

## Tales of Herding Gods Chapter 701-705

### Chapter 701: Suffering on Behalf

Elder Messenger of Death took a glance at Qin Mu and said, "Earth Count, I've already added, it's on the one thousandth and eighth page of the eighth book. Every debt is recorded clearly and won't be left out."

Earth Count put the book in his hands down and picked up the eighth book. He flipped through it and said, "Have you recorded down every time he opened Gate of Heaven Influence?"

"I have."

Elder Messenger of Death said, "He keeps scaring me out of my wits, so I have to record them down. Also, every person that dies from his hands is also recorded down clearly without a mistake. We can only clear the list with him once he dies. However, all of these are small matters, and I've recorded them down in the miscellaneous books."

Earth Count put down the eighth book and asked, "Where are the miscellaneous books?"

Elder Messenger of Death replied, "There are too many miscellaneous books, so I've created another room to store them. It's almost full now. Should I bring the miscellaneous scrolls for Earth Count to take a look?"

"There's no need."

Earth Count also felt a slight headache and shook his head. "As long as it's recorded clearly, it's fine."

Thump.

Tian Shu just collapsed straight to the ground, and his goat head hit heavily on the ground, stopping only after bouncing twice. Qi Jiuyi couldn't resist saying, "Big Brother Tian, Earth Count shouldn't be saying you; he's talking about Brother Qin Fengqing."

Tian Shu said weakly, "I know he is talking about him, but I thought he had a good relationship with Earth Count and now it looks like he's has a good relationship with Earth Count based on the bad things he has done. I was still anticipating for Earth Count to give him face and now I think the result of Earth Count giving him face would be an additional charge to my crime! Just let me lie here for a while, all of a sudden I feel so weak..."

Earth Count looked at Qin Mu who was standing there uneasily with his head down. He would try to sneak a glance from time to time and pulled back his gaze as though he was shocked.

Earth Count said, "Shielding Criminal Tian Shu and releasing him to cause misfortune on the world, this misdeed will be recorded on your head, do you accept it?"

Qin Mu hurriedly said, "I don't..."

“Put it on his head,” Earth Count said to Elder Messenger of Death.

Elder Messenger of Death said yes gladly and recorded it down with his brush. He said to Qin Mu, “Earth Count is impartial and he’s not asking for your opinion, he’s just informing you so you would have no grievance after you die in the future.”

Qin Mu was instantly at ease. He said with a smile, “In the future? In that case, Earth Count won’t kill me this time.”

Earth Count shot a glance at him and said, “Your lifespan in the world of the living still hasn’t ended so we won’t touch you for now. However, the longer you remain in Youdu, the weaker your corporeal body will get, you will still die. You aren’t the main focus of the summon today, he is.”

He raised his hand to point at Tian Shu, and a whip lashed out and coiled Tian Shu. Tian Shu couldn’t break free, and his face was ashen.

Qin Mu took a step forward and stood between them. He asked loudly, “May I ask Earth Count, what crime has Tian Shu committed?”

“Severing my horn, stealing my Youdu, separating my territory to form Fengdu—this is a huge crime.”

Earth Count asked seriously, “Are you standing out for him? Are you going to take his punishment for him?”

Qin Mu said solemnly, “Founding Emperor designed the Imperial Gate Divine Knife, and the order was given to him by Founding Emperor. Tian Shu is merely following orders, is it wrong for a subject to follow the order of his ruler?”

Earth Count said, “The person who bears the knife is already committing a mistake from the start.”

“So Earth Count is bullying the weak and afraid of the strong?” Qin Mu asked.

Tian Shu’s blood ran cold, and Qi Jiuyi was also uneasy. ‘Why does Brother Qin dares to say anything and everything? Even though he is the Son of Youdu, even that identity can’t protect him!’

Earth Count frowned slightly, and flames swirled between his horns.

Qin Mu continued, saying, “If Earth Count is impartial, you should hold Founding Emperor responsible and find him. Earth Count not going after the mastermind and just taking in Tian Shu for punishment makes me suspect you are only bullying the weak and are afraid of the strong. I’m a junior, and junior also has a heart of righteousness. If Earth Count is impartial, junior cannot accept your decision and has to step out to express my opinion. If Earth Count isn’t afraid of the strong, in that case, the deaths of countless lifeforms in Supreme Emperor Heaven and Luofu Heaven, why didn’t Earth Count seek out the originator?”

Elder Messenger of Death frowned and said, “Son of Youdu, you don’t know the reason behind, let’s not talk about this...”

“Let him speak.” Earth Count raised his hand.

Elder Messenger of Death could only hold himself back and be secretly anxious for Qin Mu.

Qin Mu continued to speak, and said, “And who is the originator? That esteemed guest that just walked out from Earth Count’s palace! Son of Heaven Yin let his disciples do as they pleased and forced the remaining survivors of Crimson Light into Luofu Heaven, the territory of the devil, to invoke a bloodbath. Luofu Heaven was destroyed, and only Chi Xi was left from the remaining survivors of Crimson Light. To survive, the devils had no choice but to invade Supreme Emperor Heaven. The disciples of Son of Heaven Yin then used the Life and Death Book to sacrifice Luofu Heaven, crashing it into Supreme Emperor Heaven, which in turn caused Supreme Emperor Heaven to crash into the Great Ruins. This resulted in countless deaths. The originator of the true evil was right here so why didn’t Earth Count kill him?”

“My brother created havoc in Youdu, and Earth Count put it on my head, wanting to beat and kill me. I summoned the soul of Seven Kills Star Sovereign Wei Liao, and Earth Count put it on my head, wanting to beat and kill me. When I fought in the battlefield and killed enemies, Earth Count put it on my head, wanting to beat and kill me. And now, when the disciples of Son of Heaven Yin wants to bathe the entire Eternal Peace in blood and revive the stone statues by dropping calamities on Eternal Peace, countless lives would be lost again! Earth Count, how are you impartial? Have you wanted to beat and kill them?”

“You are clearly bullying the weak and afraid of the strong, you are bullying the kind and scared of the evil, so what is the crime of Tian Shu severing your horn? If it was Founding Emperor sitting at the top of the celestial heavens now, would you even dare to let out a fart?”

“You say I’m full of evil and put all of the troubles my brother has done on my head. It’s true that my brother commits all kinds of imaginable misdeeds, but he acts on his knowledge, yet you as the ruler of Youdu don’t act on what you preach—you are truly a disgrace to the reputation of a natural born sacred god!”

“You might as well let out your position and let my brother be the ruler of Youdu, at least he treats everyone equally at the minimum, unlike you who doesn’t!”

Tian Shu, the dragon qilin, and Qi Jiuyi almost shat in their pants from hearing what Qin Mu said. Even Elder Messenger of Death took a few gulps and thought to himself, ‘It’s over, it’s over...’

Earth Count’s three eyes stared at Qin Mu, and Qin Mu stared back without relenting.

“You are originally very smart and know how to guide the situation to your advantage, you know how to conform to the situation and yet why are you not backing down today? Why must you argue strongly for what’s right?” Earth Count finally spoke, and he asked.

Qin Mu bowed and said, “Everyone has accumulated rancor, and once the rancor goes on for a long period, one would still burst apart. I’m also a part of everyone; I seek your forgiveness if I have offended you in any way.”

Earth Count nodded slowly and said, "How do you know I don't have a small booklet to record Son of Heaven Yin's sins?"

Qin Mu said, "If you have it but don't carry out the punishment, what's the difference with not having it in the first place? I know Earth Count is in a troubled position and it's none other than the power of the celestial heavens being too strong so you can't act as you wish. Since Earth Count isn't willing to make a move yourself, why stop other people?"

Earth Count's expression was incomparably calm, and no change in expression could be seen at all. "What you mean is?"

"Evil must be fought with evil, I'm this evil, and Tian Shu is also this evil. In the current world, there aren't many people that dare to fight Son of Heaven Yin to the death, but Tian Shu is one of them."

