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"Stop looking at him, why do you need to care about that waste? This Senior Brother will take you to have fun."

Yang Kai stopped, then turned around and went straight to Fang Tai. He looked right at him as he asked, "Brother Fang, did you take the wrong medicine today?"

Fang Tai answered, "This Fang is not ill. Why would he need to take medicine?"

"If you're not, why did you talk nonsense and insult me for no reason?"

Fang Tai was extremely surprised, "When did I insult you? Oh... Do you mean the 'waste' that I mentioned? I wasn't talking about you. I was actually referring to others, but if you admit it yourself, this Fang can't help it."

Yang Kai stared at him calmly; Fang Tai's eyes were full of ridicule and mockery.

Yang Kai nodded, "It seems that Brother Fang is really ill."

When Fang Tai was about to say something, a fist magnified rapidly in front of his eyes! Followed by a buzzing sound in his head, he was sent flying as if he had been hit by a strong force that sent him into a daze for a while.

Dumbstruck, the woman beside Fang Tai looked at Yang Kai who was still holding his fist up.

If she had not seen it with her own eyes, she would not believe that this kind looking Senior Brother actually had such a hot temper, and would punch people without hesitation. Did he not know the consequences of doing this?

Less than three breaths after Yang Kai punched, the women in the lobby had run out of the building in the blink of an eye with their respective Movement Skills.

On the contrary, the several Seven Wonders Land disciples were watching with great interest. It had been quite some years since a Worker dared to start a fight. Today, they finally had a show to watch.

On the other side, Fang Tai got up slowly. He felt a sticky patch between his mouth and nose, and he realized it was blood when he wiped it. He raised his head and glared at Yang Kai, and growled in disbelief, "You dare hit me?"

He was bewildered. He did not expect Yang Kai to attack him all of a sudden; otherwise, with his ability, he would not have been hit so easily. For a moment, humiliation and anger surged into his heart, and his aura started to heave too.

"If you dare to curse me, why wouldn't I dare to punch you?" Yang Kai sneered.

"Good!" Fang Tai roared furiously, kicked away the tables and chairs blocking his way, and pounced at Yang Kai like a ferocious Ancient Beast. Two large fist shadows completely shaded Yang Kai.

Fang Tai was also a newcomer who had just arrived in the Outer Universe, so his strength was on par with Yang Kai's, making it an even match.

To the side, the several Seven Wonders Land disciples in Seven Coloured Robes cheered loudly as they enjoyed the battle.

However, after about more than ten breaths of fighting, a troop of people rushed in from the outside. The Captain, who had his hands behind his back, glanced at the two of them and shouted angrily with narrowed eyes, "Stop!"

Yang Kai and Fang Tai totally ignored him and continued fighting.

"Are you two rebelling!?" The Captain was infuriated and waved his hand violently. The Seven Wonders Land disciples on both his sides threw out ropes made of unknown materials. The ropes wrapped around Yang Kai and Fang Tai like Spirit Snakes, and tied them up like rice dumplings in the blink of an eye.

Yang Kai tried to struggle a little, but he could not get rid of the bindings. On the contrary, the rope tightened even more, which made him feel uncomfortable.

"You two are certainly brave to be fighting in private. Don't you not know the rules of Seven Wonders Land?"

After the two people were tied up, the Captain came to Yang Kai and Fang Tai, looking at the two of them with a cold look on his face.

"Senior Brother..." Fang Tai had finally calmed down. He was mad mainly because of getting beaten by Yang Kai previously, otherwise he would never dare to be so presumptuous. He knew that they were in big trouble this time, and they might be doomed if it was not handled well, so he immediately begged for mercy, "Senior Brother, this Little Brother has only been here for a few months and is not familiar with the rules of Seven Wonders Land. Can Senior Brother please spare me on account that it is my first offense? This Little Brother will be truly grateful."

"Hmph!" The Captain snorted coldly, "Rules are rules. Who cares if it's your first offense or not? You'll learn to be obedient next time after suffering a loss this time."

Fang Tai became anxious, "Senior Brother, I'm innocent. This bastard hit me first and I had to fight back. If you don't believe it, you can ask the few Senior Brothers over there. They can be my witnesses."

The Captain looked at him coldly, "All I know is that you were fighting with this boy when this King entered! As for who was the initiator, this King doesn't care to know. Take them both!"

When the words fell, he turned around and went out. Fang Tai and Yang Kai, who were tied up tight, were detained in the rear. Fang Tai tried to explain himself, but only received a scolding from a Seven Wonders Land disciple nearby. Seeing this situation, Yang Kai also gave up on defending himself.

On the second floor, Old Fang was as white as a sheet, muttering, "It's over, it's over, it's over..."

He naturally heard the movement from downstairs clearly. When Yang Kai fought with Fang Tai, he hurriedly got dressed and rushed out, but he was still a little late and could only watch Yang Kai being taken away. There was nothing he could do to save him.

It was the Seven Wonders Land Patrol Team in the shopping district who took Yang Kai away, so Old Fang had no authority to speak to them as a Worker. After thinking about it, he realized that only Zhou Zheng could save Yang Kai at this moment. As the Manager of the orchard and also an Open Heaven Realm Master, if Zhou Zheng was willing to show up, he should be able to help.

Old Fang prepared for another massing hemorrhaging as he hurriedly rushed back to Fire Spirit Land, not even bothering to tidy up his clothes.

In a dark, humid, shabby jail, Yang Kai and Fang Tai sat in opposite corners of a single cell.

The cell was located deep underground in the shopping district and was built with low quality wood. Yang Kai could break out of the prison if he wanted to in an instant.

But neither he nor Fang Tai had the courage. Seven Wonders Land disciples were guarding outside, and they would be dragged back even if they broke out.

Therefore, even if they were left unattended at the moment, and the shackles on them were removed, they only stared on each other while keeping their distance.

Yang Kai was a little speechless as he did not expect to get into such trouble just from accompanying Old Fang to the brothel.

Nevertheless, he felt a bit strange about what happened today. Although Fang Tai had drawn the line with him because he offended Zhou Zheng, it was odd for him to insult him for no reason. It was as if Fang Tai had provoked him on purpose.

But what were the benefits of doing this? He ended up being imprisoned here with him too, and Yang Kai had no idea what punishment they would face.

From what Old Fang had told him, the punishment of Seven Wonders Land for the Workers who made mistakes was quite harsh. Perhaps, he would be locked up for three to five years.

If he was locked up for such a long time, he would suffer a great loss. Once he was locked up there, his business would come to a stop, and he would definitely lose a lot of Open Heaven Pills.

The more Yang Kai thought about this, the angrier he became at Fang Tai. He turned to Fang Tai coldly, and saw that this guy was looking in a direction with a look full of expectation.

Yang Kai frowned slightly as he did not know what Fang Tai was expecting.

After an unknown time, suddenly, footsteps could be heard from the outside. Fang Tai, who was sitting cross-legged, immediately stood up, and Yang Kai also turned his attention outside.

A moment later, a man came to the cell and looked at the two of them with a darkened face.

"Sir Manager!" Fang Tai shouted excitedly.

"Manager Zhou!" Yang Kai cupped his fists lightly. Although he did not get along well with Zhou Zheng, since he was still the Orchard Manager, he had to show some courtesy to avoid being accused by him of anything.

"The two of you have really brought shame to our Fire Spirit Land Worker's Room!" Zhou Zheng gritted his teeth as he pointed his finger at the two in the cell, looking dreadfully disappointed, "You two fought in the shopping district just for a woman. Good, very good!"

Fang Tai replied awkwardly, "It's a misunderstanding, Manager. Yang Kai and I fought not because of a woman. It's just that our hands got a little itchy and we wanted to exchange pointers with each other, but we did not expect to cause trouble." While talking, he turned to Yang Kai and gave him eye signals, but Yang Kai turned his head away and pretended that he did not see it.

"You were caught red-handed by the Patrol Team. How dare you still claim everything is a misunderstanding!?" Zhou Zheng reprimanded furiously, "And the wound on your eye. Do you think I'm blind?"

Fang Tai stretched out his hand to cover his eye that was hit by Yang Kai, and kept quiet.

Zhou Zheng snorted, "Do you know what punishment will be given to Workers for fighting privately?"

Fang Tai asked nervously, "What punishment?"

"Anywhere from 3 to 100 years of confinement!" Zhou Zheng sneered, "Do you want 3 years or 100 years?"

Appalled, Fang Tai begged, "Manager Zhou, please save me!"

