seemed to ignore everything and fled with his people, leaving even the prince behind!

"You still want to run? No way!"

Hu Mazi shouted, trying to stop the great elder and his group.

"Master Hu, don't chase a desperate enemy. Let them go."

Kai grabbed Hu Mazi.

Kai simply wanted to leave Feihu City as soon as possible. He didn't want to provoke the temple for now. His foothold in the heavens was still unstable—drawing the attention of everyone from the temple would only cause trouble.

“Then should I kill this kid?” Hu Mazi asked, glancing at Huo Shizi.

“Don't kill me, don't kill me...”

Huo Shizi pleaded desperately for his life.

“I can't kill him. I need his life to trade for resources.”

Kai intended to use Huo Shizi as a bargaining chip with the Lord of the Eighth Palace.

“How boring. I came here for nothing and didn't even get to stretch my muscles,” Hu Mazi complained.

“We'll head to the border—you'll get your chance to move around there.”

Kai smiled faintly.

He knew the border was bound to be unstable now, with the armies of Rhino City and Flying Tiger City facing off.

At that moment, tens of thousands of troops stood in confrontation along the vast border stretching thousands of miles between Rhino City and Flying Tiger City.

The Gadfly hovered in midair, eyes cold, with eight guardians standing behind him.

“All those in Flying Tiger City who surrender will be spared!”

“Those who surrender will be spared! Those who surrender will be spared!”

The eight guardians echoed his call with all their strength.

Their cries thundered across the sky, loud enough for everyone to hear.

Just then, Jie Zhong of Flying Tiger City rose slowly into the air. Behind him were thirty-six monks clad in black armor, each wielding a heavy sword.

These were Jie Zhong's personal guards, and they exuded a powerful aura.

"Gadfly, you dare lead troops to provoke me—aren't you afraid I'll kill your son?"

Xie Zhong glared at Gadfly.

"Hahaha! If you've got the guts, go ahead and kill him. But I'm afraid you can't even find my son now, can you? Let me tell you—he was taken out long ago."

Gadfly laughed heartily.

"Impossible! They couldn't have escaped my Feihu City."

Xie Zhong didn't believe it.

He had already ordered strict security at every checkpoint. There was no way Kai and his group could have easily escaped to Rhino City with Niu Ben.

"Believe it or not." Gadfly snorted coldly. "You sent spies to capture my son, and today I must restore my dignity."

"Then stop talking and fight!"

Xie Zhong snapped.

As soon as he spoke, the thirty-six black-armored monks behind him swooped down. They were all second-grade cultivators in the scattered fairy realm.

As they descended, their momentum resembled a thousand-man army, casting a powerful pressure over the battlefield.

Seeing this, Gadfly shouted, “Eight Dharma Protectors—go!”

The moment his voice fell, the eight Dharma Protectors behind him surged forward, charging directly at the black-armored monks.

Though Gadfly had only eight Dharma Protectors facing thirty-six monks from Feihu City, their momentum did not fall short.

Xie Zhong appeared calm and confident, while Gadfly wore a faint trace of worry.

He wasn’t sure whether his eight Dharma Protectors could defeat the opposing thirty-six.

Feihu City wasn’t very strong before, but lately, it had grown rapidly, plundering resources from everywhere—even capturing slaves and materials from the Cangxuan Continent.

Sure enough, as the battle began, the eight Dharma Protectors from Rhino City quickly fell into a disadvantage.

Though they were strong, they were still a step behind compared to the thirty-six black-armored monks of Feihu City.

The gap in numbers made a clear difference.

Seeing this, Gadfly’s expression turned even grimmer.

“How about we settle this ourselves?”

Xie Zhong said with a smug smile.

“Let’s give it a try!”

Although Gadfly didn’t want to fight, he had no choice but to stall Xie Zhong and buy time for Kai and the others to escape.

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Soon, Gadfly and Jie Zhong clashed head-on!

At the same moment, Jie Zhong shouted, “Attack!”

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Tens of thousands of Feihu City soldiers surged forward.

“Kill them all!”

Seeing this, Gadfly realized it was a fight to the death. He roared in defiance.

Tens of thousands of Rhino City soldiers also charged forth in a massive wave.

The two forces instantly collided in a brutal melee.

Strong winds swept up sand and gravel across the thousands of miles of border, making the already dim sky even more chaotic.

The setting sun, shrouded in gunpowder smoke, turned a strange dark purple—like a bleeding, one-eyed orb weakly overlooking this earthly purgatory.

Withered yellow weeds had long been trampled into mud beneath iron hooves, mixing with dark red blood to form twisted, vein-like trails across the battlefield.

Beneath a sky swirling with blood-colored clouds, the armies of Rhino City and Feihu City slammed into each other like two unstoppable torrents.

Three hundred feet above the ground, Jie Zhong flicked his finger, and thirty-six black heavy swords floated into the air.

Faint light pulsed from the blades, weaving into a mysterious formation.

In an instant, the air within a ten-mile radius began to twist and distort, transforming into countless razor-sharp wind blades that swept toward the Rhino City camp.