Qin Mu said, "Wouldn't it be better if Earth Count let Tian Shu go and let him fight to the death with Son of Heaven Yin? Tian Shu indeed severed your horn, but there was also a reason for it. He was under Founding Emperor's order, and since Founding Emperor isn't here, I'll bear his crime. Earth Count can just put this crime on my head! I only wish for Earth Count to let him off and let him fight with Son of Heaven Yin. Earth Count can just wait and reap the benefits."

Earth Count's three eyes kept staring at him, and he never shifted his gaze.

Tian Shu and the rest were uneasy. Qin Mu didn't know how powerful Earth Count was, but Tian Shu knew it very well.

During Founding Emperor Period, he had been conferred the title of Mingdu Heavenly King because of his remarkable abilities that were honed to perfection. But comparing him to Earth Count, it was like comparing a grain of rice to a blazing sun.

He had a natural fear of Earth Count.

Yet Qin Mu could be so at ease in front of Earth Count and even have a heated discussion. He could even scold Earth Count and discuss the terms with Earth Count after scolding him. In his eyes, that was the path leading to death!

Right at that moment, Earth Count's voice rang out. "Fine, I'll give you this face and let him go."

The whip around Tian Shu's body loosened up, and he crashed onto the ground.

Tian Shu's mind was blank, and he shook his head as though he hadn't heard Earth Count clearly.

Earth Count actually agreed to Qin Mu's terms and even said he would give him face.

That was something that could never have happened!

Qin Mu bowed and expressed his gratitude. "Many thanks, Earth Count, for granting my request."

“No matter if they are a commoner or the celestial emperor, as long as evil is committed, I will be impartial and will record them down.”

Earth Count said calmly, “Everyone has their respective booklet, and the only difference is the thickness. I don’t blame you for stealing my power to revive the Goddess of Heavenly Yin; instead, I admire you very much. All beings grieve for their fellow beings, I also couldn’t accept Goddess of Heavenly Yin’s death, but I’m still the ruler of Youdu after all. There are some things that I can’t do, and I can only let others do it. There are some things that I can’t say, and I can only let others say. You have done it, and you have said it, however, to be fair, no matter how much I admire you, I will still need to record down and handle the problems according to the rules of Youdu. Do you understand?”

Qin Mu bowed. “I understand.”

Earth Count nodded his head and said, “You guys can leave now.”

Qin Mu hesitated for a moment. “Earth Count, can I meet my mother, I’ve never met her before...”

“She’s being punished for you.”

Earth Count’s face was expressionless as he said, “A few months after you were born, you committed a huge misdeed in Youdu and to protect your life, she sent you away. But to protect you and not let the big shots of Youdu chase after you, she took on all of your mistakes. If you want to meet her, I can arrange for it, but the disciples of Mingdu have already made their moves. The souls of the lives in Eternal Peace are currently being guided into Youdu. Are you sure you want to meet her?”

Qin Mu stood there blankly as though he was struck by lightning. He suddenly turned and said, “Tian Shu, Brother Qi, let us return to Eternal Peace now!”

Earth Count saw him off and saw that youth secretly wiping his tears away.

“He will be a good child,” Earth Count said softly.

Elder Messenger of Death bowed and said, “Of course he will be a good child. Let me send them away.”

On the paper boat, Qin Mu turned back and looked at Earth Count who looked cold and dark. There were countless dead people living there, and it was incomparably lively. His kin was also over there, and maybe there was even his father who was still driving the ship to find the traces of his mother in the darkness.

Yet he had the chance to meet them but couldn’t.

‘I will come back when the chaos in Eternal Peace is quelled. I will come back to meet both of you.’

Qin Mu revealed a warm smile and thought to himself, ‘I don’t remember what I did after I was born. It must have been older brother who did it, but what he has done is what I have done. However, I can’t bear to let mother suffer because of me. Mother, I will be back to fetch both of you. I won’t let you suffer in Youdu on my behalf...’

## Chapter 702: Revival of the Stone Statues

On the paper boat, Tian Shu kept examining Qin Mu. He noticed the youth looked cheerful, but his worries and longing for his kin were hidden in his brows.

“He really has a good relationship with Earth Count?”

Tian Shu secretly asked Elder Messenger of Death, whispering, “Official Sovereign, we are also old friends. Why would Earth Count give him face and let me out? I don’t believe Earth Count would let me off just because of his words.”

Elder Messenger of Death took a glance at Qin Mu and whispered, “Of course Earth Count won’t let you off just because of his words. If that were the case, everyone would be coming to chop Earth Count’s horns. Even the horns of nine bends would be shaved to nothing. After you chopped a chunk to make Fengdu, another few worlds were destroyed and only then did Earth Count finally manage to mend his horns. The price he paid wasn’t small. The reason why Earth Count gave him face was because he didn’t want him to return to Youdu.”

Tian Shu stared with his eyes wide open. “He doesn’t want him to return to Youdu? What’s the reason?”

“He was born in Youdu and was the first being born in Youdu after the creation of Youdu; thus, he is referred to as Son of Youdu.”

Elder Messenger of Death sighed and said, “You didn’t see the apparition that appeared when he was born. The entire Youdu was shaken, and countless big shots infiltrated into Youdu to look at the glorious occasion. Three to four months later, he pierced his way through the horns of nine bends...”

Tian Shu had a weird expression and stuttered, “P-pierced his way through?”

Elder Messenger of Death nodded his head and recalled the sight that had happened over twenty years ago. He couldn’t help shivering. “The horns of Earth Count were pierced through, and it affected the benefits of numerous big shots in Youdu. Therefore everyone came together to take him down, and a huge bunch of big shots got eaten up. Look, there are still many places on Earth Count that are in chaos, and the ghosts are still at war with one another. Just by that, you know how powerful the wake of his destruction was.”

Tian Shu was also one of Youdu’s big shots once, and he had very great power, so he understood what he meant.

The big shots of Youdu possessed great power in Youdu, and they could all have a piece of territory on Earth Count’s body. The territory they were in charge of was very vast, and they ruled over billions of ghosts.

Once Qin Mu ate the big shots, there would be no one left to rule over the ghosts. In that way, other big shots would take the chance to enter and fight over the territory.

It could be seen that Qin Mu had eaten too many big shots of Youdu, which was why the war had lasted until then and not stop.

Tian Shu was silent for a moment and said, "In the depths of Youdu, some existences were strong practitioners of Emperor's Throne before they died, didn't they make a move?"

"They did."

Elder Messenger of Death said, "First they fought one on one, but how could they help when their abilities were inferior to when they were alive? Without their corporeal bodies, they were no match for him. After that, they took him on together, but they couldn't do anything. They could only call Earth Count for help and only then was he sealed and exiled."

Tian Shu shivered a few times and said with a sigh, "Being trapped inside the Imperial Gate Divine Knife made me miss out so many interesting things..."

Elder Messenger of Death sneered. "Even if you were there, you would be helpless—without sealing him, he's just a pure devil king. He will eat anything he gets his hands on, and even you would be eaten up! After you go back, never try to touch the seal in the heart of his brows, you will die miserably if you do! It hasn't been just once that he broke through the seal in recent years, and Earth Count is plagued with headaches."

Tian Shu laughed dryly. "I'm not a curious person, you know me, I'm very timid." After he said that, he took a glance at Qin Mu who was spacing out. His gaze fell on the heart of his brows.

Elder Messenger of Death said, "When you don't drink, you are timid, but after you drink, you dare to chop Earth Count. What else do you not dare to do? You and I are old friends, so I'm warning you now; otherwise, if you release him out, it would be an even greater disaster than chopping off Earth Count's horn! We are here in the world of the living..."

Everyone on the ship stood up and looked ahead. It was completely black.

Suddenly, Elder Messenger of Death pushed Tian Shu off the boat.

Elder Messenger of Death also pushed Qin Mu and Qi Jiuyi off the boat before looking at the dragon qilin. The dragon qilin immediately took the initiative to jump off by himself.

"This big chunk of meat sure has a good eye."

Elder Messenger of Death chuckled and turned his boat around to return.

On the return journey, paper boats were bustling with activity as they sailed out of Eternal Peace and towards Earth Count's corporeal body.

Souls of the people of Eternal Peace filled every boat.

