

Tales of Herding Gods Chapter 1171-1175

Chapter 1171 – Grand Derivation patches the mountains

The dragon qilin, Yan'er and Tiny Earth Count turned their heads back simultaneously. They saw an elder dressed in simple clothing walking over with a small metal bucket; the bucket contained a small willow branch and was filled with water.

The dragon qilin looked around in astonishment. The 28 heavens of the Glassy Sky Pagoda were still around, and they were still guarding this place. It wasn't easy to pass through the heavens of the number one treasure in the world!

In that case, where did this elder come from?

That elder came to the top of the black mountain that had split open and put down the small iron bucket. He took out the willow branch inside and swirled the water in the bucket. Panting, he said, "I'm already old, are you fellows not coming to help?"

The dragon qilin immediately transformed into a qilin-headed human and landed on the mountain. Yan'er transformed into a young girl and also came to the side of the elder. Tiny Earth Count had a solemn expression and planned to transform as well; he gave two snorts but was unable to transform. He could only walk over dejectedly.

The elder handed the willow branch to the dragon qilin and let Yan'er carry the small metal bucket. "Use the willow branch to stir the water and sprinkle it on the crack. Sprinkle all the cracks once so that the thing from the past doesn't come here."

The dragon qilin complied and used the willow branch to sweep the water in the bucket. He pulled out the willow branch and sprinkled the water on the crack in the mountain.

"Xia?" Tiny Earth Count raised his head and asked solemnly at the ordinary-looking elder.

"I've always been staying here. I didn't barge in."

That elder had a kind expression and seemed to understand what it was asking. He smiled and said, "I'm not an invader, you people are the invaders. You barged into my home, built a house, and even attracted a void beasts."

The tiny Earth Count was puzzled, "Moo?"

The elder sat beside it and supervised the dragon qilin and Yan'er. He said loudly, "Be careful, don't waste all the water. This water isn't easy to find."

He said to Tiny Earth Count, "I could have left here but I'm not welcomed elsewhere. Furthermore, this tree is dead and some people want to use this tree to crawl to the present from the past. I can only stay and guard this place. I can't let any of them climb out."

The tiny Earth Count revealed a puzzled expression and pointed down the mountain, "Moo?"

"Correct."

The elder nodded. "They live below, but they have been dead for a long time. Or rather, they died before this universe was born."

The tiny Earth Count was even more puzzled and scratched his head, "Xia?"

"You can say that."

That elder thought for a moment and said, "The boundary between life and death isn't that strict. Life and death are just two different states of matter. They seem to have died when the universe was destroyed, but they were still alive before its destruction. As long as they can seize the chance and crawl from the past to the present before the universe is destroyed, they can indeed survive."

The tiny Earth Count scratched his head, still puzzled.

That elder had a good temper and continued to explain, "Why did the corpse of these void beasts disappear? It is because they were pulled into the past, and now that there's an additional part of this universe in the universe of the past, they can take the chance to replace it here. This is the reason behind their ability to crawl out."

"Moo?"

"There's no need to doubt it. It's very simple. This big black tree is actually still alive. Its roots are deeply connected to the previous sixteen Universe Eras. One Universe Era is one year. It has lasted for a countless duration of time."

The elder explained patiently, "Some terrifying lifeforms had the idea to crawl along its roots from the past to the present. It's fine if you don't understand. Think back to that Celestial Venerable Mu who created you; he brought you back to the past the ghost ship."

The dragon qilin and Yan'er used the willow branch to sprinkle some water and returned to the mountain top. They saw that the elder was still talking to Tiny Earth Count, chatting about some unknown topic.

The dragon qilin placed the willow branch into the small metal bucket and returned it to the elderly man. The elderly man stood up and supported himself with both hands. He stretched his muscles and sighed, "This sin is also my fault, so I can only stay here to cultivate and nourish myself. I can't blame your Celestial Venerable Mu. The water is almost gone, so I have to get some more. Thank you, little friends, I'll see you again another day."

The dragon qilin was about to speak when he saw the elder carrying the small metal bucket and leaving. He soon vanished.

"Another strange incident!" Yan'er said in horror.

She didn't see how the elder had vanished.

Right at this moment, the huge black mountain suddenly rumbled and the crack closed. The black mountain returned to its original state and even the five scratches on the mountain vanished.

That night, the dragon qilin and Yan'er brought Tiny Earth Count to stay on the black mountain. Strange phenomena appeared again, and all kinds of strange phenomena rushed over. It was as if there was some huge creature trying to break open the mountain peak and collide frantically, causing the mountain to tremble violently.

However, the mountain didn't split open. This torment only gradually stopped after midnight.

At daybreak, the dragon qilin looked around and saw two more mountain peaks splitting apart in the Hundred Thousand Mountains. The inner wall of one of the mountains even had a face-shaped dent!

He and Yan'er were discussing if someone had grown inside the mountain when they saw a beautiful lady carrying a small metal bucket walking over and waving at them, "We meet again."

Both of them were bewildered.

That woman put down the small iron bucket and burst into laughter. "That body of yesterday was too old and couldn't do any work. Today, I changed to a younger one. I brought more water and also a willow branch. This time, two mountains have split open, so the time needed to repair them might be longer."