Zhou Zheng continued, "Fortunately for you, this Zhou happens to know the Captain of the Patrol Team who arrested you, so I can still help you. Since you two are newcomers and this is your first offense, this King has asked for face and gotten you released. If this happens again, however, you will be punished severely!"

[He got us out?] Yang Kai was bewildered, thinking he was going to be locked up for a few years at least. He had already been mentally prepared for such an eventuality.

Fang Tai was overjoyed and cupped his fists while bowing repeatedly, "Many thanks for your grace, Manager Zhou! This Fang will never forget your kindness today!"

Without responding to him, Zhou Zheng opened the cell and barked, "Get out now, what are you still doing in there?"

Fang Tai and Yang Kai took turns to walk out of the cell.

Zhou Zheng snorted coldly, "If it weren't because of what is happening in the orchard today, this King wouldn't have bothered whether you two live or die!"

Fang Tai questioned, "Is it because of the inspection of the Head Manager?" This was not a secret as all the Workers in the Worker's Room had heard about it from different sources.

"Good, Head Manager should have arrived in the orchard by now. You two quickly return. If Head Manager inspects your territories, you two better behave appropriately; otherwise, no one can save you if something goes wrong."

"Yes, yes, yes!" Fang Tai hurriedly nodded.

Only then did Yang Kai remember that the so-called Head Manager was coming to inspect the Fire Spirit Land orchard today. The reason the entire Fire Spirit Land was busy for the past few days was because of today.

However, it did not have much to do with him, so he did not worry too much. He just needed to do his own things well.

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Soon after, the trio arrived outside. At this moment, the whole shopping district was quiet. The three day rest period had passed, and the Workers had all returned to their respective orchards, so it made sense that the shopping district was empty. There were not even Seven Wonders Land disciples guarding the jail. It seemed that they were the only ones in the place.

"It's getting late. Manager Zhou, I'll leave first." After a salute, Yang Kai soared into the sky and went straight towards Fire Spirit Land.

"He simply has no respect. He didn't even thank Sir Manager for rescuing him." Fang Tai looked at Yang Kai's departure direction and snorted coldly.

"Why would I need his gratitude?" Zhou Zheng chuckled. He already got what he wanted, for Old Fang had spent a lot of Open Heaven Pills to ask for his help. For the sake of those Open Heaven Pills, he did not bother to care about Yang Kai at all. He then turned solemn as he whispered, "You did a good job this time."

Fang Tai replied, "This Fang's success is all thanks to Sir Manager, so this Fang will definitely fulfill Manager's orders."

"En, good." Zhou Zheng nodded and was notably satisfied with Fang Tai's attitude.

Fang Tai frowned, "But there's something this Fang doesn't understand..."

"Don't ask what you shouldn't!" Zhou Zheng seemed to know what Fang Tai was wondering, and immediately interrupted, "Remember, this was just a coincidence!"

"Understood." Fang Tai bowed his head.

"Hurry back to the orchard. There might be a good show later! Furthermore, the Head Manager is here. As an Orchard Manager, I must be there to accompany him." After stating so, Zhou Zheng soared into the sky.

Fang Tai was puzzled and did not understand what kind of good show there could be. He vaguely felt that it had something to do with yesterday's events, but since Zhou Zheng warned him, he could not ask further questions.

When they set off, Yang Kai had already arrived at Fire Spirit Land. As he passed by the village where the Worker's Room was located, he suddenly saw a golden light from the corner of his eye. He looked down

and saw Ruler of the Dawn Great General in front of his house pecking incessantly at the door, as if he was shouting for him to come out.

"Great General!" Yang Kai shouted.

As soon as he heard his voice, Ruler of the Dawn Great General turned sideways to look, then turned into an ordinary sized rooster, flapped his wings, and flew up and down unsteadily towards Yang Kai.

Yang Kai laughed, "Great General, you should lose some weight." Not sure if it was an illusion, Yang Kai felt that this silly chicken was fatter than when he first saw him.

He reached out his hand to welcome Great General over, placing him atop his head.

Great General wiggled his butt, found the most comfortable position as usual, and pecked Yang Kai twice with its beak.

Yang Kai explained, "Something came up. I didn't mean to be late on purpose. Stop pecking me."

Only then did Ruler of the Dawn Great General relent.

Shortly after, the pair, one Human and one chicken, arrived at the orchard. Yang Kai landed in his territory to find Die You waiting there anxiously.

Noticing his arrival, Die You turned and was immediately relieved, "Are you okay? I heard from Old Fang that you fought with someone and got caught by the patrol."

"Old Fang really has a big mouth!" Yang Kai was annoyed. It was not a glorious achievement after all, and he did not think Old Fang had to spread the news everywhere.

"I asked him. How are you? Did the patrol do anything to you?" Die You asked with concern.

"Nothing. If something really happened, how could I be standing here unscathed?" Yang Kai beamed.

Die You nodded, "True. Did Manager Zhou bail you out?"

"How did you know?" Yang Kai was dumbfounded.

Die You disclosed, "Old Fang sent a huge gift to Manager Zhou..."

A sudden realization dawned on Yang Kai, "No wonder!"

He was still wondering why Zhou Zheng had been so kind earlier. It was understandable that he went to save Fang Tai as they had some kind of cordial relationship, but Yang Kai could not understand why he saved him too. It turned out that Old Fang had helped him.

"How many did Old Fang have to offer?" Yang Kai questioned.

Die You answered, "I don't know, but I don't think it was a small number; otherwise, it would have been impossible for there to be no punishment for Workers who were caught at the scene of a private fight. In any case, it's all fine as long as you're okay."

"That's true." Yang Kai nodded.

"When you're free, inform Old Fang that you're safe. He probably doesn't know you've come out." Die You looked around and continued, "Also, today is the day the Head Manager is coming to inspect the orchard. You have to be careful. Don't act lazy."

"I know. You should also hurry back. Before I came, I heard Zhou Zheng mention that the Head Manager should have already arrived at the orchard. If he found out that you didn't stay in your own territory and came here, you would be in trouble."

"Then I'll head back first." Die You promptly returned to her plot.

After she left, Yang Kai took out his communication artifact and assured Old Fang that he was safe. Old Fang quickly replied to his message and asked him for details, so Yang Kai told him everything.

Old Fang warned him not to be so impulsive anymore.

When Yang Kai asked how much he had given to Zhou Zheng, the old guy immediately ended the conversation. Obviously, he did not want to disclose it, which further confirmed Yang Kai's guess that Old Fang probably spent quite a lot this time. Otherwise, how could Zhou Zheng be kind enough to get him out of jail?

Yang Kai cursed Zhou Zheng silently for being greedy and swore that he would make him pay back everything and more if he ever had the opportunity. After that, he turned around and started busying himself in the orchard.

The orchard inspection of the Head Manager was a big deal, which could be seen from Du Ru Feng's previous attitude. As such, Yang Kai dared not be careless.

Probably because of what happened yesterday, Yang Kai felt uneasy, and he had a feeling that something bad was about to happen, which made him more vigilant.

An hour later, Yang Kai stood in the orchard with his token in his hand, his face dark.

A Spirit Fruit was missing from his plot!

The number of Fire Spirit Fruits in each plot was recorded in each Worker's token and they needed to report to the Orchard Manager if any fruits went rotten or spoiled. However, generally, the Fire Spirit Fruits would have no problems, let alone one of them disappearing for no reason.

But right now, this was exactly what happened in Yang Kai's plot.

The number of Fire Spirit Fruits was one less than the number recorded in the token! Yang Kai double and triple checked, confirming there was one fewer than there should be.

[How could there be one missing?] Before leaving last month, Yang Kai deliberately counted all the fruits, and the number was right at that time. But now, after just a few days, the number did not match anymore.

He swept his Divine Sense across and searched carefully among the fruit trees. A moment later, Yang Kai finally found a clue. He went straight to a Fire Spirit Fruit Tree and stared at a certain spot.

There should have been a Fire Spirit Fruit there, but there was no fruit present, only traces of a stem from which a Spirit Fruit was freshly plucked.

Even if Yang Kai had never harvested a Fire Spirit Fruit before, he knew that the fruit here was picked less than two hours ago!

[Did someone steal my fruit while I was away?] Yang Kai flew into a rage, wondering which fool was so bold enough to do such a reckless thing? Stealing a Spirit Fruit indeed could put him in danger, but if the truth were exposed, the culprit would suffer terribly.

[Who the Hell is doing something that would harm me and not benefit himself? Or rather, who holds such a deep grudge against me?]

Yang Kai did not know many people in the entire Fire Spirit Land, and those who had a grudge against him were only Zhou Zheng and Fang Tai who he had a fight with yesterday.