With so many ships, it meant several million people suddenly died in a short time!

Elder Messenger of Death was astonished. "The disciples of Mingdu have made their move..."

The small boats stopped and on the bow were elders that looked exactly the same. The elders looked one another in the eye and said in unison, "Son of Youdu has now returned to the world of the living, and he will definitely make a move. If we send these souls over to Earth Count, he will seize them back by force again. Why don't we wait a few days and see how the situation goes."

"In that case, how many days should we wait?"

"Give him seven days. If he can tide through this disaster and execute Soul Guide to guide these souls back to the world of the living, let him be. If he can't, the bodies of these souls would also have decomposed, and there's no use even if he seized them back."

"If we give him seven days, would we be denounced by others for being scared of Son of Youdu? We need to think of a cover."

"In that case, let us call it Return to the Life in the First Seven Days. Souls can return to the world of the living in the first seven days; in that way, tongues wouldn't waggle."

"Excellent!"

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Below God Broken Mountain Range, Qin Mu suddenly opened his eyes and looked around. He saw the dragon qilin and Qi Jiuyi waking up after him, and everyone quickly moved far away from the Imperial Gate Divine Knife so that their primordial spirits didn't get sucked in again.

"Boss Tian isn't here." The dragon qilin looked around and didn't see Tian Shu.

"He should be in Ghost Valley."

Qin Mu flew down and came to the palace below the knife. "His corporeal body should be in the underground of Ghost Valley since it seems like half of his body is buried as he got grabbed by Earth Count's hand. This should likely be the palace that Founding Emperor built for him, and he will come to find us. Let us wait here for a moment."

Qi Jiuyi hesitated for a moment and also landed outside the palace. "Brother Qin, it's hard for me to choose a side when both you and the disciples of Mingdu are at war, I'm afraid I can't remain here anymore. I want to return to Southern Heaven now and not participate in the fights between both side."

The dragon qilin hurriedly said, "We have made an oath to Earth Count to seek to die together so how could third brother leave? If I die, Earth Count will be coming to take Brother Tian's life and your life."

Cold sweat covered Qi Jiuyi's head. He regretted drinking so much wine. He couldn't even leave when he wanted to.

"Brother Qi can leave."

Qin Mu said, "Other than festive occasions which would be slightly more dangerous for Fatty Dragon, he's usually out of danger."



“Festive occasions?” The faces of the dragon qilin and Qi Jiuyi turned white.

Qi Jiuyi hesitated for a moment and decided not to leave. What if the dragon qilin ate and became a fatty once again. Wouldn't he have to give up his life too?

Qin Mu entered the palace and examined his surroundings. He only saw a bunch of wine jars accumulated in the hall, and there was also some murals on the wall. What he drew was the sight of Tian Shu raising his knife to sever Earth Count's horns.

Tian Shu in the painting was heroic. He carried a wine jar in one hand and his sword in another, it was truly heroic. On the other hand, Earth Count was drawn to look very wretched, and the Earth Count in the painting had a look of anger which was remarkably true to life. He didn't know whose work it was.

“Cult Master, that stone statue seems to be reviving!”

The dragon qilin's voice came from outside, and Qin Mu hurriedly went out from the palace and saw the stone statue whose head was stuck on the Imperial Gate Divine Knife slowly shedding away his stone characteristics. It was gradually revealing the color of flesh!

“Lou Yunqu, Kui Qingpei, and Fu Yanqi of Mingdu are massacring the lifeforms of Eternal Peace and trying to revive the stone statue!”

Qin Mu was astonished. He saw the stone statue looked more fleshy, and its aura was gradually becoming more powerful.

In the past, Qin Mu guessed the other stone statues that descended from the other worlds were only on the level of true god and true devil. Even though the stone statue had yet to recover completely, its aura and imposing manner had already surpassed true god and true devil!

He had underestimated the stone statues!

He didn't know what realm the stone statues were, but if they revived, they were enough to destroy Eternal Peace!

Qin Mu took out God Execution Mysterious Knife and opened up the case. Two trails of blood light flew out to circle the neck of the devil god stone statue. Sparks flew in all direction yet there was only a white trace on the stone statue's neck. The knife didn't manage to sever the head!

When God Execution Mysterious Knife missed, the two trails of blood light returned to slash at Qin Mu.

Qin Mu was alarmed. ‘This evil knife wants to eat me in return!’

The two trails of blood light were incomparably sharp, and because it couldn't drink any blood several times, its fierce nature was invoked; it wanted to slay Qin Mu to drink his blood!

Right at that moment, the stone statue suddenly trembled and devil blood came pouring out from the forehead. That was the revival of the stone statue, but because the head was stuck in the Imperial Gate

Divine Knife, part of its revived flesh and blood turned back from stone. That caused it to be injured by the Imperial Gate Divine Knife.

Two trails of blood light seemed to be able to sniff the blood scent in the air, and one of them immediately turned to slash the neck of that stone statue. The other trail just kept slashing towards Qin Mu's neck.

Before the blood light could reach Qin Mu, a sea of blood red color was already in front of his eyes. His vision was blocked entirely, and everything turned blood red!

Qin Mu immediately made a decision and took down the willow leaf on the heart of his brows. The sea of red was instantly sucked into the heart of its brows like a whale swallowing a rainbow.

At that moment, another trail of sword light surrounded the neck of the devil god stone statue to spew out blood. In that small case in Qin Mu's hand, the head that was like jade flapped the membranes behind its head excitedly.

Next, the Imperial Gate Divine Knife's expression froze because he realized he couldn't take back the blood light he had slashed at Qin Mu!

That was something that had never happened!

He was a strange treasure forged in the Crimson Light Era and made with the head and primordial spirit of an Emperor's Throne. He only knew how to kill, but as long as they were living, it was hard for them to escape his slaughter. If he couldn't slash through, he would slash the owner; it was equally delicious.

His knife had always slashed through all obstruction, but not only did he not eat Qin Mu's qi and blood, but he also seemed to be eaten by Qin Mu instead!

Qin Mu's third eye swept everything in front of him and swallowed the blood light in one gulp. A burp came from the inside of his third eye, and there was the cheerful cry of a toddler.

Boom—

A loud explosion rang out from the devil god stone statue. Next, a massive head fell off its neck, and that head was like a mountain that fell into the depths of the underground. A dull boom rang out and lingered for a long time.

The blood light absorbed all of the qi and blood of the devil god and flew back rapidly into the small case.

Qin Mu was about to close the small case when the small case closed itself with a clack.

“What's wrong with the God Execution Divine Knife?”

Qin Mu was bewildered and pasted his willow leaf back to block out his brother's excited cries.

The small case gave off slight tremors, and it was like that head of an Emperor's Throne shivering. Qin Mu didn't understand why the little case would tremble and shook his head. He stuffed the case back into his taotie sack and thought to himself, 'Maybe I could use the God Execution Mysterious Knife to deal with the devil stone statue. However, if I don't hit it on the first hit, it would come and attack me. That is troublesome...'

'To even eat me as well...'

In the small case, the head of Emperor's Throne was completely frightened to meet a natural predator for the first time. 'He's even fiercer than me. I can't provoke him!'

### **Chapter 703: Dead City**

"If this devil god stone statue revives, the other stone statues will also revive! This stone statue is unlucky to have transported his corporeal body here. However, the other stone statues in Eternal Peace are all perfectly fine!"

Qin Mu was astonished. Aside from that unlucky stone statue, there was another unlucky one, the one under Mount Meru.

That stone statue rose from the ground and ended up hitting Mount Meru. Mount Meru of Great Thunderclap Monastery and the Mount Meru of Buddha Realm were basically the same nature. Knocking into Mount Meru of Great Thunderclap Monastery was equivalent to hitting a Buddha-Realm.

However, the other stone statues didn't encounter situations like those. Instead, they popped out from all corners of the world without incident. Those stone statues were incomparably heavy and couldn't be moved at all; thus, Emperor Yanfeng ordered all of them to be guarded heavily.

After Qin Mu had experienced a stone statue reviving for himself, he clearly understood how terrifying the stone statues were. If they were to revive, it would be a catastrophe to Eternal Peace even without the divine weapons that could descend calamity!