Among Rhino City's eight guardians, Elder Xuan Bing—his hair white as snow—reacted first. With a wave of his sleeve, icy frost spread from his feet.

In the blink of an eye, a thousand layers of crystalline ice barriers formed on the ground. The wind blades slammed into the icy defense with deafening roars, shards bursting like a dazzling shower of stars.

But the monks from Feihu City swiftly cast the Netherworld Fire Rain. Dark flames, trailing long tails, streaked across the sky. Wherever the flames landed, the ice melted instantly, releasing thick white smoke.

“Form the array!”

The array masters of Rhino City roared in unison. Hundreds of monks began forming seals with their hands, and a massive golden array pattern glowed into existence beneath their feet. Suddenly, a golden beam of light shot into the sky and transformed into a radiant shield, blocking most of the Netherworld Fire Rain.

However, scattered flames still pierced through the defense, landing among the Rhino City soldiers. Several monks were instantly incinerated, reduced to nothing but piles of charred remains.

At the same time, the Feihu City soldiers unleashed the Black Python Strangling Formation.

Dozens of monks formed hand seals, and countless black giant pythons erupted from the ground, their bloody maws wide open as they lunged at the Rhino City forces.

The monks of Rhino City quickly retaliated with spells—some conjured hurricanes, sending the pythons flying in all directions;

Others summoned lightning, striking the serpents with fierce blasts.

For a while, spell lights and black python shadows intertwined, turning the battlefield into a seething furnace, where violent energies surged without restraint.

High above the battlefield's center, the duel between Gadfly and Jie Zhong grew fiercer by the moment.

A dark demonic aura coiled around Jie Zhong's body as he transformed into a towering phantom of a hundred-foot-tall demon wolf, its bloody jaws snapping toward Gadfly.

“You’ve actually resorted to demonic power to boost your cultivation.”

Gadfly's expression turned grim as a golden divine bull phantom appeared behind him.

The divine bull raised its head and bellowed, charging straight at the demon wolf.

When the two spiritual beasts collided, the air twisted violently, forming a massive vortex that drew in surrounding clouds.

“Gadfly, today you will lose!”

Jie Zhong sneered. A black longbow appeared in his hand, and he nocked a terrifying, energy-charged arrow.

As he released the bowstring, the arrow transformed into a black streak of light, tearing through the sky at a speed nearly too fast for the naked eye.

Gadfly's expression changed drastically. He swiftly activated the Divine Bull Shield, condensing a massive golden barrier around himself.

The arrow struck the shield, triggering a tremendous explosion.

Golden light and black energy clashed in midair, unleashing a shockwave like a hurricane.

Below, monks were hurled in all directions. Many of the weaker ones were swept up into the sky—whether they survived remained unknown.

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On the other side, the battle between Rhino City's eight guardians and the thirty-six black-armored monks of Flying Tiger City had also reached a fever pitch.

Although the eight guardians were formidable, they gradually struggled against the overwhelming number of powerful enemies.

The Blood Blade Guardian, wielding a blood-colored longsword, charged relentlessly through the enemy ranks. Wherever his sword light swept, blood splattered.

But soon, five black-armored monks surrounded him and simultaneously unleashed the Black Sword Combination.

Five streaks of black sword light shot toward the Blood Blade Guardian like lightning.

Caught off guard, he couldn't defend in time and was pierced through the body by the sword strikes. Blood gushed out as he let out a defiant roar before plummeting from the sky.

“Brother!”

The other guardians, consumed by grief and rage, fought back with even more ferocity.

Yet the monks of Flying Tiger City seized the momentum and launched an even more intense assault. One of the guardians, locked in a magical clash, was struck by a bolt of black lightning.

His body was instantly scorched, and his consciousness began to fade.

With his last ounce of strength, he activated self-destruction, detonating his own body in a violent blast.

The surge of light and energy engulfed nearby enemies—but he was gone forever, consumed by the explosion.

“Kill!”

The morale of Feihu City’s forces soared, and they pressed their attack with renewed madness.

Rhino City’s defenses began to crumble, and more and more of its monks fell one after another.

Seeing this, Xie Zhong’s eyes gleamed coldly. He quickly formed seals with both hands, chanting under his breath.

Moments later, black clouds blanketed the sky, and a massive black pillar of light descended from above, locking onto Gadfly.

Gadfly felt the terrifying pressure within the beam and turned pale as paper.

Clenching his teeth, he burned his own blood essence, causing the divine bull phantom behind him to blaze even brighter as it charged head-on into the black pillar.

The two forces collided, and a blinding explosion erupted. Within the light, Gadfly's figure wavered, blood dripping steadily from the corners of his mouth.

Below, Rhino City's army was in full retreat, overwhelmed by Flying Tiger City's ruthless assault. The shadow of death hung heavy over the battlefield—Rhino City was on the brink of total collapse...

"Father..." At that moment, Fengxian and Bai Yi emerged from the side of Feihu City, bringing Niu Ben with them!

If not for the chaos at the border, escaping Feihu City so easily would have been impossible.

"Ben'er..."

Upon seeing his son, Gadfly's expression lit up with joy.