[Fang Tai did not have the chance, because when I was heading over here, he hadn't even moved yet. Then, is it Zhou Zheng?]

[It shouldn't be him! Zhou Zheng was bailing Fang Tai and me out of the shopping district jail during that time, so he did not have any time to do such a thing.]

[It was neither Zhou Zheng nor Fang Tai, but who else holds a grudge against me?] Yang Kai could not think of anyone else until the figure of the big bear Xiang Yong suddenly flashed across his mind.

Thinking about it, Yang Kai felt that it was possibly Xiang Yong.

[But there's no resentment between us, why would he want to harm me?]

[Maybe I could ask Die You. When I arrived, Die You was in my plot, so she might have seen something.]

Just as he was about to leave though, he suddenly heard a rustle approaching from a distance and looked up, his expression stiffening.

A group of people was flying through the air at a moderate speed. The person leading the group looked like a dignified and calm 40-some-year-old man and at first glance it was obvious he was someone of high rank. On his left side, Du Ru Feng was just half a step behind and was talking to him with a smile on his face. However, the man just kept his hands folded behind his back and looked around from time to time, nodding occasionally with a cool expression.

Behind Du Ru Feng was Zhou Zheng, but by the looks of his position in the crowd, he did not seem to even have the right to speak.

Even if he had not seen him before, Yang Kai immediately recognized that the middle-aged man should be the Head Manager of the entire Seven Wonders Land.

Yang Kai's neck instinctively shrank. He would not be frightened if his plot was in order, but now he was worried about the missing fruit from his territory. He secretly prayed that these people would quickly leave and not pay attention to his side.

Nevertheless, his worst fears became reality. While he was praying for them to leave, Yang Kai heard the Head Manager remark, "Em... Isn't that Duan Hai's Ruler of the Dawn Great General? Why did it come here?"

Yang Kai almost spat blood! He only remembered to pray, but forgot that Great General was still perched on top of his head. The golden shining body of Great General was like a lighthouse in the dark. It was impossible to not draw attention. If he had known, Yang Kai would not have brought Great General with him today and should have just left him back in the Worker's Room.

Du Ru Feng answered, "Head Manager is right. That's Venerable's Ruler of the Dawn Great General."

The Head Manager chuckled, "How did that Worker offend Ruler of the Dawn Great General that he would punish him like this?"

Du Ru Feng explained, "Head Manager, you have misunderstood. That Worker did not offend Ruler of the Dawn Great General and is not being punished by him. I thought that was the case too at first, but later I was told by Venerable that this is how Great General shows his affection."

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"Showing affection?" The Head Manager was flabbergasted, "With the temper of Ruler of the Dawn Great General that I know of, he wouldn't care about ordinary people at all. What's special about this Worker that he won over Great General's heart?"

Du Ru Feng laughed, "This disciple has no idea. Maybe Great General has its own interest in people."

"Let's go down and have a look!" Interested, the Head Manager waved his hand and led the group of people flying downwards.

Seeing this scene from below, Yang Kai almost cursed. However, what would come would come. He had no choice but to compose himself and cupped his fists from a distance to welcome the group of people, "Yang Kai greets Sirs!"

The Head Manager was not looking at him, but fixed his eyes on Ruler of the Dawn Great General on his head with a smile on his face. He did not need to care too much about a mere Worker. The only reason why he came down was because of Ruler of the Dawn Great General.

Du Ru Feng, who followed behind him, announced, "Yang Kai, this is our Seven Wonders Land Head Manager, who is in charge of all kinds of affairs in Seven Wonders Land." He gave Yang Kai a signal to assure him to relax during his introduction.

Yang Kai saluted again, "Greetings, Head Manager." He secretly thought, [There's no way for me to be relaxed. There is a fruit missing in this plot for no reason. It will be fine if it's not found out, but how do I explain it if it is? Should I say it was stolen? Where is the evidence? If I can't find the thief who stole the fruit, I would have to bear the responsibility for losing the Fire Spirit Fruit. I wonder if Du Ru Feng can protect me at that time...]

He wanted to send a Divine Sense transmission to Du Ru Feng to explain the situation, but this Head Manager was certainly an Open Heaven Realm Master. How could Yang Kai send a transmission in front of such a Master without him knowing?

Yang Kai kept a calm look on the outside, though he was distressed on the inside. Even when he noticed the group of people who came with the Head Manager were scattered around his orchard and started their inspections, he remained tranquil and steady.

At this point, he could only pray that those people would not check the number of Fire Spirit Fruits carefully. Only in this way could he avoid a disaster.

Inadvertently, Yang Kai saw Zhou Zheng smiling at him faintly, which seemed to imply something.

Before he had the time to solve the riddle though, the Head Manager in front of him questioned, "How did you make Ruler of the Dawn Great General get so attached to you?"

Yang Kai answered humbly with his head down, "I have no idea either."

"You have no idea?" The Head Manager raised his eyebrows.

Du Ru Feng interjected, "Yang Kai, just say what you know. Head Manager is just wondering. Don't be so nervous."

Yang Kai put on a long face, "I really don't know. When I first came to the orchard a few months ago, Great General fell from the sky right in front of me. Perhaps Great General thought I had done something to him, so he became angry that it wanted to peck the fruits in my orchard. How could this Worker let that happen? As an orchard Worker, it is my duty to take care of the fruits, thus I fought with him out of anger."

"You fought with him?" The Head Manager guffawed, "You're quite bold."

Yang Kai replied embarrassingly, "This Worker was still new at that time and did not know the identity of Great General, so I dared to offend him. If it was now, I certainly wouldn't have the courage to do so."

Du Ru Feng nodded, "Just so Head Manager knows, this Worker has only been in Fire Spirit Land for less than half a year. He is really a newcomer, but he has already made a great contribution!"

"Oh?" The Head Manager was surprised, turning to look at Yang Kai solemnly without asking what contribution he had made. Only after a brief silence did he nod, "Go on."

Yang Kai spread his hands, "That's the entire story. Since then, as long as I have come to the orchard, Great General has been like this."

"So it's a friendship born from a fight!" The Head Manager smiled and nodded, "Interesting."

It was Du Ru Feng's first time hearing this story too, so he pointed at Yang Kai as he proceeded, "Little brat, you should be glad that you didn't injure Great General at that time, otherwise Venerable would not let you go."

Yang Kai forced out a laugh, and secretly recalled that Great General lost quite a number of feathers that time.

At this moment, those people who scattered around the plot previously came back to assemble one after another. One of them glanced at Yang Kai, then handed a jade slip-like item to the Head manager.

Yang Kai's heart skipped a beat, having a bad feeling.

The Head Manager took the jade slip, scanned it with Divine Sense, and then handed it to Du Ru Feng, "Look."

Du Ru Feng took it curiously, looked at Yang Kai unintentionally, and wondered, [Is there something wrong with the orchard? Otherwise, why would Head Manager ask me to look at this? This is not within my authority after all.]

[But what can happen to this orchard?]

After careful examination, Du Ru Feng's face turned slightly pale. He looked at Yang Kai coldly and asked, "Yang Kai, can you tell me why there is a Fire Spirit Fruit missing from your orchard?"

"It's really missing?" Yang Kai acted flabbergasted.

"You already know?" Du Ru Feng frowned.

Yang Kai explained, "Before the arrival of all Sirs, this Worker did a count of the Fire Spirit Fruits, and found that there was a difference from the record from before this Worker left last time. However, this Worker wasn't very sure at that time. When this Worker was about to count them again, Sirs arrived." He paused for a while before he continued, "Now it seems that there is no mistake in the previous counting and there is indeed a Fire Spirit Fruit missing."

Du Ru Feng reprimanded in a deep voice, "As a Worker, you should take good care of everything in your plot of the orchard. Do you know what punishment you will be sentenced to for the loss of a Spirit Fruit?"

"This Worker doesn't know!"

"Your cultivation could be crippled before you are expelled out of Seven Wonders Land, or simply sentenced to death on the spot!"

Yang Kai was appalled, for he did not expect the punishment to be so severe and exclaimed, "Sir Du, this Worker is innocent. I counted the number of Spirit Fruits when I left a few days ago, and the number was correct. I haven't had time to do anything yet today. The loss of the Spirit Fruit has nothing to do with me. Sir Du, please investigate this matter clearly."

"How can it be none of your business?" Du Ru Feng's face was solemn, "Since you are the Worker who takes care of this plot, everything here is related to you. The loss of a Spirit Fruit is the result of your negligence, unless you have reported to the Manager here before." Saying so, he turned to Zhou Zheng, "Zhou Zheng, did Yang Kai report anything to you?"