"If Tian Shu still doesn't come, I can only go ahead by myself..."

Just as he thought until there, a divine light shone down from the sky, and from the light, a majestic god stretched his hand out to grab the Imperial Gate Divine Knife that was underground!

'Mingdu Heavenly King is here!'

Qin Mu was delighted and raised his head to take a look. He saw Tian Shu holding the Imperial Gate Divine Knife and chanting phrases to turn it smaller and smaller. Not long later, it transformed into a huge knife that was over a hundred yards long.

Tian Shu kept the divine knife and tried his best not to touch the blade. "Stay here, let me go and meet the disciples of Mingdu!" After saying that, he rose into the air, and light filled the sky. Both he and the knife vanished.

Qin Mu was about to stop him, but he had already gone far away.

Qin Mu frowned slightly and rose into the air to get out of the underground space. Looking into the distance, he could only see a beam of sunlight flying towards the east.

Suddenly, his taotie sack vibrated, and peals of thunder came out. Qin Mu was astonished and quickly poured the things in his taotie sack out to see the surroundings of Five Thunder Pot crackling with electricity. The meteorological weapon looked to be on the verge of losing control!

“The five great thunderclouds are about to be activated.”

Qi Jiuyi sighed and said with a solemn face, “Brother Qin, Eternal Peace is no longer a place we can have a footing in. Once the five thunderclouds rise into the air, Eternal Peace will transform into a sea of lightning and the fire bell divine weapons will scuttle around in the sea of lightning. Furthermore, other than Five Thunder Pot, there are also meteorological divine weapons like Earthquake Cauldron and Hurricane Bottle Gourd. If all of their power burst forth together, Eternal Peace would be even more terrifying than hell! I’m ready to hide in High Heavens, second brother, are you following me? I can bring you to leave this world and enter the High Heavens. The calamities won’t reach there.”

The dragon qilin hesitated for a moment and looked at Qin Mu. He shook his head and said, “Wherever Cult Master goes, I go. I’ve followed Cult Master for so many years and ate a lot. I can’t just leave when I’m needed.”

Qi Jiuyi had a complicated expression and sighed. Flames surrounded him as he transformed into a nine-headed phoenix to soar towards the west. His voice rang out, “In that case, you’re on your own! Second brother, don’t die, no matter what! This is the token that represents the bloodline of Southern Heaven Red Deity; it might just be able to save your life!”

A token flew into Qin Mu’s hand.

Qin Mu was slightly stunned and handed over the jade token carved with a nine-headed phoenix to the dragon qilin.

Qi Jiuyi’s token wasn’t for him; it was for the dragon qilin.

“Fatty Dragon, Qi Jiuyi is still pretty nice to you.”

Qin Mu said with a smile, “Let’s start on our journey, back to Eternal Peace!”

The dragon qilin stepped on fire clouds and brought Qin Mu to rise into the air. Qin Mu saw the sword pellet on his body and hesitated for a moment. However, he still didn’t let the dragon qilin throw the sword pellet off.

He didn’t know the situation in Eternal Peace, and he didn’t have any weapon that was suitable for him. Besides, if he threw away the unfinished sword pellet, it wouldn’t increase his speed much.

‘What can really increase my speed is my primordial spirit!’

On the back of the dragon qilin, Qin Mu projected his primordial spirit and executed Secrets of Three Primordial Spirit Assembly. Soon, he had gathered all of the talents in Eternal Peace for a meeting. The primordial spirits of Dao Master Lin Xuan, Wang Muran, Xu Shenghua, Ling Yuxiu and the rest were all gathered in Hall of Supreme Learning.

“Has there been a large-scale incident of death in Eternal Peace recently?” Qin Mu asked.

“Yuzhi County in the south-east, in one night, all of the people died.”

Ling Yuxiu said, “From the cities to the countrysides, everyone died at the same time, and that included the young magistrate of Yuzhi County who was a strong practitioner on Divine Bridge Realm that wasn’t far from being a god. My father has already dispatch men to scout that place, and from the reports, all of the people in Yuzhi County still look alive. Many people are on the streets with walking poses, and there were also old farmers farming in the fields. However, they have all died, and there were no breaths at all. Father has already suppressed news from spreading to prevent panic in the hearts of the people.”

Qin Mu frowned and asked, “What about the livestock?”

“Livestock, pets, and beasts—none were spared,” Ling Yuxiu replied.

Dao Master Lin Xuan, Wang Muran and the rest still didn’t know such a huge incident had occurred, and in an instant, the Hall of Supreme Learning was in an uproar.

Ling Yuxiu continued, “Imperial Preceptor, First Ancestor, Sacred Teacher and the rest assembled the experts of Crimson Light and the devil race to find the location of the enemies. These enemies must definitely be Lou Yunqu and the rest.”

Qin Mu looked at Si Yunxiang and said solemnly, “Saintess Xiang, immediately pass down the order to contact all disciples of the sacred cult, make all of the disciples supervise the activities of every single stone statue. Report any abnormalities to me immediately!”

Si Yunxiang nodded her head and said, “There are tip-offs from various regions that those stone statues are starting to revive, some stone statues are revealing the color of flesh. I even heard the news that Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor suppressed the meteorological divine weapons in the treasury. Not long ago, the weapons started to give off power and crumbled the treasury. Just today, the capital city quaked fifteen times and the dragon veins are splitting apart.”

Everyone’s hearts leaped, and they instantly became silent.

“The other thing you have to take note is for any large-scale incidents of death, if there is, inform me at once!”

Qin Mu quickly said, “Sister Xiu, inform the emperor and get him to give the order to summon all scholars that are skilled in Soul Guide to take fast ships to Yuzhi County. Dao Master, Brother Wang, if there are people who are skilled in Soul Guide in Dao Sect or Little Jade Capital, get them to hurry there as well! We might still be able to save them!”

Everyone nodded in acknowledgment.

The primordial spirit assembly was dismissed, and Qin Mu's primordial spirit returned into his body. He immediately ordered the dragon qilin to head towards Yuzhi County, but after some time, he stopped him.

The dragon qilin didn't understand but still slowed down to run forward at a steady pace.

Qin Mu's expression flickered with uncertainty. Yuzhi County was close to the coastal area in the south-east of Eternal Peace Empire. The journey was long, and it would take a day to reach there. The coastal area was secluded, and if he had just rushed there without thinking it through, he might fall into the trap of luring the tiger away from its domain in the mountains.

If all of the divine arts practitioners that were skilled in Soul Guide were gather in Yuzhi County, no one would be able to react if another large-scale incident of death suddenly erupted in other prefectures and counties.

'Just the people of a county are probably not enough for the stone statues to revive, more people have to die to wake the stone statues up.'

Qin Mu's gaze flickered, and he took out the map of Eternal Peace from taotie sack. Eternal Peace was no longer what it was before, and their territories had increased drastically. The population was also several times what it was before, but the human traffic was still mainly concentrated at places where trade was flourishing.

'The water transportation of the Surging River is the most developed, and along the river, there are many cities with populations of a million, especially in this stretch of River Tomb. However, River Tomb is close to the capital city so Imperial Preceptor, First Ancestor, and the rest would respond quickly.'

Qin Mu checked the map, and the most suitable location was still none other than Yuyuan Chuyu's Lizhou Prefecture.

It was far enough from the capital city and far enough from Yuzhi County. It was also in the center of Eternal Peace.

'If I was Lou Yunqu, I would choose that place and sacrifice everyone in Lizhou Prefecture to awaken the stone statues.'

Qin Mu's expression was uncertain. Lizhou Prefecture was in the south of Heavenly Saint Academy, and there was also the Surging River Academy there. High Minister Su Yunzhi was a grand chancellor there while Yuyuan Chuyu and Yuyuan Chuyun were the chancellors.

'If they use the Life and Death Book to sacrifice everyone in Lizhou Prefecture, not only could they get the entire Surging River Academy in one fell swoop, even my Heavenly Saint Academy would be wiped out. It's no trouble for Lou Yunqu and the rest to wipe out Heavenly Saint Academy along the way as well.'