The dragon qilin opened his mouth wide and stuttered, "Lady, are you that old man from yesterday?"

That woman said with a smile, "I am but I am not. May the three of you lend a hand and quickly patch up before its dark and they run amok."

The dragon qilin and Yan'er immediately went forward to help, and the dragon qilin carried the willow branch to sprinkle water. He asked carefully, "May I ask where you are from?"

That woman said with a smile, "I'm the same as all of you, just an ordinary person and I'm also born to be nurtured by Heaven and Earth. However, our way of living is different; mine is far more tiring. If the sky is leaking or the earth has split, I'll go and patch it. If there's something broken, I'll go fix it. It's a laborious life."

The dragon qilin and Yan'er helped her repair the two mountains, and the water in the buckets was also used up. The woman sighed and said, "My spring doesn't produce much water. If a few more mountains, there won't be any water to repair them."

She carried the small metal bucket and left into the distance. The two black mountains closed up and returned to normal.

The dragon qilin looked at her disappearing just like that and was even more astonished. He thought to himself, "This big black tree doesn't seem like a good place. It frightens people to the point of being unable to sleep every night. Should I tell Cult Master to choose another location?"

Another night passed, and the ground shook as dozens of black mountains split open. The dragon qilin saw over a dozen youths with small metal buckets in their hands. Willow branches were stuck in the buckets.

One of the youths said to him, "Help me sprinkle water these few days and I'll give you guys a benefit. A new void beast mother has been born and is still very weak. Now is the perfect chance to subdue the void beast mother."

The dragon qilin was greatly moved and asked, "How do we subdue the void beast mother?"

The youth said with a smile that wasn't a smile, "Didn't your cult master already impart it to you?"

The dragon qilin carefully recalled what Qin Mu had told him. After a long time, he finally remembered that both the Three Enclosures Higher Knowledge and the Grand Overarching Supreme Divine Consciousness[1] had methods to subdue the void beast. His heart settled, and he smiled. "May I ask Dao brother for the location of the void beast mother?"

[1] The title of the technique is "Grand Overarching Divine Consciousness" just like how Founding Emperor's technique is "Carefree Sword". However, when the person is at the forefront of their path, they get the word "Supreme" attached.

Chapter 1172 – Celestial Venerable You's yellow talisman

Qin Mu boarded the ship and returned to Eternal Peace along with everyone else. He first went to meet Mute and Blind and told them about Ancestral Court. Both their eyes sparked, with Blind's eyes shining brighter. They were about to head to Ancestral Court immediately.

Qin Mu promptly stopped them and said, "There are many precious herbs there, so we have to go get Grandpa Apothecary. Furthermore, that treasure land is the number one land of Ancestral Court. It must have strong practitioners guarding it to prevent the strong practitioners of the ten Celestial Venerables from taking it away. Hence, I plan to invite the past human emperors of Human Emperor Hall to guard it. The Ancestral Court is quite far away and dangerous. When the time comes, we can go together and look after each other."

Only then did the two elders endure it.

Ling Yuxiu ordered people to immediately contact Apothecary and First Ancestor Human Emperor, "They will still need a few days to come here, so wait a few days."

Qin Mu took out Saint Woodcutter's letter and silently executed Soul Guide. After a moment, he put away the letter, took Celestial Venerable Yue's lantern, and left.

He had already located where Saint Woodcutter is. If he searched there, he could find Fengdu.

The Primordial Realm was extremely vast, and Qin Mu advanced whilst carrying the lantern. After walking for half a day, he finally reached the source of the Surging River.

Over here, the Surging River was no longer the Surging River, but the Celestial River. It flowed out from the various heavens of the Primordial Realm and gathered together, floating upwards. From the Primordial Realm towards the outside of Celestial Heavens, and then to the Four Extremities.

Qin Mu walked to the source of the Surging River and looked around. He saw that the steep cliffs that had once stretched across the north and south of the Great Ruins had been separated into countless sections. The broken cliffs stretched from the south to the north of the Primordial Realm.

He carried the lantern and walked forward. Not long later, his figure suddenly flashed and vanished from the Primordial Realm.

At the same time, in the Celestial Palace on the Primordial Tree, Celestial Venerable Xiao's clay sculpture suddenly moved. The Divine Artifact Celestial Venerable Yu outside the Celestial Palace immediately opened his eyes and glanced towards where Qin Mu had vanished!

His gaze pierced through the layers of the void and observed the myriad heavens, but he couldn't find any trace of Qin Mu.

"Could this brat have gone to Youdu?"

The Divine Artifact Celestial Venerable Yu turned his gaze towards Youdu. The clay statue in the Celestial Palace was actually extremely intricate: with its brows knitted, he said, "It's fine that he went to Eternal Peace to recruit soldiers and buy horses. But to run around like this, he must have some ulterior motives. Celestial Venerable Mu, why can't you just be a obedient chess piece..."

The Divine Artifact Celestial Venerable Yu's gaze swept into Youdu, and it was like two brilliant pillars of light that were incomparably thick. It swept through the darkness, and when it didn't find Qin Mu, it swept towards the Earth Count's corporeal body in Youdu.