Zhou Zheng stepped forward, took out a jade slip, and examined it carefully. A moment later, he cupped his hand as he replied, "This subordinate has not found any such record!"

Du Ru Feng took a deep look at him, then turned back to Yang Kai, "What else do you have to say?"

"I object!" Yang Kai straightened his neck, "The loss of a Spirit Fruit is not the result of my poor care. It should have been stolen by someone, so it should be that person who is punished."

p Du Ru Feng immediately shouted with a dark face, "Be careful of your words! Who dares to steal Spirit Fruits in Seven Wonders Land?"

Yang Kai snorted, "If no one steals it, how could the fruit go missing for no reason?"

"Did you witness the crime?" The Head Manager, who had stayed quiet for a long time, suddenly asked in a deep voice. The loss of a Spirit Fruit was an easy case; whoever was supposed to take care of it would be punished. But now if someone dared to steal the Spirit Fruit, he must take action to set an example to the entire Seven Wonders Land, showing them the consequence of theft.

"I didn't see it, but I have a suspect in mind!" Yang Kai shook his head, "Since Head Manager is an Open Heaven Realm Master, Sir definitely mastered some type of Soul Searching Technique. Just catch those people and interrogate them, and the truth will be revealed."

The Head Manager grinned, "And if we gain nothing from this interrogation?"

Yang Kai answered, "Then this Worker will accept any punishment necessary."

"You've thought this all out!" The Head Manager snorted lightly, "But who knows if you want to drag innocent people down with you? If we really want to start using Soul Searching Techniques, we should start with you!"

Yang Kai almost spat blood listening to him. He actually caused himself trouble by suggesting the wrong course of action. If a Soul Searching Technique was used on him, all his secrets would be revealed. Perhaps his Soul would be damaged and he might even lose his mind.

But now, he could not defend himself with words, and he did not have the strength to resist the Head Manager. For a person who was likely a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, the Head Manager could pinch him to death as easily as an ant.

He had no way to escape or fight, so Yang Kai could only turn to look at Du Ru Feng.

Fortunately, Du Ru Feng did not disappoint him. He cupped his fists as he proceeded, "Head Manager, since this is the matter of Fire Spirit Land, Fire Spirit Land will take charge of it. I'll take him back with me and give Head Manager a satisfactory explanation later."

The Head Manager shook his head, "Ru Feng, since you've spoken, by all rights, I should just let this drop; however, this matter is not just about losing a single Spirit Fruit anymore, it now involves a possible theft. You should also know that the Spirit Fruits of each land are the foundation of our Seven Wonders Land, and there is no room for carelessness. Now that there are Workers who dare to lay their hands on the foundation of our Seven Wonders Land, it is not me who needs an explanation, but Heavenly Monarch, "

Du Ru Feng felt a chill down his spine. Since the Head Manager brought the Heavenly Monarch into this matter, he was not in the position to speak anymore. He looked at Yang Kai speechlessly and secretly thought, [Why did you have to involve stealing a Spirit Fruit in this? Now I can't help you even if I want to!]

Yang Kai was also a little dumbstruck. He did not expect that he would actually suffer a loss from his own proposal. According to the words of the Head Manager, as long as it was not about stealing, it was not a big deal; after all, the Fire Spirit Fruits were things that could rot or spoil, and there would always be some shortages. However, it was a different case when it came to stealing.

"Capture him!"

At the command of the Head Manager, two people stepped out from the left and right, and walked towards Yang Kai.

Yang Kai's whole body tensed up and he secretly began circulating his strength, struggling between surrendering or fighting with his life on the line.

At this time, a cock-a-doodle-doo was heard. Ruler of the Dawn Great General on top of Yang Kai's head flapped his wings and a bundle of golden light was spat out of his mouth.

Yang Kai habitually stretched out his hand. The golden light soon dispersed, but what appeared on his palm was not the usual Open Heaven Pills that he collected, but a longan sized fruit pit.

[A fruit pit?] Yang Kai's eyes shrank!

Du Ru Feng was also stunned for a moment, but quickly responded, "Wait a moment."

The two Seven Wonders Land disciples who approached Yang Kai immediately stopped. Du Ru Feng hastily came over to Yang Kai, picked up the fruit spit in his hand, looked at it for a while, and laughed, "Head Manager, the thief seems to have confessed. The Worker of this place is clearly not responsible for the loss of the Spirit Fruit."

Then he presented the fruit pit in his hand.

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The Head Manager took it, examined it for a moment, then turned to look at Du Ru Feng with a chuckle, "You said that Ruler of the Dawn Great General favours him, but from the looks of it, he was waiting for an opportunity to frame him and almost kill him! Fortunately, things didn't go too far, and he was saved at the critical moment."

Du Ru Feng laughed too, "So that's how it is, and I was wondering why Great General would behave like this? It turns out that everything was planned for today." He paused for a moment, "Now that the truth has been revealed, the missing Spirit Fruit was not stolen by a Worker, but was eaten by Great General on an impulse instead. What does Head Manager think about Yang Kai?"

The Head Manager waved his hand, and the two Seven Wonders Land disciples who came out immediately retreated.

After this incident, the Head Manager had no more interest in staying, "Let's have a look elsewhere," He turned around, and walked into the distance with his hands behind his back.

The group of people shouted in response and left together. Du Ru Feng glanced at Yang Kai before leaving, and sent him a transmission, "Take care of yourself!"

Yang Kai watched everyone leave, his eyes fixed on Zhou Zheng's back. When Great General spat out the fruit pit, the look of surprise on Zhou Zheng's face was apparent, so Yang Kai could not help frowning. [Who did this to me? Is this incident related to Zhou Zheng?]

After carefully analyzing the details of what happened, he was sure that the person who stole the fruit was keen on killing him, and he must have only stolen the fruit today.

He and Fang Tai were imprisoned in a cell in the shopping district before, so they arrived a little late and gave the thief a chance to commit the theft. It was not Fang Tai who did it, yet he was arrested by the patrolling team because of Fang Tai. Fang Tai seemed to have intentionally provoked him yesterday, and it was Zhou Zheng who bailed him and Fang Tai.

His heart skipped a beat, and with a click, Yang Kai felt as if he had cleared the fog and saw the truth!

However, if the truth was what he thought it was, how did he make sure that the Head Manager would come to inspect his specific plot? Just because of Ruler of the Dawn Great General? It was not impossible. The Head Manager would definitely be curious if he saw Ruler of the Dawn Great General, and with a little push from that person, the Head Manager would have visited even if he did not have any initial intention to do so.

It was a pity that the Head Manager had the initiative to come down today; otherwise, Yang Kai would be able to verify whether his guess was correct.

Yang Kai was infuriated. He was almost struck by a fatal disaster and if Ruler of the Dawn Great General had not turned the tide at the last moment, he would not have been able to escape. Even Du Ru Feng might not be able to protect him. It could be seen that the Head Manager was not affected even when Du Ru Feng came forward to speak for him. Stealing among the Workers was serious. On the contrary, it was not a big deal if Great General had eaten a fruit or two.

Yang Kai realized he could not stay a Worker anymore... It had only been a few months, but he almost lost his life, and the days to come were still long.

Thinking of this, Yang Kai hurriedly picked up Great General who was lying on top of his head, held him in both of his hands, and examined him closely!

Yang Kai was indeed quite embarrassed when this chicken used his head as a coop, but he quickly let it go when he saw the potential of Great General as a God of Fortune. Never had he thought that he would save his life today! This fat chicken looked so lovable no matter how he looked at him now. Crushing him in his arms with all his strength, "It's all because of you that I survived in this desperate situation!"

Great General's feathers were ruffled in this sudden embrace, and he cock-a-doodle-dooed as he struggled with all his strength, but he still could not get out of Yang Kai's grasp. Its squawking reverberated terribly in the air.

After a while, Yang Kai released him, sat down on the ground, and put him in front of him, cracking up.

Great General lost all his majesty at this moment, his feathers completely disheveled. As soon as he was released from Yang Kai's grasp, he charged at him with flapping wings, pecking endlessly at his assaulter.

Yang Kai raised arms, "Okay, okay, just vent."

After venting his anger for a while, Great General finally calmed down and started to comb his feathers with his beak in front of Yang Kai, tilting his head from time to time to glance at this Human, his eyes as arrogant as ever.

Elbow on knees, cheeks on hands, Yang Kai asked curiously, "How can you have a Fire Spirit Fruit pit? Did you eat some Fire Spirit Fruits before?"