‘Lizhou, Bazhou, there are more than enough people to allow many stone statues to revive. Once the stone statues are revived, it’s simple to wipe out a few prefectures. After that, they can completely destroy Eternal Peace by activating the meteorological divine weapons to descend calamities.’

When Qin Mu thought until there, he immediately ordered the dragon qilin to head towards Surging River Academy in Lizhou.

The speed of the dragon qilin was very fast. He sprinted quickly on the Surging River and churned up waves. Two huge dragons swam under the water and followed the dragon qilin closely.

When they reached Dyke River County, Qin Mu ordered the dragon qilin to descend. On the Hundred Years Mountain that was opposite of Dyke River County, a snow white god with a horn on his horse head looked over from afar.

Qin Mu waved his hand, and God Bai Xi concealed himself.

Beside the river was Surging River Academy, and the reason why Su Yunzhi had chosen to build the academy there was because of the talents on both shore and river. Over at the Surging River, there was Surging River Dragon King Dragon Rearing Sovereign, Divine Flood Dragon King and God Bai Xi living there. Usually, when they required the three gods to provide lessons, they just had to give offerings, and among them, God Bai Xi was the cheapest—they didn’t need to spend much.

Qin Mu hurried over to the academy and saw numerous new and huge spirit weapons. The huge spirit weapons were parked on both sides of the roads, and some scholars were teaching the divine arts practitioners how to control the weapons.

It was obvious that the scholars of Surging River Academy didn’t know that calamity was imminent and the place was still very peaceful.

Qin Mu made the dragon qilin stop to take a look. He saw that some spirit weapons were wind carriages that had seven blades and a small delicate pill furnace. By putting medicinal stones inside the pill furnace, the blades would be able to spin.

When the blades spun, blades of winds would slice along the ground and very quickly, it overturned a field.

After overturning the ground, one could then push the wind carriage forward to overturn other lands.

‘A tool for plowing the land!’

Qin Mu was astonished. During Eternal Peace’s reform, divine arts practitioners that cultivated wind divine arts were mostly hired to use spells to plow the land—they used wind blades.

But someone had created that kind of wind carriage spirit weapon which utilized the energy from medicinal stones to execute divine arts. It was truly an elaborate concept.

He asked the scholar beside the wind carriage, and the scholar replied, “Other than wind carriages, there are also cloud carriages, rain carriages, mining carriages, and furnaces for smelting metal. They are

all designed by Heavenly Works Hall and Heavenly Works Bureau. Imperial Preceptor ordered them to be promoted throughout the empire.”

‘Could Grandpa Mute have designed the spirit weapons for everyday use? However, if they are being popularized throughout the empire, the medicinal stones wouldn’t be enough for the usage, would they? Even planting spirit herbs requires time for the herb to mature.’

Qin Mu asked, “Is Grand Chancellor Su Yunzhi in the academy?”

“Grand Chancellor is right in front. She is checking the medicinal fields with Jade Face Poison King from the Imperial Physician Bureau.”

Qin Mu’s heart stirred slightly. ‘Grandpa Apothecary is also here? Isn’t he with Empress Dowager and the rest of the beauties? Could he have a thing with High Official Su Yunzhi as well? Bah, bah, why am I badmouthing Grandpa Apothecary behind his back...’

#### **Chapter 704: Perfectly Round and Bright Moon**

The farther Qin Mu walked, the more spirit weapons for everyday use he could see. There were also scholars near Surging River Academy that were testing flying carts which could carry passengers into the sky. The pill furnace was slightly smaller and didn’t exhaust as many medicinal stones as flying ships, perfect for short distance flights.

He could still see some scholars forging Ice Dragon Fridge and selling the spirit weapons to the big families nearby. Ice Dragon Fridge was square like a big cauldron, but there was also a cover. Four bronze dragon sculptures were occupying the four corners. With medicinal stones, the green dragons would breathe out icy breaths.

During summertime, it would cool the air in the house and also store food by making it harder for food to rot.

There were mines beside the river, and numerous machines were mining while scholars were supervising and recording at the side.

He even saw numerous scholars designing a floating city. They were constructing a small-scale city and planned to let the city float in the sky.

“The formation divine art of Eternal Peace has already become proficient to such an extent?”

He went forward to check on the formation skills, and the scholars were from Heavenly Saint Academy. They recognized him as the grand chancellor and immediately took out the blueprints for him to look through.

Qin Mu couldn’t help being astonished. The blueprint design for the floating city used formation structures similar to Little Jade Capital and Saint Arrival Mountain of Heavenly Saint Cult. Those formations borrowed the power from heaven and earth, and the formation structures had already surpassed his attainments in formation skills.



“If I didn’t research them out, who could it be?”

Qin Mu was stunned. “Could Grandpa Blind have run over to Saint Arrival Mountain and Little Jade Capital to dig out their formation skills?”

The divine arts of Eternal Peace were seeing new changes, and it truly astonished him. From the time he left Eternal Peace to find Yan Jingjing and met Saint Woodcutter, Elder Angler, and the incident in Heavenly Yin World to finally returning to Eternal Peace, it was probably just four months’ time. The paths, skills, and divine arts had actually developed to that extent—it was truly powerful!

However, wasn’t it a little too powerful?

“This shouldn’t be just Grandpa Mute and Grandpa Blind’s work; Saint Woodcutter is probably pushing the reform along too! He has a lot of knowledge about everything, and from Elder Angler’s words, the reform of Founding Emperor was pushed by Teacher Woodcutter,” Qin Mu muttered to himself.

Woodcutter and the people of Disabled Elderly Village pushing forward the paths, skills, and divine arts could indeed strengthen Eternal Peace in a short time—everyone’s quality of accommodation and food would rise drastically. It could also save more time for divine arts practitioners to cultivate and to research even more profound techniques.

However, the most crucial point was still medicinal stones.

The spirit weapons for everyday use required far more medicinal stones, and even though spirit stones could be dug from mining, it was still slightly hard to grow the herbs.

He came to Surging River Academy and was stunned. He saw tens of thousands of fertile fields and herbs were being grown everywhere. Numerous scholars of Surging River Academy and Heavenly Saint Academy were executing creation divine art in the medicinal fields.

The scholars were executing Earth Aeon Creation Technique, but it was also different from the Earth Aeon Creation Technique of the past. There seemed to be some creation divine art from Crimson Light Era mixed in.

Qin Mu got the dragon qilin to stop and looked at the fields. He saw those scholars of the academy using Earth Aeon Creation Technique to assist the herbs to grow and cultivated their medicinal energy. Herbs that required dozens of years to grow could be harvest in just a few hours.

“These medicinal herbs are growing very well and can be harvested in just a short while... Mu’er!”

Qin Mu heard Apothecary’s voice and hurriedly took a look. He saw Apothecary surveying the fields, and Deaf was also there. Beside them was High Official Su Yunzhi, a first rank high official who had long opened access through her divine bridge, cultivating into a god.

When Qin Mu had met her in the capital city, she was an old woman, but she had reversed her growth and turned herself into a beautiful woman around the age of thirty. Every action and movement from her was radiating with magnificence.

Deaf had already grown his ears out while Apothecary wore a bronze mask as usual.

Qin Mu looked at numerous scholars of Heavenly Saint Cult. They must have been brought over by them. They intended to give pointers regarding the art of creation to Surging River Academy.

Qin Mu walked forward with a smile. "Grandpa Apothecary, how is your creation divine art? Why are you still wearing a mask?"

Apothecary touched his mask and shook his head. "I'm already old; it's better for me not to show my true face. Otherwise... Haiz."

He gave another sigh.

Deaf sneered and said, "So it's remarkable when you are good-looking? How tacky."

Apothecary said with a smile, "Yes, it is remarkable."

Deaf pretended not to hear anything.

Both of them liked to squabble, and Qin Mu was long used to the sight; thus, he didn't put it to heart. Deaf looked at Qin Mu and asked puzzledly, "Why didn't you go to Heavenly Saint Academy and come here instead?"