At this moment, a paper boat sailed over leisurely. On the paper boat, an elder held a lantern and shone it on the face of the Divine Artifact Celestial Venerable Yu. The clay statue's eyes suddenly turned black, and it became blind.

That elder pinched a yellow joss paper and stuck it on the Divine Artifact Celestial Venerable Yu.

When the eyes of the clay statue recovered, he raised his head and saw a yellow joss paper stuck on the heart of the Divine Artifact Celestial Venerable Yu's brows. On it were writings of Youdu that looked like scribbles.

"Celestial Venerable You!"

The clay statue flew into a rage. Celestial Venerable You's move was extremely powerful. This single piece of talisman paper sealed his Divine Artifact Celestial Venerable Yu, and closed all the apertures so that he couldn't control this Divine Artifact Celestial Venerable Yu anymore.

"This talisman can't be removed so easily. I have to be careful."

He flew up and got close to the heart of the Divine Artifact Celestial Venerable Yu's brows. He roused the power in the clay statue and cautiously stretched out his hand towards the yellow joss paper.

At that moment, the yellow joss papers in the heart of the divine weapon Celestial Venerable Yu's brows suddenly flew up. They were actually two yellow joss papers!

The other talisman paper stuck onto the heart of the clay statue's brows!

The clay statue instantly felt all parts of its body being sealed. No matter if it was vital qi or divine consciousness, they couldn't leave its body to transform into divine arts.

Not only that, he also felt that his body was incomparably heavy, and he was falling from the sky uncontrollably!

After a long time, the sound of a heavy object hitting the ground rang out. The clay statue was shattered into pieces and couldn't be fixed!

At this moment, the divine consciousness and vital qi in the clay statue finally felt their freedom restored. The yellow joss paper flew up, and Celestial Venerable Yu's cold voice came from inside, "Don't provoke Youdu..."

Swoosh.

The yellow joss paper vanished.

At the same time, the yellow joss paper on the forehead of Divine Artifact Celestial Venerable Yu also fell off and vanished.

"Celestial Venerable Yu!" The Divine Artifact Celestial Venerable Yu clenched his fists tightly, but he didn't break into Youdu.

At this moment, Qin Mu arrived at Heavenly Yin World.

Ever since the Primordial Realm broke through its seal, Heavenly Yin World lost contact with the outside world, and the crack that was originally connected to the Great Ruins also vanished.

Qin Mu walked into Heavenly Yin World and looked from afar. He saw numerous divine arts practitioners and gods of Eternal Peace constructing god cities here and they were thriving.

Ever since Heavenly Yin World was discovered by Qin Mu, Emperor Yanfeng and the former Imperial Preceptor, Jiang Baigui, had sent some divine arts practitioners and commoners of Eternal Peace to live here. They were also helping Goddess of Heavenly Yin construct Heavenly Yin World.

After all, there was no one else around other than Goddess of Heavenly Yin herself.

She was no longer an ancient god, but she held powers equivalent to one. Most importantly, she had escaped the shackles of her Great Dao and could cultivate other Great Daos.

Of course, at that time, Saint Woodcutter, King Yama, Xu Shenghua, and the rest were invited by Qin Mu to solve the Great Dao runes of Heavenly Yin World. This also helped Goddess of Heavenly Yin comprehend her own Great Dao divine art and solve the problem of the black soul sand and starved corpses in Heavenly Yin World.

The divine arts practitioners and commoners that Emperor Yanfeng had sent from Eternal Peace were also here to develop the divine arts of Heavenly Yin World. No matter if it was Eternal Peace or Goddess of Heavenly Yin, they would all benefit greatly.

However, when the Eternal Peace Calamity erupted, this place wasn't affected, so it was more or less a blessing.

"Back then, because I had revived Goddess of Heavenly Yin and we quelled the chaos in Heavenly Yin World, as well as solved the runes of the Heavenly Yin World's Great Dao, Goddess of Heavenly Yin gave each of us a pearl."

Qin Mu looked from afar and saw Goddess of Heavenly Yin, sitting in the sky above the Heavenly Yin Sea, cultivating. All the broken souls in the world returned to Heavenly Yin World, and they were all under the control of Goddess of Heavenly Yin's divine art.

At this moment, Goddess of Heavenly Yin's cultivation had clearly increased drastically, and her abilities were becoming stronger. From afar, Qin Mu could see a Celestial Palace that was like black sand sitting behind her. It was extremely magnificent!

"Goddess of Heavenly Yin used her own Great Dao divine light to refine seven precious beads and gave them to Imperial Preceptor, First Ancestor, King Yama, Xu Shenghua, me, Yan Jingjing, and Teacher Woodcutter. She said that no matter who it was, as long as they came with the precious beads, she would do her best to help!"

Qin Mu revealed a smile and walked towards the sea of Heavenly Yin. He thought to himself, "I should have thought that the reason why Fengdu could avoid the pursuit of the four deities of Celestial Heavens was because Woodcutter or King Yama used a precious bead and asked her to hide Fengdu. However, I have never used this precious bead before and it slipped from my mind."

Goddess of Heavenly Yin sensed his arrival and woke up from her meditative state. She turned to look at Qin Mu.