Great General opened his mouth and spat out a ball of golden light. Yang Kai took it and found that there were several fruit pits.

"You've really eaten some!" Yang Kai was surprised, this explained why Ruler of the Dawn Great General was able to save him at a critical moment today, "Why did you help me?"

In fact, Yang Kai had wanted to know why Ruler of the Dawn Great General treated him differently for some time now. Normally, it was up to Great General's mood at the time when it came to rewarding others with Open Heaven Pills for worms. Yang Kai was the only one who could exchange one worm for one pill, and was able to make a fortune out of this opportunity.

This was definitely not just because they talked with their fists before. Unfortunately, until today, the two of them had not had a proper conversation. If Great General could understand him, it meant that Great General had the ability to communicate with people, but was just too lazy to do so.

Since Yang Kai did not understand, he set the matter aside. Stretching out his arms to pick up Great General and place him on his head, Yang Kai spoke to him again, "Today, I owe you my life. If there's any help you need in the future, just come to me, this Yang will never say no!"

It was uncertain if Great General had heard it clearly, but there was not much of a response.

Although the orchard was big, the Head Manager's inspection was only a day's work. Yang Kai waited until the next day before Du Ru Feng arrived again.

As soon as they met, Du Ru Feng started, "Yang Kai, I tried my best to help you yesterday; but unfortunately, there's nothing much I could do about the crime of theft. Fortunately, Great General took the initiative to confess at the last moment, otherwise, things would be really unimaginable."

Yang Kai cupped his fists, "Sir Du is being too serious. This Yang remembers well how Sir Du cared for him."

Du Ru Feng patted him on the shoulder, "It's great that you understand. Good, what is it? Did you specifically invite me to come over to say something? If it wasn't for Yang Kai's Divine Sense transmission yesterday, he would not be here today.

"There is something." He reached out his hand and gestured, "Sir Du please!"

He sat Du Ru Feng down on the table beside him, and Yang Kai took out some tea and spring water, all of which were kept in the Space Ring for such occasions.

Du Ru Feng smiled, "If you have something to say, there's no need to beat around the bush!"

Yang Kai pondered for a while, then began, "This Yang wants to ask, is the offer Sir Du proposed before still available?"

Du Ru Feng looked at him with interest, "What's wrong? Why did you change your mind? Didn't you reject this King not too long ago?"

Yang Kai laughed dryly, "The situation is different now. There was a reason that this Yang had reservations, but after what happened yesterday, I have discovered that many things are beyond a Worker's control, and this Yang doesn't like this feeling of not having control over his own destiny. Moreover, it's only natural for people to aim for high places. Since Sir gave me the opportunity, this Yang should seize it."

Still smiling, Du Ru Feng answered, "In Seven Wonders Land, the Workers occupy the majority of the population, but their status is the lowest. Some came to Seven Wonders Land and worked for three thousand years but still failed to succeed, while some people just needed a few years to rise up. It all depends on your capability, and you are a capable person, so this King wants to support you. Don't worry, what this King offered before still stands."

"Many thanks, Sir Du!" Yang Kai stood up and cupped his fists, but did not take his seat immediately after and continued, "This Yang would like to ask again, what would his status be after following Sir Du?"

"You'll be promoted from the status of Worker to disciple of Seven Wonders Land."

"What would I do then?"

"What do you want to do?" Du Ru Feng asked back.

Yang Kai raised his eyebrows, "Can this Yang have his choice of assignment?"

Du Ru Feng laughed, "As long as it is within my jurisdiction, and as long as it does not violate the rules of Seven Wonders Land, yes."

Yang Kai drew a big circle with his hand, "This disciple wants to be the Orchard Manager!"

"Huh?" Du Ru Feng's eyes narrowed slightly, "You have a big appetite."

"If Sir can't fulfill this request, then just take it as this Yang being presumptuous."

Du Ru Feng snorted, "Are you provoking this King?"

"I dare not!"

Du Ru Feng stared at him for a while, regretting that he had said such big words just now, and now he was placed in a position where he could not go back on his words. If he agreed to Yang Kai's request, there was no guarantee that he could fulfill it as he was not the one to make such decisions; if he rejected Yang Kai though, it would be a big loss of face.

After weighing his options for a while, Du Ru Feng spoke again, "It's a good thing that you want to be the Orchard Manager. As you said, people should always aim for higher heights, but the position of Manager belongs to someone else currently, Zhou Zheng. Although he is a little incompetent, he hasn't made any big mistakes, and it's unfair to revoke his position for no reason. How about it?"

Before he could finish speaking, Yang Kai interrupted, "What if Manager Zhou made a mistake?"

Du Ru Feng frowned, "What mistake did Zhou Zheng make? No matter what mistake he made, no one can help him because everyone has to follow the rules."

"If Manager Zhou is dismissed, could this Yang take over as the Orchard Manager?"

Du Ru Feng chuckled, "Is there some kind of grudge between you and Zhou Zheng? Why do you want to pull him down and replace him?"

Yang Kai shook his head, "This Yang will reveal the mystery to Sir after Sir answers his question."

Du Ru Feng thought for a while with a serious look, then explained, "The position of Manager needs to be appointed by Venerable, and I only have the right to recommend someone to it!"

"Then, many thanks to Sir in advance!"

"Good, after going round in circles, what do you want to say? Hurry up and spit it out." Du Ru Feng was getting a little impatient and his slight annoyance was apparent on his face.

"It's about yesterday! That Spirit Fruit wasn't taken by Great General, but was actually stolen by someone!"

Du Ru Feng paled and warned hastily, "Yang Kai, you can eat anything you want, but you can't just blurt out words recklessly. Do you know that someone may die if you say this?"

Yang Kai looked down and nodded, "I didn't know it before yesterday, but I do now."

Du Ru Feng gently tapped the stone table with his fingers, "Tell me the details!"

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"Good, the first thing I did after I came back to the orchard yesterday was to count the number of Spirit Fruits, and found that one was missing. I found where it had gone missing from and determined it had been taken away less than two hours before. When I was worried about what to do, the Head Manager and his people had already arrived nearby and I didn't have time to find out the truth anymore. Sir also witnessed what happened later. This Yang was almost doomed."

Du Ru Feng narrowed his eyes. A flicker of cold light in the narrow slit of his eyes as he asked, "Do you mean it has something to do with Zhou Zheng?"

"This Yang dares not to comment rashly before it is confirmed, but if you will allow, I wish to have Sir Du witness a good show!"

"Good show?"

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After a stick of incense, Yang Kai landed in another plot of the orchard, directly in front of two people.

The reactions of the two were completely opposite. One greeted him with joy, while the other's face changed slightly and took a step back, looking at Yang Kai with a horrified and confused look.

"Little Brother, are you alright?" Old Fang looked up and down at Yang Kai.

Yang Kai did not look at him, but stared at Xiang Yong instead and chuckled, "Frightened but not hurt. Didn't I send you a message before?"

Old Fang remarked, "I was still worried until I saw you with my own eyes. Seeing as you're fine, I'm not worried anymore." He paused for a while before he continued, "Why are you here, Little Brother?"

Yang Kai grinned, "Can't I visit you when I'm free?"

"Visit me?" Old Fang was confused. [If you came to visit me, why are you only staring at Xiang Yong?] Instinctively, he felt that there should be something wrong between them. He then turned to Xiang Yong, who avoided eye contact and looked guilty for some reason, making Old Fang sure that there was indeed some problem.

"Brother Xiang, it has only been a few days since we last saw each other, why are we strangers now?" Yang Kai looked at Xiang Yong with a cold smile.

Xiang Yong's face turned vicious, "Does Father here know you very well? We are not close to each other in the first place!"

"That's true. Brother Xiang and I truly are not close, but why is Brother Xiang so surprised to see me today?"

"Surprised? I'm not surprised!" Xiang Yong waved his hand as he yelled, "Father here was just born with big eyes!"

"Really?" Yang Kai chuckled, "To be honest with Brother Xiang, Head Manager came to my place yesterday and inspected my plot."

Xiang Yong widened his eyes, "Head Manager went there?"

"Brother Xiang seems to be very concerned about me!"

"What should Father here be concerned about? I was just wondering. You don't need to tell if you don't want to!" Xiang Yong snorted coldly and sat down on the ground, leaning against a fruit tree, crossed his arms and leaning sideways to nap.