Qin Mu's gaze flickered, and he said with a smile, "I was passing by this place, so I had come to take a look at Dragon Rearing Sovereign and visit Grand Chancellor Su."

Su Yunzhi pouted her lips and said, "You rarely come to my Surging River Academy. On the other hand, I frequently went to Heavenly Saint Academy to consult on some questions I have in teaching, but I could never find you."

Qin Mu yawned and stared at a flower silently.

Apothecary and Deaf instantly understood him when they saw him acting like that, and Apothecary said with a smile, "High Official Su, I'm slightly tired, so I'll be going back to take a rest. High Official Su just needs to wait two hours, and you can let the scholars harvest the herbs. Remember to preserve some seeds."

Su Yunzhi nodded.

Apothecary and Deaf turned to walk towards Heavenly Saint Academy. Qin Mu followed after quickly, and Deaf said, "Looking at your expression, there's definitely nothing good this time. Say it, what is it this time?"

"I suspect Lou Yunqu is about to use the Life and Death Book on this place, to wipe out all of the lifeforms in Lizhou Prefecture," said Qin Mu.

"What?"

Apothecary and Deaf gave out cries of astonishment, and Qin Mu hurriedly said, "Softer, don't alarm the enemies."

Apothecary started nagging and hastened his footsteps. "Quickly tidy up our valuables and leave this place immediately, let us hurry back to Ba Zhou... No, back to Disabled Elderly Village! Bazhou isn't safe either!"

Qin Mu grabbed his hand, and Apothecary struggled to no avail. He was currently on the Life and Death Realm, but since his cultivation was slow, his corporeal body was far inferior to Qin Mu's.

"Grandpa Apothecary, you can stay here as long as you like."

Qin Mu said with a smile, "As long as Lou Yunqu doesn't kill personally, I can still handle the situation if only the Life and Death Book is used."

"How are you going to handle it?"

"When you guys are dead, I will revive you guys."

Qin Mu said with a smile, "Don't worry, as long as the corporeal body doesn't rot, it isn't too troublesome to summon your souls back."

Apothecary hesitated for a moment and looked at Deaf. Deaf said, "What's the use of summoning our souls back? Can you defeat Lou Yunqu and the rest?"

"I can't."

Qin Mu shook his head and said, "Before Supreme Emperor Heaven was destroyed, Lou Yunqu and the rest met with First Ancestor Human Emperor. The four of them headed towards Spirit Energy Mutual Shift Bridge, and First Ancestor Human Emperor never made a move on them, this shows that he is very wary of them. On the other hand, they also didn't dare to make a move on First Ancestor right away, and it shows that First Ancestor's abilities are above theirs. The cultivation of the three senior and junior brothers should be between God Execution Stage Realm and Jade Pool Realm."

Apothecary asked, "They are even stronger than Fu Riluo?"

Qin Mu nodded. "Much stronger than Fu Riluo. Fu Riluo is most likely on Jade Pool Realm, but his abilities are inferior. They are the disciples of Mingdu Black Deity after all and what they cultivated is an Emperor's Throne technique."

Apothecary composed himself and said, "We are far from being their opponents, so why don't we leave and go back to the Great Ruins? We can't save everyone, but we can save ourselves."

Qin Mu broke into a smile. "But ever since I was young, Grandpa Apothecary has been teaching me that all healers treat patients like their children, and also human lives are greater than heaven. Didn't we learn medical knowledge to be able to save even more people? Is Grandpa Apothecary planning to go against your original aspiration?"

Apothecary smiled from extreme anger. "Now you are starting to lecture me instead! Let me teach you another sentence: learning medicine can't save Eternal Peace! Are you listening to me or not? Deaf, your abilities are higher than mine, seal him in a painting, we shall return to Heavenly Saint Academy this instant, we shall bring granny and the rest back!"

Deaf covered his ears and said, "I can't hear, I'm a deaf man."

Apothecary was furious and was about to fall out when Deaf hurriedly said, "Since Mu'er is here, he must have some kind of plan, why don't you make a decision after listening to him?"

Apothecary held himself back and said, "If there's no chance of coming out alive, we will have to leave immediately! Even if I have to use poison to knock you out, we will still return to Disabled Elderly Village!"

Qin Mu said with a smile, "Even though we aren't Lou Yunqu's opponent, we still have other helpers. If I'm not wrong, Saint Woodcutter, First Ancestor Human Emperor, Fu Riluo, and Elder Angler should all be in Lizhou at this moment, waiting for Lou Yunqu and the rest to appear."

He said calmly, "If I can guess their target is Lizhou, they would too."

Apothecary sucked in a cold breath and muttered, "If they can guess it, why aren't they moving the people of Lizhou? Why are they letting the people of Lizhou bear the fate of being killed?"

"Because we can't find Lou Yunqu, so we can only sacrifice the people of Lizhou."

Qin Mu said, "Furthermore, I've already spread Soul Guide out, and there are quite a number of people who cultivated the divine art in Eternal Peace. With the divine art, we can bring back those who died because of the Life and Death Book. Thus, the risk is worth taking, and we must take it!"

Deaf asked, "What if their target isn't Lizhou? What if it's the capital city?"

"I'm here; they will come."

Qin Mu said resolutely, "I'm the bait that will attract them. I will make Lou Yunqu and the rest give up on the other targets and only focus on Lizhou! Millions of people already died in Yuzhi County, and it was the Life and Death Book that took their lives last night. I've already ordered everyone that had cultivated Soul Guide to hurry to Yuzhi County and save the people. Tonight should be the moment they will lay their hands on Lizhou!"

Apothecary asked, "In that case, how would they know you are in Lizhou?"

Qin Mu said, "They possess the Life and Death Book, so they will naturally know where I am. Using the Life and Death Book to shine, everyone's name will appear. Tonight, I need a high ground to cast a spell. Right after they cast their spell to harm the people here, I shall revive everyone in Lizhou!"

Deaf said in a hurry, "There's an observatory in Surging River Academy and the terrain there is very high. You can see everything in Lizhou by standing on the observatory."

Qin Mu clapped his hands and said, "Good! I shall cast my spell there!"

On that very night, Qin Mu brought the dragon qilin to the observatory. Apothecary and Deaf stood on the edge and looked nervously up into the sky. The moon was round and bright.

The four corners of the observatory had the sculptures of the four divine beasts which were the green dragon, white tiger, vermilion bird, and black tortoise. They each represented the four celestial palaces of the east, west, south, and north. In the center was a huge armillary sphere carved with the stars.

Qin Mu lit up the lanterns in the surroundings and stood on the armillary sphere to wait quietly.

The moonlight was bright, and it gradually rose to the top of the sky. The night was silent, and at that moment, there was already no sounds from Surging River Academy. Only the torrential waters beside the seashore continued to flow day and night.

The night was slightly chilly.

Qin Mu revealed his three heads and six arms to stare at the surroundings. The moonlight was as calm as still water as it scattered down on the land, lighting up the mountains and terrains. The subtle fragrance of the plants nearby drifted in the air while the mottled mountain range was like ferocious beasts crouching.

Qin Mu waited for a long time, and even when the moon moved past culmination, he never saw the Life and Death Book flying over.

"Could they not be coming? That's not possible... Fatty Dragon, Fatty Dragon!"

Qin Mu gave a shout and the dragon qilin laid on the observatory motionlessly. Qin Mu was bewildered and looked at Apothecary and Deaf. Deaf was sitting in a lotus position while staring at him. Apothecary stood beside the green dragon statue, and his face was hidden in the shade.

Qin Mu jumped down from the armillary sphere and came to both of their bodies to check if they were breathing. His mind was blown.

Apothecary and Deaf only had their bodies left. Their souls had actually vanished without a trace!

He flew quickly to the dragon qilin, and the dragon qilin's soul had actually vanished as well!

Qin Mu's blood ran cold, and he hurriedly ran down the observatory. He ran through Surging River Academy and saw lanterns lighting up the Floor of Heavenly Records. Numerous scholars were browsing through all kinds of divine arts and scriptures in the building, but everyone was frozen in place and not moving!

He sprinted down the corridors and even saw young scholars that hadn't yet slept. The girls were in the arms of boys, and they should be whispering sweet nothings to each other. However, their bodies were already empty, and their souls had already vanished!