She stood up and divine light floated around her body. The light sometimes transformed into a silky satchel and at other times, it became a ring behind her head. Her hair buns were very pretty but an indescribably elegance was infused in the air as black soul sand fluttered around her.

"My 16th celestial palace, Heavenly Yin Celestial Palace. There's hope!"

Qin Mu laughed loudly and walked forward. He bowed and greeted, "Dao friend, how have you been?"

Chapter 1173- Life Materialisation Mysterious Technique

Goddess of Heavenly Yin shrunk her body, but even if she shrunk it to the limits, she was still much taller than Qin Mu. She led him into her palace and said with a smile, "It's been some time since you came to

visit me. You're a Celestial Venerable now, and I've heard some of your old friends mention you: truly envious."

Qin Mu said, "It's a long story. Why is Goddess cultivating so fast? You are already at the Emperor's Throne Realm, right?"

Goddess of Heavenly Yin was very happy, and she said in delight, "You can see it too? Ever since I came back to life, I felt that no matter what I cultivated, it would be especially fast. In just a few years, I had already constructed the Divine Bridge. However, Xu Shenghua came over and told me that he had opened up Celestial River Divine Treasure and made me abandon the Divine Bridge Divine Treasure. He also taught me about the method to open the Celestial Palace, and I felt it was very easy to cultivate it."

Qin Mu's face turned black. How difficult was it for him to cultivate?

How could it even compare to Goddess of Heavenly Yin, who had cultivated to Emperor's Throne Realm so smoothly?

However, it was not unexplainable. After Goddess of Heavenly Yin revived, she didn't have a realm, but her cultivation and abilities were already on par with Son of Heavenly Yin.

It was reasonable for her to cultivate to the Emperor's Throne Realm in a short ten to twenty years since she already had the accumulation to do so.

Furthermore, her mind was pure, and she had no distractions. When Xu Shenghua, Woodcutter, and the rest sorted out the basic runes of Great Dao in Heavenly Yin World, she understood her own Dao of Heavenly Yin. No matter if it was comprehending divine arts or comprehending realms, it was incomparably easy.

Furthermore, she had once had the innate advantage of being an ancient god, which made her attainment in the Dao of Heavenly Yin unrivalled.

"Goddess had profited from a disaster."

Qin Mu smiled. "I have a unreasonable request. Can Goddess impart your Emperor's Throne technique to me?"

Goddess of Heavenly Yin was extremely straightforward, and she said with a smile, "How could this count is an unreasonable request? You are my life's benefactor, how can a just a technique be worthy? "

Qin Mu said with a straight face, "Goddess, you can't be this generous to others. If others comprehend the marvels of your technique, they will be able to research a technique that specifically targets yours, which will make it very likely for you to die."

Goddess of Heavenly Yin jumped in shock, "Don't tell me you want to learn my technique to deal with me later?"

She tilted her head and thought for a moment before smiling, "You're not that kind of person."

She laughed happily and said, "I've already been deceived by Son of Heavenly Yin once. Don't worry, I won't be tricked by him a second time. My technique is called Life Materialisation Mysterious Technique, and it's a very marvellous technique. It can give a soul to soulless lifeforms."

Qin Mu was stunned and asked humbly, "What powers does this Life Materialisation Mysterious Technique have?"

Goddess of Heavenly Yin was also stunned. After a moment, she said in annoyance, "I haven't thought about this yet. Ah!"

She cried out in astonishment, "When I founded this cultivation technique, I had never thought of using the divine arts of the technique to kill others!"

Qin Mu was stunned for a long time. He bowed and praised, "Thank you for your guidance. This Life Materialisation Mysterious Technique of yours only came about because you didn't create a divine art that could destroy life. That is why you could wholeheartedly seek the Dao and cultivate to the Emperor's Throne Realm that everyone dreams of."

Goddess of Heavenly Yin was at a loss of what to do, and she hurriedly helped him up. "I also don't know if this technique is useful to you. At that time, I only wanted to cultivate and continue to research along the Great Dao of Heavenly Yin World. Unknowingly, I had cultivated to the Emperor's Throne and forgot to create a few powerful divine arts. Now that you say it like this, you're making me look bad."

Qin Mu straightened his back and said with a smile, Goddess, don't worry. Your technique is truly useful to me. It is precisely because you didn't create the divine art of killing that you could become a true Goddess of Heavenly Yin. When I learn your technique, I will have no choice but to kill. I will create my own path of killing."

Goddess of Heavenly Yin imparted the Life Materialisation Mysterious Technique to him and explained in detail the comprehensions of every step of her technique. She didn't hide anything.

Qin Mu quietly listened to her explanation and unknowingly became entranced.

Actually, in his opinion, when Goddess of Heavenly Yin explained the various realms of the Dao of Heavenly Yin, there were actually countless opportunities to unleash the sinister and terrifying aspects of the Life Materialisation Mysterious Technique, changing it into incomparably fierce divine arts.

However, Goddess of Heavenly Yin didn't seem to notice how terrifying her technique was. Instead, she wholeheartedly focused on giving souls to lifeforms that had no souls.

He couldn't help but admire Goddess of Heavenly Yin's pure and thorough thoughts. However, even though Goddess of Heavenly Yin didn't think about killing, he couldn't not think about killing. All kinds of incomparably powerful and sinister divine arts formed in his mind.