"Did the Head Manager really go to your place?" Old Fang looked nervous. It was not a good thing to be inspected by the Head Manager. The Workers would not be rewarded for taking good care of the

orchard for it was their duty, but if they did a bad job, they would be punished; therefore, no Worker would hope for the Head Manager to visit his own territory and wished that he would just fly past them. Nevertheless, there would always be some unlucky ones every time the Head Manager came. Yang Kai was truly unlucky. Out of hundreds of Workers in the orchard, the Head Manager picked him. Even if there were no mistakes, they would still find a way to nitpick.

"Did he do anything to you?"

"I almost never saw Brother Fang again." Yang Kai sighed with fear.

Old Fang was taken aback, "What happened? Why was it so serious?"

Yang Kai answered solemnly, "I lost a Fire Spirit Fruit from my plot!"

Old Fang's face turned pale at once, "Little Brother, this is no joke! You may really die! You're a newcomer, and although I told you a lot of rules in the orchard, you may not realize the consequences of losing a Spirit Fruit. Let me tell you this, the life of us Workers is not more valuable than a single Spirit Fruit!"

"I know, I know." Yang Kai kept nodding, "It's a great sin to lose the Spirit Fruits! Head Manager attempted to arrest me on the spot, and even Sir Du's pleas did not work."

"Then how did you..." Old Fang was befuddled. [If Du Ru Feng's plea was useless, how could Yang Kai still be standing here? What happened to him later?]

With a grin, Yang Kai stretched out his finger and pointed at Great General on his head, "Great General saved me at the last moment. He spat out a fruit pit from his mouth and the truth was revealed."

Old Fang blinked and understood, "So, the Spirit Fruit was eaten by Great General?"

"Exactly. Otherwise, how could there be a fruit missing from my plot for no reason? Who dares to steal it!?"

"This Old Master was almost scared to death!" Old Fang let out a sigh of relief. Even though he knew that Yang Kai had certainly overcome the disaster since he was standing here, he could not help being frightened when he heard the whole story.

"Why did Great General do such a thing?" Old Fang looked at Yang Kai's head, bewildered.

"How should I know that? Maybe he wanted some variety after eating too many worms. However, although Great General caused this, he turned the situation around for me in the end, so I'm still thankful to him. Old Fang, do you have any Jade Fire Silkworm here?"

"Just a few, not many of them."

"Bring them all!"

After receiving the Jade Fire Silkworms from Old Fang, Yang Kai did not stay any longer and just left.

Up in the sky, light flowed like a curtain of water as Du Ru Feng concealed himself and witnessed everything. His position was less than three hundred meters away from Old Fang, but he was not spotted by Old Fang during the entire conversation.

Just after Yang Kai left, he suddenly reached out and performed a hand seal. The light curtain fluttered slightly and Yang Kai flashed in quietly from the outside.

"Will they take the bait for such a poor performance?" Du Ru Feng raised a brow.

Yang Kai grinned, "The quality of the play depends on who is watching it. If it was someone like Old Fang, he wouldn't be fooled, but it won't be the same case for Xiang Yong, who is recklessness incarnate. Wait and see. If it's exactly as I guessed, he will certainly take action."

Du Ru Feng questioned, "What if you're wrong?"

"Does Sir want to punish me?"

"Not really, but I don't have so much time to spend here. I will give you half a day. If we still don't see results in that time, I will consider this matter settled."

"Good, half a day then!" Yang Kai could not disagree with him, let alone bargain, so he turned around and asked curiously, "Sir, this artifact is quite interesting. If we really successfully bait the culprit out of hiding, can this be used to hide our traces while trailing them?"

Du Ru Feng answered proudly, "This artifact was granted to this Du by Venerable himself, it's called the Shadowless Veil. Third-Order and below Open Heaven Realm Masters can't see through it, even if it were Open Heaven Realm Masters that are above Third-Order, as long as they don't search carefully, we can fool them too."

Yang Kai could not help but click his tongue. It must feel good to have a backer as one did not need to worry about being promoted to the Open Heaven Realm. Du Ru Feng had a lot of treasures like the Sky Seizing Net and Shadowless Veil while Yang Kai had to struggle with all his wisdom and courage just to obtain a small title like Orchard Manager.

As he was talking, Yang Kai's face suddenly brightened, "The fish took the bait."

Below, Xiang Yong, who was supposedly having a nap slowly opened his eyes. He looked around for a while, stood up, looking serious and hesitant, as if he had encountered a difficult decision.

After hesitating for a long time, Xiang Yong made up his mind and turned around as he shouted, "Old Fang, take good care of my trees for me!"

Saying so, without waiting for Old Fang's response, Xiang Yong rose straight to the sky and by the looks of his direction, he was heading to the center of the orchard.

Under the Shadowless Veil, Yang Kai and Du Ru Feng exchanged looks, "I'm afraid it's really as what you said." Du Ru Feng remarked.

Yang Kai replied, "We will find out soon, Sir."

Du Ru Feng stopped talking and under the cover of the Shadowless Veil followed quietly behind Xiang Yong. Xiang Yong turned back many times during the flight, but he did not see anything.

Not long after, a high and strange looking summit appeared before them, like a sword stabbed into the ground. The scenery on the summit was good while it was surrounded by the orchards below. A rare solitary mountain.

There was a main hall on high summit, which was the place where the Orchard Manager usually lived and worked. There were Workers going in and out from time to time, and it was obvious that they all came to see Zhou Zheng.

Zhou Zheng liked to work in the pavilion at the edge of the mountain outside the main hall where he could see all the orchard below, giving him a feeling that everything was under his control.

At the moment, the number of Workers who came to Zhou Zheng was not many; after all, there could not be any serious matter in the orchard, and even if there were a problem, the Workers would want to solve it by themselves. They would only come to Zhou Zheng for help when they failed to solve these problems.

Xiang Yong did not go straight away to Zhou Zheng when he arrived. Probably because he also felt a little guilty. He waited for two hours before going forward when all the other Workers had left.

Inside the pavilion, Zhou Zheng asked without lifting his head, "What is it?"

"Manager Zhou!" Xiang Yong shouted in a buzzing voice.

Zhou Zheng's face changed and he looked up and saw that it was Xiang Yong. He immediately looked around and gritted his teeth, "Why are you here? Didn't I tell you not to come to me during this time?"

Xiang Yong twisted his neck, "I didn't want to bother Manager Zhou, but there's one thing that I really don't understand. I'd like to ask Manager Zhou to solve my doubts."

"What is it that is so important?" Zhou Zheng's face turned ugly.

"About Yang Kai..."

"Shut up!" Zhou Zheng immediately got up. After glaring at Xiang Yong for a time, he bellowed, "Come with me!" He led the way with his hands behind his back, striding towards the main hall.

Xiang Yong scratched his head and kept up with him.

The two entered the hall one after another where Zhou Zheng waved his token and activated the barrier. Then, he turned around and glared at Xiang Yong, "Are you crazy? How dare you dare mention that outside? Don't you know that the walls have ears? If someone overheard you, not just you, even this King would not escape death!"

Xiang Yong pressed on, "But Sir Manager said before that as long as I followed your instructions, Yang Kai would die without a doubt! I've followed your plan, risking my life, so why is the bastard still safe!?"

Zhou Zheng frowned, "How do you know that? Did you see Yang Kai?"

Xiang Yong sneered, "Manager Zhou doesn't need to know how I found out, I just know."

Zhou Zheng became sullen, "I was surprised by what happened yesterday. When Head Manager went to inspect his plot as I guided, and found out about the loss of a Spirit Fruit, I thought everything was settled, but who could have anticipated that Great General would come to that bastard's rescue at the last moment."

"Manager Zhou doesn't need to tell me the details, I have already learned about it from others."

Zhou Zheng was confused, "Since you already knew, why are you coming to me?"

"Naturally, I came here to ask Manager Zhou for an explanation!"

Zhou Zheng laughed, "Ask me for an explanation? What do you want me to say?" His face turned cold, "Why should this King give you an explanation?"

Xiang Yong snorted, "If it wasn't for your instigation, how could I have done such a despicable thing? Now that the deed has been done, but the expected result did not happen, shouldn't Sir Manager take some responsibility?"

Zhou Zheng's face was so cold that it was practically frozen, "When did this King instigate you? I told you before that this was a serious matter that needed to be carefully considered before execution, and the consequences would be yours to bear. Now that something went wrong, is it this King's fault?"

Xiang Yong cracked his neck, his posture turning vicious, "I don't care, we are grasshoppers on a single rope now. If one suffers, all suffer."

Zhou Zheng was so angry that he wanted to slap the bear in front of him to death, secretly regretting that he had fed such a bad idea to Xiang Yong a few days ago.