Qin Mu passed by Su Yunzhi's hall, and she was currently meditating. However, her primordial spirit had also vanished!

"Impossible! Impossible! They couldn't have activated the Life and Death Book without alarming me! Dragon Rearing Sovereign!"

Qin Mu shouted loudly, "Where is Dragon Rearing Sovereign?"

The river water flowed, but there was no reply. In Surging River, two huge dragons were floating on the water surface with their belly facing up. Their dragon horns were caught by the dam, and their bodies trembled like waves from the impact of the current.

On Hundred Years Mountain, God Bai Xi seemed to become a stone statue and stood on a gravestone without moving.

The entire Lizhou and all of the counties were deathly silent.

"How did they execute their spell? There couldn't be no trace at all!"

Qin Mu's body turned cold, and he paced to and fro. Beads of cold sweat rolled down his forehead, and he suddenly raised his head to look at the bright moon in the sky.

The bright moon was perfectly round.

"Today is the first day of the lunar month, that's right, today is the first day, so why is there a moon?"

Qin Mu's body trembled and shouted, "They are hidden on the moon! Teacher Woodcutter, First Ancestor Human Emperor, do you guys hear me?"

Thump.

A person dropped down from a cloud in midair and crashed not far away from Qin Mu. Qin Mu looked at that person and saw that he was carrying an ax while his face was planted in the dirt.

The corners of Qin Mu's eyes trembled, and he saw a second person falling from the sky. First Ancestor Human Emperor smashed a huge hole in the palace of Surging River Academy. Next, Fu Riluo, Chi Xi, Heavenly Teacher Fisherman, and the rest came falling from the clouds.

Qin Mu roared, and the Gate of Heaven Influence instantly opened up behind him!

At that moment, three figures walked down from the bright moon.

### **Chapter 705: Heaven Duke Playing with Fire**

Qin Mu's heart sank, and he mustered all his power to execute Soul Guide. He tried his best to summon the primordial spirits of Woodcutter, First Ancestor, and the rest back from Youdu before the three figures landed down.

The people walking down from the bright moon were none other than Lou Yunqu and his junior brothers. It was evident that they didn't enter Lizhou how Qin Mu guessed.

Qin Mu always thought they would be casting their spell in the sky above Lizhou. Never would he expect them to act contrary to his expectation and entered the moon, which was over a hundred thousand miles away from Eternal Peace!

The sky was a hundred thousand miles high, and only one thousand yards thick. The formation skills of the sun, moon, and stars were all gathered there, and numerous gods of the celestial heavens were guarding that place. They maintained the operation of the astronomical phenomenon in the sky to lie to the people of the world.

Lou Yunqu and the rest must have stuck the Life and Death Book onto the formation of the moon and borrowed the power of the moon to light up Lizhou!

That night was the first day of the lunar month, and there was no moon on the first day. One could imagine that everywhere else had stars but no moon in the sky, and only in Lizhou could a moon be seen.

The people of Lizhou, the divine arts practitioners, and even gods like Su Yunzhi had fallen into the trap.

Not only Su Yunzhi, but even Saint Woodcutter didn't expect Lou Yunqu would strike from the moon. When the moonlight shone on them, everything was too late.

Their cultivations were incomparably strong, but they had lost the pre-emptive strike. Facing a treasure like the Life and Death Book forged by Mingdu Black Deity, losing the upper hand meant losing their lives.

One mistake had caused everyone in Lizhou to die. Only Qin Mu was left alive!

Because of his identity as Son of Youdu, he was the only one who wouldn't be controlled by the Life and Death Book.

'The only way I can turn this situation around is to seize their primordial spirits back! Otherwise, I alone am not enough to fight against Lou Yunqu and the rest!'

Qin Mu executed his divine art, and the Gate of Heaven Influence appeared behind him. Heavy modulation of Youdu language came from his mouth, and the Gate of Heaven Influence opened up. Instantly, spirits began to fly out in all directions.

"Why are the souls of Woodcutter and the rest not here?" Qin Mu's heart gradually sank.

When he executed Soul Guide, and as long as the corpse was there, he would be able to sense the soul and guide the soul back.

Yet no matter how he searched Youdu with the divine art, he still couldn't sense the souls of Saint Woodcutter, First Ancestor Human Emperor, and the rest.

The bright moon still hung up high in the sky, and the speed of the three people walking down from the moon was extremely fast. The three dots gradually grew larger until the naked eye could see them.

Qin Mu focused on casting the spell and beads of cold sweat rolled down. He suddenly gritted his teeth and took down the golden willow leaf from the heart of his brows. "Heaven Duke, Crimson Emperor, this concerns my life and death, I need to borrow my brother's power to fight against the gods and devils of Mingdu!"

On the Qin word land in the heart of his brows, the big baby was sucking on his own toe and looked around curiously when he heard what Qin Mu said. 'Could bad brother want to eat me? But he has also given me a lot of delicious food; the small case not long ago was quite refreshing...'

He bore grudges well and still remembered how Qin Mu had seized his power back then and almost ate him.

However, Qin Mu had just fed him one of the blood lights from the God Execution Mysterious Knife. That was a knife light formed from blood fiends, and he was very full from eating it. That had reduced his hatred for Qin Mu slightly, but only a little.

He was still not willing to help Qin Mu.

Crimson Emperor and Heaven Duke looked at each other in the eye and discussed. "What should we do now? If we let him receive the power of the Son of Youdu, he would become wicked, and if we don't lend it to him, once the younger brother dies, the older brother will be in control. If he starts eating, the disciples of Mingdu won't even need to make a move; just him alone is enough to eat Eternal Peace up and transform it into another Youdu."

"Eating into Youdu is still good, I'm just afraid he would eat until the land becomes empty, leaving not even a single ghost. The only plan today is to lend the younger brother power, but we shouldn't give all of the power to him."

Heaven Duke said, "If we give him everything, only Emperor's Throne can subdue him. However, if we gave him a little, he won't get controlled by the devil nature as easily. In that case, we still have a chance to revert everything."

Crimson Emperor said with hesitation, "Aren't you afraid of playing with fire?"

Heaven Duke chuckled and was full of confidence. "Don't worry, I never play with fire. Come assist me, let us open the seal slightly but we can't open it entirely to prevent the older brother from running out. Even though the older brother isn't as sly as the younger brother, he's also quite smart. We still can't let the younger brother get too much power from Youdu; thus, we have to work together closely—we can't make any mistake. The only problem now is how to convince the older brother to lend out a portion of his power."

Both of them looked at the huge baby, and Crimson Emperor whispered, "It's going to be slightly difficult."



The huge baby stood up clumsily and sneered. "White beard old man, three heads, both of you are thinking of touching me, are you seeking death?"

Qin Mu was currently casting a spell on the observatory when a beam of light fell to shatter the Gate of Heaven Influence behind his back. Lou Yunqu, Kui Qingpei, and Fu Yanqi descended from the sky and stopped in the sky above the observatory.

'It's too late!'

Qin Mu executed Three Primordial Spirit Undying God Consciousness, yet he couldn't feel the power coming from the heart of his brows. He was secretly worried.

"Qin Fengqing, even if I let you summon their souls, you can't turn the situation around."

Lou Yunqu walked down from the sky and said with a slight smile, "That's because they aren't in Youdu, they got sent by me into Mingdu. You can use Soul Guide, and you can summon the souls of the people back from Youdu; however, it's no use if you can't summon their souls back."

Qin Mu narrowed his eyes and said with a smile, "No wonder I can't sense their primordial spirits, so they are in Mingdu. Mingdu's spells should originate from Youdu, and according to logic, my spells should be able to seize people from Mingdu. I've seized souls from Youdu and Fengdu before, but it's still the first time for Mingdu."

Kui Qingpei landed down from the sky and walked to the right of Qin Mu. He said leisurely, "Seizing someone from Mingdu is even harder than seizing someone from Youdu. Mingdu is naturally from Youdu, but the divine arts that were once from Youdu are way superior after undergoing the development of Black Deity."