After a few days, Qin Mu comprehended the Life Materialisation Mysterious Technique completely. Goddess of Heavenly Yin picked out some questions to test his comprehension.

Qin Mu answered them one by one, but the answers were different from what Goddess of Heavenly Yin thought. It could even be said that his understanding was the complete opposite.

Goddess of Heavenly Yin said angrily, "You look very smart, but you are actually very stupid. Everything you said is wrong! Yet, it sounds very logical, how weird..."

She tilted her head and thought about it, but she still couldn't understand.

Qin Mu laughed loudly, "Goddess, Life Materialisation Mysterious Technique was comprehended by you; you have your own understandings. However, after you imparted it to me, the Life Materialisation Mysterious Technique I comprehended is no longer the same as yours. I really wish that Goddess can maintain your pure heart forever and never step into the realm that I comprehended. But in the future, Goddess might be forced to venture onto my path."

He stood up and said, "Goddess, the purpose of my trip is to go to Fengdu, please grant my wish."

Goddess of Heavenly Yin was still savouring his words when she heard him and said in disappointment, "I thought you were here to see me."

Qin Mu immediately said, "I'm here specifically to see Goddess. However, since I'm here, I still have to make a trip to Fengdu to meet an old friend."

Goddess of Heavenly Yin became happy again, and she said with a smile, "When you come out from Fengdu, I'll execute a few divine arts for you to see. You will definitely be very happy."

Qin Mu acknowledged.

Goddess of Heavenly Yin led the way in front and said, "King Yama came with the Heavenly Yin Pearl and asked me to protect him. He has also done me a favour, so I hid Fengdu. The army of gods and devils of Celestial Heavens searched everywhere, but they couldn't find it. I also heard what happened to you in Eternal Peace from Woodcutter Wen Tiange. He sighed for a long time and said that he had let you down."

Qin Mu followed her closely and smiled indifferently. "I understand Founding Emperor and Fengdu's choice and can empathize with them. I don't blame them anymore."

"Actually, Wen Tiange came out many times to inquire about you. He's very concerned about you."

Goddess of Heavenly Yin took a glance at him and said gently, "He heard that you dug out your own soul and dug out your own eye. He sat there for a long time and even asked me to help you reconstruct your soul. However, I didn't know if you would still be you after the reconstruction, so I rejected him. My place is small, and there aren't many people here. I've seen men cry before, but I've never seen a person like Wen Tiange cry before."

Qin Mu was stunned. "I understand."

Goddess of Heavenly Yin led him to the back of the palace and stretched out her palm to gently press on the wall. A white door appeared on the clean and white wall, and if one didn't look carefully, they

wouldn't be able to see that there was a door here.

Goddess of Heavenly Yin opened the door, and there was grey fog inside. "Go in, Fengdu is inside."

Qin Mu composed himself and walked into the door.

Chapter 1174 – Tian Shu's intoxication

The grey fog of Fengdu filled the air. In front of him was a sea of fog and the littered mountains of skeletons. The mountains of skeletons were blended within the sea of fog, and some skeletons were still crawling around

Qin Mu took out a Fengdu gold coin and planned to summon Daoist Ling Jing to cross the sea of fog. However, he was suddenly stunned.

During the Eternal Peace Calamity, Daoist Ling Jing's soul had already dispersed.

This Daoist was a strong practitioner from Village Chief's era and had a very stubborn temper. He had once challenged Village Chief to seize the title of Sword God.

Later on, when High Heavens invaded, he and the young patriarch, Wen Yuan, intercepted the gods of High Heavens to buy time for Village Chief and the rest. As a result, their bodies and Dao vanished, and they became ghosts in Fengdu.

King Yama gave him the identity of a ferryman, allowing him to control a ferry and guide the ghosts or those who are still living.

At that time, he was still worrying about buying a house in Fengdu. He felt that if he worked for another thousand or so years, he would be able to afford a house.

When the Eternal Peace Calamity erupted, Daoist Ling Jin was the first to jump out once more to save the people with the past cult masters of the Heavenly Saint Cult. However, he only had his primordial spirit left and his soul had dispersed during that great calamity.

He didn't leave anything behind, so even if Qin Mu wanted to summon his soul and reconstruct his soul, he couldn't do it.

In the fog ahead, the ferryman came. The clothes of the ferryman on the boat were tattered, and he looked very tall standing in the small boat. His tattered cape fluttered in the fog.

The boat leaned against the ferry, and Qin Mu boarded the small boat. The ferryman rowed the boat and headed towards Fengdu.

Standing on the ship, Qin Mu couldn't help but recall the conversation he had with Daoist Ling Jing during the Eternal Peace Calamity.

He said, "Daoist Ling Jin, you and Patriarch will put your lives on the line for Eternal Peace and obstruct High Heavens. However, no one among the people of Eternal Peace will know that you were the heroes that guarded them."

At that time, Daoist Ling Jing swerved his boat through the mountains of skeletons and said to him with a smile, "But I know, I'm a hero. I want to follow my heart and do things."

Daoist Ling Jing even said that the next time he came, the person on the ferry might not be me.