"What do you want?" Zhou Zheng asked in a cold voice. Xiang Yong was a fool, not worth Zhou Zheng's attention, so it was quite hard for Zhou Zheng to hold his temper when someone like that was blackmailing him so blatantly.

Xiang Yong grinned meaningfully, "Sir Manager surely knows my intentions. As long as Sir Manager can satisfy me, I will also satisfy Sir Manager."

Zhou Zheng narrowed his eyes, "Do you want to go back to your original site?"

"It doesn't matter now, as long as you can transfer me near Xiao Die."

Zhou Zheng nodded lightly, "If that's all you want, it's not impossible. Go back and wait for my news. I'll let you know when I've arranged it."

Xiang Yong looked at him suspiciously, "Is Sir Manager trying to deceive me? Although I may appear uncultured, I'm not that easy to fool."

Zhou Zheng was furious, "Why should I lie to you? Do I need to lie to you for something like this?"

"Then I'll trust you one more time!" Xiang Yong nodded, "I'll leave now, and wait for Sir Manager's good news."

"Wait!" Zhou Zheng raised his hand to stop him.

Xiang Yong turned around, "Is there something else Sir Manager needs?"

Zhou Zheng snarled through gritted teeth, "Where's the fruit?"

"What fruit?" Xiang Yong was puzzled by what he said.

"What do you think?"

"Oh!" Xiang Yong suddenly understood, "You mean the stolen one..." He patted his stomach, "I've sacrificed it to the stomach, it actually tasted quite bad!"

"You..." Zhou Zheng looked at him, unable to come up with a retort, then shooed him away in disgust, "Leave, leave!"

After opening the barrier around the hall and sending Xiang Yong off, Zhou Zheng paced around for a while before sighing heavily. This plan was supposed to be perfect. In fact, if Ruler of the Dawn Great General did not interfere at the last moment, Yang Kai would have been dead already; but now, Yang Kai was not only unscathed, Zhou Zheng was in deep trouble.

[Xiang Yong... He can no longer be kept alive. Since he dares to blackmail me once, he'll dare to do it twice.] Zhou Zheng did not want to be blackmailed again; however, even if he was the Orchard Manager, he could not just kill a Worker at will. He had had to wait for the right opportunity.

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Shortly after, in Yang Kai's plot, a sudden brilliance flashed and two figures appeared out of thin air. It was Yang Kai and Du Ru Feng.

Yang Kai looked over to see Du Ru Feng's expression as tranquil as an ancient well; there was no way to know what the latter was thinking.

Yang Kai did not ask either. What he saw and heard today had completely confirmed his suspicions. With this incident, Zhou Zheng and Xiang Yong would probably end in a disaster. It was not a guarantee that Yang Kai would be replacing Zhou Zheng once he was removed, but at least he would not need to always be on guard against troubles from his superiors.

Yang Kai was only trying his luck when he requested Du Ru Feng to promote him to be the Manager of the orchard and did not really expect him to agree. Yang Kai knew he did not have adequate qualifications to begin with, as it had only been a few months since he came to the orchard. Secondly, his cultivation was insufficient, so it would be difficult to command respect from the Workers.

If he could not be the Orchard Manager though, Du Ru Feng would definitely compensate him in other aspects, so there would be a lot of room for him to negotiate.

If this incident did not involve his own life, Yang Kai would not have been this ruthless. If Zhou Zheng just made things difficult for him, wanting to extract some benefits, Yang Kai would have endured it if he

could, but Zhou Zheng actually went so far as to frame him by stealing a Spirit Fruit! If Yang Kai continued to bear with it, he would not know how or when he was going to die.

Yang Kai invited Du Ru Feng to take a seat, poured some tea, and waited quietly.

After a long time, Du Ru Feng smiled lightly, "You're quite impressive. In less than half a year, there are already two people who want to kill you. How did you offend them?"

"I'm curious too!" Yang Kai looked puzzled, "In regards to Manager Zhou, it's probably because I didn't offer him a share when I was rewarded last time, so he held some grudges. But I can't think of a reason why Xiang Yong would do this."

Du Ru Feng took a sip of tea, "No matter what the reason is, since they dared to steal a Spirit Fruit, they will end up dying no matter how many lives they have."

Yang Kai was slightly stunned. Old Fang was right, the lives of the Workers were really worthless here, and it could even be said that Seven Wonders Land did not treat the Workers as people at all.

"I also said before that the position of Orchard Manager needs to be appointed by Venerable in person, and I only have the right to make a recommendation. I will recommend you, as well as report the cause and effect of this matter. As for whether Venerable agrees in the end, it's up to him."

"Whether it works or not, I thank Sir Du for his kindness." Yang Kai cupped his fists.

"Wait for good news." Du Ru Feng patted Yang Kai's shoulder and flew away.

The next few days were calm. Yang Kai walked around the orchard, and from time to time he would visit Die You. Xiang Yong did not appear recently and according to Old Fang, Xiang Yong has been very well-behaved, sleeping most of his time away.

On the fifth day, while Yang Kai was catching worms with Die You's in her plot, he received a message and quickly took out the jade plate.

"Is it from Old Fang?" Die You asked, recognizing the communicating artifact.

"En!" Yang Kai nodded, and sent his Divine Sense into the artifact.

Suddenly, he turned to look at Die You and declared, "Xiang Yong was captured!"

Die You was flabbergasted, "Xiang Yong? What did he do?"

Yang Kai shook his head and said he did not know, mainly because he did not know what Du Ru Feng's plan was.

Die You frowned, "Although he is a little reckless, he's still capable of distinguishing between right and wrong. Did Old Fang see him get captured?"

Yang Kai nodded in confirmation, "Some of the Seven Wonders Land disciples arrived to arrest him, and Old Fang saw it with his own eyes. It happened half a stick of incense ago."

Yang Kai then looked up in the direction of the tall summit. Since Xiang Yong had been captured, it meant that the same must have happened to Zhou Zheng too.

He wondered what Zhou Zheng was feeling at this moment. Was he surprised? Since he dared to frame Yang Kai with such a vicious plot, he should be mentally prepared for revenge.

In just one day, a rumour spread throughout Fire Spirit Land.

The Orchard Manager, Zhou Zheng, together with a Worker, Xiang Yong, stole a Fire Spirit Fruit. After careful investigation, it was confirmed that the two had committed a heinous crime and had been handed over to the Fire Spirit Land Punishment Hall, to serve as a warning to the others!

The Workers could not believe it, but it was news directly from the Seven Wonders Land disciples, so it was not up to them to question anything.

Everyone knew that Xiang Yong and Zhou Zheng were done for. No one had dared to steal a Fire Spirit Fruit in many years. The question was, as the Orchard Manager, why would Zhou Zheng steal a Fire Spirit Fruit? It served no other function other than to refine Open Heaven Pills. What could he do with a stolen fruit?

Even before this news could be digested, another situation began brewing.

Since Zhou Zheng was in trouble, the Orchard Manager position would be vacant, and someone would definitely take over. It was out of the question for the Workers, as only disciples from Seven Wonders Land could take the position of the Manager.

The position of Orchard Manager may sound very attractive as one would have a huge number of people under his command, but the position was actually a hard and thankless job. Any Seven Wonders Land disciple with a promising future would not be interested. Only those like Zhou Zheng, a Worker with no future prospects, would covet such a position.

Two days later, Du Ru Feng descended from the sky.

Yang Kai, who was busy, hurriedly stopped and greeted him, "Sir Du!"

Du Ru Feng smiled and waved, "Get up!"

Yang Kai observed his expression, slightly surprised "Sir, is there a happy event? You look practically radiant."

Du Ru Feng chuckled, "There is, but it's not for me, it's for you!"

"Me?" Yang Kai's expression changed, "Could it be that..." Of course, he was already mentally prepared to be rejected.

"Look at this." As Du Ru Feng spoke as he stretched out his hand and a new set of clothes immediately appeared.

"Seven Coloured Robe..."

"Exactly!" Du Ru Feng unfolded the Seven Coloured Robe, "Try it on."

"But Sir, aren't only disciples of Seven Wonders Land allowed to wear this?"

"Good, and you are now a disciple of Seven Wonders Land!" Du Ru Feng announced with a smile.

Yang Kai was pleasantly surprised, and cupped his fists, "Many thanks, Sir, for the promotion." He respectfully took the Seven Coloured Robe in both hands and put it on himself without reservations.

Du Ru Feng nodded approvingly, "Not bad, the size is just right. When you're free, go to the Personnel Hall to get your disciple token and a few more sets of clothes."

"Yes, Sir!"