Qin Mu said with a smile, "Why don't the three of you test it out? I might be able to snatch people from Mingdu, I might be able to find a flaw in Mingdu for Black Deity, and you guys can fix it."

Fu Yanqi walked out behind him and said, "Son of Youdu, there's no need to drag out time. Master is personally handling the matters of Eternal Peace this time as Mingdu Black Deity. When he is getting involved personally, it shows how important he views Eternal Peace to be. It also marks the end of Eternal Peace."

Qin Mu's heart gradually sank. Son of Heaven Yin getting involved personally?

No wonder Saint Woodcutter and First Ancestor Human Emperor would fall into the trap!

Son of Heaven Yin's cultivation was immeasurable, and if he was personally getting involved with dropping the calamities on Eternal Peace, Eternal Peace truly had no way to survive!

"My master wants to meet you. Master has no interest in Eternal Peace; he's only interested in you. He once got Junior Brother Qi Jiuyi to deal with you, but he was incapable, so he ordered us to come forward."

Lou Yunqu said, "The mirror that Junior Brother Qi Jiuyi used to seal you, you should still be keeping it, right?"

Qin Mu continued to execute Undying God Consciousness secretly and attempted to steal his brother's power, but he never succeeded. Right at that moment, he suddenly found a power flooding over from the heart of his brows. He was delighted but remained calm.

"The mirror that the three of you mentioned, could it be the one I seized from Qi Jiuyi?"

Qin Mu rummaged through his taotie sack and said, "Wait a moment, let me find it."

Lou Yunqu said with a smile, "This mirror is used to seal you and master created it specifically for you. You just need to take it out and shine it on yourself to fix yourself in place. That will save us a lot of time."

Qin Mu took out a mirror from his taotie sack. He shook his head and said, "Not this one." After saying so, he rummaged through his sack again.

"Not this one either." He took out another mirror to shine on himself. He shook his head and threw it to one side.

Lou Yunqu and the rest waited patiently, and in a short while, Qin Mu took out over a dozen mirrors from the taotie sack. He shone every mirror on him, yet none of them fixed him in place.

Gradually, the patience of Lou Yunqu and the rest vanished as Qin Mu threw out more and more mirrors. However, the mirror that Mingdu Black Deity made never appeared.

"As a man, why are you carrying that many mirrors?" Fu Yanqi shouted at him with a bad temper.

"I can't help it when I'm handsome, and I need to bring a few more mirrors." Qin Mu raised his head and blushed with shame.

Fu Yanqi snorted angrily, "The human body is merely a mortal flesh, once you die in this lifetime, you can live another lifetime, why is there a need to even treat it with such care? Look at my hand, I got all my fingers except one severed, and I'm not as pretentious as you!"

He raised his right hand, and there was only a thumb left on his right hand.

Qin Mu didn't reply and took out a mirror to shine at himself. Suddenly, his body froze, and he couldn't move.

Lou Yunqu and the rest gave sighs of relief, and Kui Qingpei said, "Looks like this is it. The disaster gods that will bring forth calamity are about to revive. This is not a safe place to be, let us quickly return to Mingdu and prevent ourselves from being dragged in this trouble!"

There was also a stone statue near Surging River Academy, and at that moment, the stone statue seemed to recover the color of flesh gradually and the stone characteristics faded away. Terrifying waves of divine might emanated out from his body and caused ripples in the surrounding space.

Lou Yunqu and the rest felt the shockwaves from the stone statues, and their hearts were alarmed.

The stone statues had a dedicated title in the celestial heavens—Disaster Gods.

They were gods that were used by the celestial heavens to descend disasters on the lower bound that went against the teachings. Once the disaster gods descended, the world would be in utter chaos. In the past, ordinary worlds only had one or two disaster gods descending at most, and that would be enough to wipe out the world. However, it was different for Eternal Peace; there were over thirty disaster gods that had descended at the same time!

Not only that, along with the arrival of the disaster gods, there were also over a dozen meteorological weapons.

Those kinds of meteorological weapons were called Calamity Divine Weapons, and they were weapons that were used to punish the people—they were built by ancient gods that were born from heaven and earth. Just one or two calamity divine weapons were already enough to destroy a world in every single area!

And there were actually over a dozen of such weapons in Eternal Peace.

The disaster gods with the calamity divine weapons were truly a disposition of troops that could wipe out the world!

The disaster gods didn't recognize anyone, and it was the same for the calamity divine weapons as well; thus, Lou Yunqu and the rest had to leave immediately after igniting the disaster so that they didn't get caught up in it.

Kui Qingpei walked over and grabbed the mirror in Qin Mu's hand with a smile. "Master spent so much effort to refine this Mingdu Jade Mirror. He spent four to five years just to complete it, and this treasure was originally used to target Son of Youdu. How would we expect Junior Brother Qi Jiuyi to let this jade mirror fall into the hands of this brat? This brat looks intelligent but hasn't he still fallen into our trap? It's truly so easy to deal with him..."

Just as his palm grabbed the Mingdu Jade Mirror, Qin Mu's palm also grabbed his palm.

"Is it really?" Qin Mu's voice rang out beside his ears, and it was sinister sounding, which made people tremble without feeling cold.

Kui Qingpei raised his head and saw the three eyes of Qin Mu shining with the light of a butterfly wing.

Kui Qingpei's blood ran cold. "Son of Youdu, you aren't sealed..."

"My older brother is the one that's sealed."

The other palm of Qin Mu grabbed onto Kui Qingpei's head and twisted it forcefully. Kui Qingpei could see his own buttocks and the back of his soles.

Twang—

Light burst forth from the three eyes of Qin Mu and the three light pierced the back of Kui Qingpei's head and came out from the front.

“Didn't Qi Jiuyi tell you anything? He tried to fix me in place with this mirror but he couldn't, and instead, he lost to me!”

Qin Mu opened his mouth to suck in a deep breath, and Kui Qingpei's primordial spirit that was about to escape into Mingdu couldn't stop itself from flying towards Qin Mu's mouth!

“Since you are so dumb, don't reincarnate, let me taste your primordial spirit!”

Lou Yunqu and Fu Yanqi's expressions changed drastically, and they hurried over to save him, but they heard a loud bang. Fu Yanqi flew backward, but Lou Yunqu had the highest cultivation and was a god on God Execution Stage—his skills were higher and hit Qin Mu to tumble a few steps back.

Kui Qingpei's corporeal body was already dead, and his primordial spirit tried to break free to escape into Mingdu. Qin Mu landed on the ground and stretched his hands out to grab him in midair, making him unable to return to Mingdu.

“The taste of a Mingdu's disciple must definitely be more delicious than those monsters in Youdu!” Qin Mu opened up his mouth in excitement.

Lou Yunqi and Fu Yanqi came attacking over again, trying their best to save Kui Qingpei before Qin Mu ate him.

In the heart of Qin Mu's brows, Crimson Emperor blinked his eyes on the Qin word land. “Are we giving him too much power of Youdu?”

Heaven Duke's face was all bruised, and he said, “It's not much, don't worry, I know what I'm doing! When have I ever done something I'm not confident in?”

Beside them, the big baby sat there with a stiff body without moving. Youdu devil qi was pouring furiously out from his body to flow outside.

They had tried to subdue Qin Fengqing and planned to send his power to Qin Mu, yet Qin Fengqing was truly strong. He beat up both of them, and even when they used up all of their methods, they still couldn't suppress Qin Fengqing.

Luckily, Qin Mu found the Mingdu Jade Mirror that Son of Heaven Yin had made and when Qin Mu looked into the mirror, a mirror also appeared in Qin word seal and landed in front of Qin Fengqing. The baby examined the mirror curiously, and decadent sound came out from the mirror which fixed the baby with boundless strength and divine arts in place.

Crimson Emperor asked suspiciously, “If the power given to him isn't much, why does he wants to eat the primordial spirit of that young fellow? Is Qin Mu so ferocious normally?”

Heaven Duke blinked his eyes, and Crimson Emperor also blinked his eyes. Both of them looked at each other in dismay.

Heaven Duke muttered, "Is there a way to salvage this?"