Qin Mu looked at the ferryman. He wasn't Ling Jing, but another god of Fengdu.

When the small boat reached the shore, Qin Mu paid the fare and jumped onto the shore. He walked past the boundary stone of the living realm of the dead, crossed the mountain ridge, and walked towards Fengdu.

There were all kinds of people in this world, all kinds of ways of living, all kinds of life. Some were joyful, some were plain, some were difficult, and some were painful.

However, no matter how good life was or how bad it was, there would always be a few people who would carry the heaviest burden and even sacrifice their lives for them.

For these people, we should not laugh at their choices, but give them the respect they deserve.

Fengdu's Great Dao rules tried to change Qin Mu's corporeal body, turning him into a skeleton. However, Qin Mu's understanding of the Great Dao of Youdu was extremely profound, and his cultivation was incomparably dense. The Great Dao rules of Fengdu couldn't change him at all.

He continued forward and looked around. Fengdu was much wider now, and it wasn't inferior to Son of Heavenly Yin's Mingdu. It was vast and boundless. It was obvious that numerous heavenly teachers and heavenly kings of Founding Emperor Era were gathered here, and Fengdu was constructed quite well.

Qin Mu crossed over the mountain ridge and saw the god cities of Fengdu in front of him.

There were too many of his memories in this place, but the layout had changed drastically. It made him feel like he had entered a foreign land.

He walked into King Qin City, and there were many gods and devils walking along the streets. When they saw him, they were all stunned and looked at him in a daze.

Qin Mu smiled and nodded at the gods of Founding Emperor on both sides.

Everyone returned his smile.

Soon, news of Qin Mu coming to Fengdu spread out, and the bird-headed God Chi Xiu was the first to rush over. He landed in front of Qin Mu and greeted, "Should I greet you as Human Emperor Qin or as Celestial Venerable Mu?"

Qin Mu smiled. "As Celestial Venerable Mu."

God Chi Xiu bowed and led the way, "Please come in, Celestial Venerable Mu. For a Celestial Venerable to personally visit, are you here to visit an old friend?"

"Chi Xiu, you are also an old friend of mine."

Qin Mu said with a smile, "I'm here to visit you all."

God Chi Xiu tilted his head and said, "However, your old friends don't want to see you. When Mingdu Heavenly King Tian Shu heard news of your arrival, he hid in his wine shop, not daring to come out. When Heavenly King Di Yiyue heard that you had arrived, her face became pale and she hid at the lowest layer of Fengdu. Sakra Buddha proclaimed that he was going to enter closed seclusion to comprehend the Boundless Calamity Sutra, and Martial Arts Heavenly Teacher's door remains closed."

He looked at Qin Mu and said, "Even King Yama isn't in King Qin Hall. He went to the lowest level of Fengdu. Does Celestial Venerable know the reason?"

Qin Mu didn't reply.

God Chi Xiu said, "Because during the Eternal Peace Calamity, we didn't help. We feel guilty towards you. Celestial Venerable Mu of the human race, saving Heavenly King Tian Shu from the Imperial Gate Divine Knife, he is indebted to you. Celestial Venerable Mu of the human race, reviving Heavenly King Di Yiyue, she is indebted to you."

"Celestial Venerable Mu had eradicated the power of Celestial Heavens in the Buddha Heavens, doing Sakra Buddha a favour. Celestial Venerable Mu of the human race, you had created the Celestial River Divine Treasure and opened the path for martial arts practitioners of the Bullfighting World to attain godhood with this, you have done Martial Arts Heavenly Teacher a favour. Celestial Venerable Mu had also saved the people of Supreme Emperor Heaven; Saint Woodcutter also feels that you have done him a favour."

"Even King Yama was only able to stabilize Fengdu because of you. It was because of you that Celestial Venerable You and Earth Count didn't destroy Fengdu. They feel ashamed to face you."

God Chi Xiu said, "You have helped them, so they don't dare to come and see you."

Qin Mu smiled and said, "What about the Fisherman and Qing Huang[1]? Heavenly Teacher Fisherman and Heavenly King Qing Huang are my benefactors, so they wouldn't be ashamed to greet me."

God Chi Xiu led him forward and said, "Qing Huang sent the divine dragons of Dragon Village to help you, but it was actually to help Supreme Emperor Heaven. Supreme Emperor Heaven is the remaining survivors of Founding Emperor, so it can't be considered helping you. However, you helped Supreme Emperor Heaven, so he owes you. It's the same for Heavenly Teacher Fisherman. Heavenly Teacher Fisherman helped you fish the sun and moon from the Sun Well and Moon Well, and he was also helping the Sun Herder and Moon Herders under Founding Emperor. He wasn't helping you, but was helping Founding Emperor. They all felt guilty towards you, so they didn't dare to meet you."

He continued, "Among the subordinates of Founding Emperor, only First Ancestor Human Emperor, Prince Qin Wu, dared to help you during the Eternal Peace Calamity. However, he no longer thinks of himself as a prince and grandson of Founding Emperor Era."

Qin Mu said, "He is the human emperor of Eternal Peace, and the founder of Eternal Peace Era. The current Hall of Human Emperors is flourishing. He opened a hall to teach disciples and the past human emperors. His contributions to Eternal Peace are huge."