But as Gadfly was momentarily distracted, Jie Zhong suddenly drew his bow and launched a sword-shaped projectile at him!

Caught off guard, Gadfly couldn't evade in time. The sword struck him, and his body crashed heavily to the ground!

"Father..." Niu Ben cried out and rushed over in panic.

Seeing his son unharmed, Gadfly managed a faint, relieved smile.

Fengxian and Bai Yi both looked grim.

Rhino City was clearly at a disadvantage, and many Feihu City monks hovered menacingly in the sky.

Even more dark-clad troops loomed on the ground below.

Even if the two of them joined the fight, it would be like a drop in the ocean—completely futile.

“I hope you two can escort Niu Ben back to the city. I’ll hold them off here,”

Though injured, Gadfly wasn’t dead yet and addressed Fengxian and Bai Yi with determination.

“City Lord Niu, are you still able to fight?” Bai Yi asked with concern.

“How about we stay and buy some time? Once big brother arrives, taking down those Feihu City bastards will be easy,”

Fengxian said to Gadfly.

Kai’s current strength was far greater than theirs. If he could defeat Jie Zhong and the thirty-six black-armored monks, Feihu City would lose its leadership and be forced to retreat.

“Aren’t you with big brother?” Gadfly asked, confused.

“We were being pursued. My son-in-law and Master Hu stayed behind to stall them. Otherwise, we wouldn’t have made it out so easily,”

Bai Yi explained.

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Hearing this, Niufeng grew anxious about Kai’s safety.

After all, Kai had come to Feihu City to rescue his son, only to end up in danger himself.

Though Kai was incredibly powerful, he was still in Feihu City—and even a hero can’t prevail against overwhelming numbers.

If anything happened to Kai, Niufeng would be devastated.

“Niufeng, don’t even think about helping your son escape. You’re finished. No one can get away now,”

Xie Zhong said smugly, his face full of pride.

By now, Niufeng’s eight guardians had lost nearly all combat ability, and over half of his tens of thousands of soldiers were dead or wounded. Their remaining strength was no match for Feihu City.

The Gadfly stared coldly at Xie Zhong, filled with suspicion. “Xie Zhong, Feihu City was never a match for my Rhino City. I didn’t expect its strength to rise so quickly in such a short time.”

“Hahaha! I have a master supporting me. From now on, Feihu City won’t be bullied by Rhino City anymore. I will be the overlord of the entire beast tribe!”

Xie Zhong laughed triumphantly.

“City Lord Niu,” Bai Yi added, stepping forward, “Feihu City has the backing of the Temple. They launched an attack on Cangxuan Continent and seized vast resources, which explains how their strength grew so fast.”

The Gadfly frowned upon hearing this. “Xie Zhong, you were once a respected city lord among the beast tribe. I can’t believe you let yourself be controlled by the human race. Don’t you feel any shame?”

“Ridiculous! The ones from the Temple are gods, not humans. How could I be controlled by mere humans?”

“Cangxuan Continent is the largest human territory, and I’ve looted a massive amount of resources and slaves from it.”

“In the future, I won’t stop with the beast tribe. I’ll become overlord of the entire heavenly realm...”

Xie Zhong grew more and more excited, as if his dreams were already within reach.

“You? Worthy?” Gadfly spat in disgust.

“If you refuse to submit, then fight me again!”

Xie Zhong roared, and his black-clad soldiers immediately leapt into action, charging toward Gadfly and his forces.

“Fight!” Gadfly shouted in response.

They had no other choice—only a fight to the death remained.

He had miscalculated. He never imagined Feihu City’s power would rise so fast—and now he had paid the price. Just as the Gadfly finished speaking, the void suddenly trembled. Two sword lights flashed through the air at lightning speed.

Like meteors, they shot in from a hundred feet away in an instant.

The heads of two black-clad soldiers flew high before crashing to the ground.

Swish...

At the same time, two more sword lights struck, and the heads of two more black-clad soldiers fell.

Seeing this, Xie Zhong was stunned. He had no idea who possessed such terrifying power.

But he knew he had to act fast.

If this continued, all of his elite soldiers would be wiped out.

The Gadfly, overjoyed by the turn of events, saw Xie Zhong about to strike. Despite his injuries, he leapt into action and unleashed his full strength.

Boom!

With a thunderous blast, both Xie Zhong and the Gadfly were forced back.

By now, more than a dozen black-clad soldiers had died, and their overall combat strength had plummeted.

What shocked them even more was that they hadn't even seen their attacker—just sudden death.

It was a clean, instant kill.

“Who is it? Who's there? Show yourself!”

Xie Zhong's expression shifted dramatically as he roared in anger.

At that moment, the figures of Kai and Hu Mazi slowly emerged, followed by Master Huo.

Seeing them, Xie Zhong frowned deeply. “Master Huo? You... you...”

Master Huo kept his head down and remained silent. It was unclear whether he was dazed from the beating or had simply lost consciousness.

“Brother, are you alright?”

The Gadfly rushed forward the moment he saw Kai.

“I'm fine. Feihu City doesn't have the strength to hurt me,” Kai replied with a calm smile.