God Chi Xiu nodded his head. "That's why he is the symbol of Eternal Peace. However, these people in Fengdu aren't."

Qin Mu was silent for a moment.

God Chi Xiu brought him to a wine tavern in Fengdu and said, "Mingdu Heavenly King Tian Shu is inside."

Qin Mu walked in, and when Tian Shu saw him, he immediately hid under the table, not daring to show his head.

Qin Mu sat down beside the table and poured a cup of wine. He raised his cup and said, "Mingdu Heavenly King, let me toast you."

Tian Shu was helpless and could only crawl out from under the table. He raised his wine cup, and the two of them sat down and drank it in one gulp.

Qin Mu smiled, "I've already been to Carefree Village and met with Founding Emperor."

Tian Shu was silent for a moment before asking in a hoarse voice, "How is he?"

"He walked out of Carefree Village and tried to find you, but he couldn't. Later, he went to Celestial Heavens and fought Celestial Venerable Hao, Celestial Venerable Xiao, Heavenly Lady Qiang, and Heavenly Lady Yan. He almost split Celestial Heavens apart with one sword."

When Heavenly King Tian Shu heard this, the hot blood in his heart surged, and the Liquor worm seemed to have tunnelled into his brain. He couldn't help lifting the lid of the wine jar and drinking it down. With a radiant smile, he asked, "He killed his way up to Celestial Heavens?"

Qin Mu nodded his head gently and signalled the ghost bartender to bring over a few jars of wine and place them on the table, "He killed his way into Celestial Heavens and pierced Celestial Venerable Hao's palm with his sword."

Heavenly King Tian Shu slapped away the wine jar and laughed loudly, "I knew he would do that! After drinking, he was cautious, but when he wasn't drinking, he was extremely daring! He always looked down on Celestial Venerable Hao!"

The two of them clinked their wine jars and raised their heads to drink.

Heavenly King Tian Shu's tears flowed down as he choked, "Was he always very calm? Have you seen him panicking?"

Qin Mu put down the wine jar and said, "He always has an idea, as though he had a plan all along and didn't have any changes in his emotions. However, when you interact with him, you can feel the wild fire in his heart: the raging flames."

Heavenly King Tian Shu couldn't resist picking up the wine jar again and chugging it down. He chuckled and said, "He is such a person. He can easily subdue others like this, so I feel especially at ease following him!"

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"He was also injured. But even with four Celestial Venerables, they couldn't catch him."

Qin Mu said, "He will immediately return to the Great Void to fight Celestial Venerable Huo and Celestial Venerable Xu. Celestial Heavens will be badly battered."

Heavenly King Tian Shu smiled as he shed tears, "He is such a person! Not to mention the four Celestial Venerables, even the ten Celestial Venerables can't hold him back! No one can hold him back!"

Qin Mu got up and patted his shoulder with a smile, "But he needs you. He's waiting for his old soldiers on the battlefield, waiting for his old subordinates."

Heavenly King Tian Shu laid down on the table and cried, "I'm timid and a coward. I can only drink to strengthen my courage. My drinking always cause trouble. I even scolded him for being a coward who only dares to hide in Carefree Village... Actually, I'm the coward..."

Qin Mu walked out of the wine shop and said to God Chi Xiu, "Let's go."

God Chi Xiu glanced at him and continued to lead him forward.

They came to King Qin Hall but the doors of King Qin Hall was tightly shut. Two green-faced, fierce-looking ghost kings stood guard outside.

God Chi Xiu knocked on the door and said, "King Yama, Celestial Venerable Mu is here to visit."

The sound of something being knocked over came from the hall, followed by King Yama's voice, "I'm not here... Forget it, let him in... Wait a moment, I'll go and welcome him personally."

The door of the hall opened, and King Yama was under the cover of darkness. His face couldn't be seen.

"Celestial Venerable Mu..." Although his expression couldn't be seen, the emotions in his voice were very complicated.

Qin Mu walked into King Qin Hall and examined his surroundings. He said with a smile, "King Yama is still as impoverished as before. There are no treasures here that can catch your eye."

King Yama was silent for a moment before saying, "During the Eternal Peace Calamity..."

Qin Mu interrupted him and said, "Eternal Peace Calamity is already over, I won't live in the past. The people of Eternal Peace have survived the calamity, and they are living very well now."

King Yama said bitterly, "You paid a huge price to protect Eternal Peace."

Qin Mu turned around and said with a smile, "I'm also living well now, and I've walked even further compared to myself before the Eternal Peace Calamity. I've profited from a disaster."

"You've suffered a lot."

"I'm even stronger than before. My Dao heart is even firmer than before."

King Yama said, "Carrying the fate of Eternal Peace by yourself..."

"No!"

Qin Mu said with a smile, "It is the people of Eternal Peace who carries the fate of Eternal Peace. I can't carry it alone, so everyone carried it together, and we finally got through the crisis. It was the same for Founding Emperor Era. The remaining survivors of Founding Emperor shouldn't be split into pieces anymore."

King Yama fell silent.

Qin Mu walked around King Qin Hall and said with a smile, "This place is too calm here and gloomy. You are like a little resentful woman that has been banished to the cold palace[1]. Even you have become gloomy and unsuitable for me. I'll go meet the others."

He walked out and said leisurely, "White hair sprouting from a youth's head, yet his heart is still full of vigour. An old steed aspires to gallop thousand miles, letting out a long howl of sorrow?"

King Yama watched as he walked out of King Qin Hall. He lowered his head and took off his cloak, revealing his silver hair. However, his face was still that of a youth.

His gaze was cold, but flames danced in his pupils.

"Heavenly Teacher Fisherman should be fishing in the River of Forgetfulness."

God Chi Xiu continued to bring Qin Mu forward and said, "The mountain stream there is steep, but it's a pity there are no fish. There are only some lonely souls and wild ghosts wandering in the water below the River of Forgetfulness."

Not long later, Qin Mu saw Heavenly Teacher Fisherman. This elder was sitting on a small stool with a fish basket beside him. His two small red fish were lying in the basket as he looked around.

When they saw Qin Mu coming, the two little red fish immediately returned back into the basket. The little male fish even grabbed the cover of the basket and carefully covered it so as not to alarm Qin Mu. He whispered, "Old master will be beaten half to death..."

"No way! I think he'll fully die, the completely through kind of death!"

"Shh, quiet."

Qin Mu came to the back of Heavenly Teacher Fisherman. Heavenly Teacher Fisherman's body was stiff, and his fishing rod was unstable.

Qin Mu said with a smile, "Heavenly Teacher's Dao heart is unstable, be careful the fish will escape."

Heavenly Teacher Fisherman snorted and stood up to put away his fishing rod. He took off his bamboo hat and turned around, "Whether I retreat or advance, I will still be cut. Are you here to beat me or scold me?"

Qin Mu was astonished, "Why do you say that?"

Heavenly Teacher Fisherman sighed and said, "During the Eternal Peace Calamity, when you needed us the most, we ran away. I let you down. No matter if you beat me or scold me, I won't retaliate or talk back."

In the fish basket, two little red fish looked out through the gaps in the basket. The little female fish whispered, "When they fight later, should we try to persuade them?"

"No."

"Will we become cooked fish?"

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Qin Mu raised his fist and punched Heavenly Teacher Fisherman's chest, "Let this matter pass. Eternal Peace Calamity is a scar inflicted on my Dao heart. Now that I'm in Fengdu, all of you are re-opening this wound. My heart is also made of flesh, and it hurts a lot. Don't mention it again."

Heavenly Teacher Fisherman looked at him in a daze, "You... Alright, let's not talk about it."

Qin Mu revealed a smile and said, "The first reason I'm here is to see you guys, and the second is to find Heavenly King Di Yiyue and borrow her Mingdu Heavenly Gate to deal with Son of Heavenly Yin's divine art. Does Heavenly Teacher know where she is?"

Fisherman Heavenly Teacher probed, "Aren't you going to meet other people? For example, Old Man Qing Huang, Sakra Buddha, and Woodcutter."

Qin Mu hesitated for a moment and nodded, "I will meet them."

He took his leave, and God Chi Xiu brought him to the village where Martial Arts Heavenly Teacher was staying. Beside him was Bullfighting World, and Martial Arts Heavenly Teacher had even moved the rice fields and big willow trees into Fengdu.

Under the willow tree, Niu Sanduo was puffing on his water pipe. When he saw Qin Mu coming, he hurriedly stood up, not knowing what to do.

Qin Mu walked forward and smiled. "Senior Brother Sanduo, how have you been?"

"I'm fine, I'm fine!"

Niu Sanduo hurriedly said, "During the Eternal Peace Calamity..."

Qin Mu raised his hand and smiled, "There's no need to mention it again."

Niu Sanduo could only swallow his words back down and said, "Old master still doesn't know you are coming. If he knew, he would definitely be so ashamed that he won't have anywhere to hide."

Qin Mu gave a slight smile, "Martial Arts Heavenly Teacher, using the Martial Path to attain godhood; naturally, his abilities are remarkable. How could he not sense that I had come to arrive in Fengdu? He might hide for a while, but after he hides, he will still come out to see me."

Right at this moment, Martial Arts Heavenly Teacher Guan Cha's voice came from behind him, "After hearing the news of you coming here, I indeed hid. However, after thinking about it, I still have to come out to see you. I have let you down, and if I still hide, I will be even more impotent."

Qin Mu turned around and smiled. "Heavenly Teacher..."

Suddenly, Martial Arts Heavenly Teacher fell to his knees and kowtowed a few times to him. A huge pit also appeared on the ground!

"I've always thought that I can stand upright and look up to Heaven and Earth with a clear conscience! However, I can never get over the Eternal Peace Calamity!"

Qin Mu was about to help him up when Martial Arts Heavenly Teacher used his vigorous cultivation to suppress him and force Qin Mu to accept his kowtow. He said solemnly, "The people of Bullfighting World are the descendants of the soldiers that died in Founding Emperor Era. Their divine bridges were destroyed, and generation after generation of people couldn't avoid death. You saved them, but I left when you were in trouble! This isn't the actions of a gentleman, it's the actions of a villain!"

Qin Mu could only let him be.

If he stopped him from making amends, it would become an obstruction to his heart of martial arts.