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All of a sudden, Yang Kai became a disciple of Seven Wonders Land. Although the Seven Coloured Robe was not particularly stylish, it was a symbol of identity and status in Seven Wonders Land.

In order for a Worker to become a Seven Wonders Land disciple, breaking through to the Open Heaven Realm had always been the only way. That was why so many Workers had no choice but to condense First or Second-Order materials in order to achieve the First or Second-Order Open Heaven Realm, because the materials needed for the Third-Order Open Heaven Realm were way too unaffordable for Workers. If the Workers aimed too high, they might only waste their whole life away only to end up not being promoted to the Open Heaven Realm.

No matter how many First or Second-Order Open Heaven Realm Masters there were, Seven Wonders Land did not need to worry about them causing any disturbance. Removing their status as a Worker and giving them the position of a Common Disciple could not only make them feel a sense of belonging to Seven Wonders Land, but also strengthened the Sect.

Yang Kai naturally understood all this with a little thought.

Seeing him in a trance, Du Ru Feng laughed, "Are you already happy with just this? Good things are yet to come."

Yang Kai asked curiously, "Is there something more?"

Du Ru Feng smiled faintly, "Have you forgotten about the request that you made? If you want to achieve it, you must at least become a disciple of Seven Wonders Land, so your clothes are only the most basic premise."

Yang Kai was surprised, "Did Venerable agree?"

Du Ru Feng nodded, "Yes."

Without waiting for Yang Kai to say anything, Du Ru Feng continued with a change of tone, "But Venerable has a condition!"

"What condition?" Yang Kai asked, seemingly quite eager when in fact, he became vigilant. He knew it was impossible for them to agree to his request so readily. The condition was probably a difficult task for him, but it did not matter, because he had at least achieved his expected goal.

"Venerable stated that you haven't been here for very long and your cultivation is not high. Even though you have made a great contribution by exposing the criminals responsible for stealing a Spirit Fruit, it's not enough to appoint you as the Orchard Manager. You know, quite a few are coveting this position and if you are appointed without a valid reason, I'm afraid it's difficult to convince the public."

"This Disciple understands." Yang Kai nodded.

"Venerable wants you to make another contribution!" Du Ru Feng looked at him with a smile, "As long as you can make another great contribution, with Venerable's backing, no one will be able to complain about your promotion."

Yang Kai scratched his head, "Luck is required to make a contribution. This Disciple couldn't easily make another contribution even if he wanted to. Or, are there any other Scarlet Clouds Golden Flames in Fire Spirit Land that need this Disciple to assist in collecting?"

Du Ru Feng chuckled, "It's extremely hard for a Scarlet Clouds Golden Flame to be formed, so it's unlikely to be seen another one even in thousands of years. It's a blessing from the Heavens for us to get one last time, how can there be a second one so easily?" He continued with a lower voice and a solemn face, "There's something you need to do now. As long as you complete this task, the credit will come naturally."

Yang Kai suddenly understood, "Venerable has already made arrangements!" He immediately cupped his fist, "In that case, please give the order, Sir. This Disciple will start now and complete the mission as soon as possible."

Du Ru Feng patted him on the shoulder, "When you put on this robe, you and I became fellow brothers, so don't call me Sir anymore. What Venerable wants you to do this time is to hunt down a traitor."

"A traitor!" Yang Kai's face turned solemn.

"That's right." Du Ru Feng declared coldly, "This man committed a huge crime a few days ago, but refused to repent. On the contrary, he escaped out of Seven Wonders Land. His sin is unforgivable, so Venerable wants you to find him, kill him, and bring his head back!"

Yang Kai blinked and asked embarrassingly, "This Junior Brother knows he should obey Venerable's order, but this Junior Brother has to ask... What cultivation does this traitor have?"

He did not want to run after the enemy recklessly. If it turned out that the traitor was an Open Heaven Realm Master? How could he complete the task then? By that time, Yang Kai was unsure who would be the one getting killed.

Du Ru Feng smiled lightly, "Don't worry, his cultivation is equivalent to yours. Furthermore, he is wounded."

Yang Kai nodded, "No problem then, but how can I find him? Senior Brother, the world outside is so vast that I can't even distinguish my direction. This traitor could be hiding anywhere..."

"Someone will go with you. It's just a formality this time really, so you only need to go tag along. You don't really need to do much."

[Can there be such a good thing?] Yang Kai was dumbstruck.

Outwardly, however, Yang Kai quickly reacted by cupping his fists, "Many thanks to Venerable and Senior Brother for the promotion!"

Du Ru Feng patted him on the shoulder, "Good, you should move now. Someone will pick you up when you get out of Fire Spirit Land."

"Yes!" Yang Kai answered and soared into the sky.

After Yang Kai departed, Du Ru Feng immediately disappeared from his spot with a flicker.

A moment later, in the main palace of Fire Spirit Land, Du Ru Feng stood in front of a heavy gate and saluted respectfully.

The door opened a gap and Du Ru Feng stepped in, standing straight as a voice reached his ear, "Is it done?"

"Reporting to Venerable, it is done."

"En." The Venerable answered softly, "From your look, it seems that you have some questions."

Du Ru Feng smiled wryly, "Nothing can be concealed from Sir Venerable. It's true that this Disciple has some questions."

"Speak!"

"One of this Disciple's questions is that given that Yang Kai is a newcomer and his cultivation is not high enough, is it really fine to promote him to a higher position?"

"Why not? It's just a trivial Orchard Manager. Even if we promote him, how long can he stay in that position? At most it will be for half a year."

"Is Senior Brother Yu Lian coming out of the retreat soon?" Du Ru Feng got a clue from the statement.

"Exactly!"

"Then there should be no problem. It's only half a year, so it's really nothing." Du Ru Feng nodded gently, "There's something else that this Disciple doesn't understand!"

"About the traitor?" Duan Hai chuckled.

"Yes, it's about the traitor!" Du Ru Feng was puzzled, "The traitor entered Fire Spirit Land at the same time as Yang Kai, so his cultivation is not high. Although he made a mistake without knowing, it should not have been serious enough to lead to his death, so why did he try to flee? Furthermore, he actually succeeded in escaping!"

"Seven Wonders Land is covered by a Grand Array. If the Grand Array is not deactivated or opened, not even an Open Heaven Realm Master could come or go as they pleased. If it weren't for the permission of this King, how could that traitor have escaped!?"

A sudden realization dawned on Du Ru Feng. His guess was right. Otherwise, how could a mere Emperor Realm Master escape out of Seven Wonders Land while the Grand Array was functioning? After listening

to Duan Hai's words, he knew that he was right. It was the intention of the Venerable to allow the traitor to run. It could even be said that he was encouraged by someone to run away.

"Why?" This was the part that Du Ru Feng did not understand, "This Disciple can easily take care of a trash like that, so why bother to let him out?"

"You don't understand!" Duan Hai shook his head slowly, "You can't kill him. This King found something when he brought that man back here. If we really let him die in the hands of Seven Wonders Land, it might cause trouble in the future."

Du Ru Feng was taken aback. Seven Wonders Land was not weak. The Heavenly Monarch and the several Venerables were all Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters, so a person who could cause them troubles should be at least a Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, "Does it mean that he has a great backing??"

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As soon as Yang Kai left the orchard, Great General flew down. Yang Kai was used to such habits. This chicken always perched on his head only when he was in the orchard, and he would act on his own at other times.

Yang Kai did not care about him and continued to walk. Soon, he left Fire Spirit Land.

Two figures were waiting at the exit of the Grand Array. They approached Yang Kai as soon as they saw him. The fatter man on the left side spoke, "Are you Junior Brother Yang Kai?"

"It is this Yang!" Yang Kai stepped forward and cupped his fist, "Greetings, two Senior Brothers. My apologies for having caused two Senior Brothers to wait."

While speaking, Yang Kai checked out the pair and was secretly frightened. Initially, he did not believe Du Ru Feng stated that it was just a formality this time; after all, he had not encountered such a good thing since his debut. Now when he saw these two people, he understood that it was indeed just a formality for him, because these two were impressively Open Heaven Realm Masters!

Their auras were similar to that of Zhou Zheng, so they should only be First-Order, but even a First-Order was an Open Heaven Realm Master

Although he did not know who he was going to kill, Du Ru Feng disclosed that his strength was almost the same as that of himself. In other words, the traitor was definitely not an Open Heaven Realm Master, or even a Half-Step Open Heaven Realm Master.

It seemed quite weird to Yang Kai that he had to go after an Emperor Realm Masters with two Open Heaven Realm Masters.

When Yang Kai was checking them out, they were also examining Yang Kai. The fat man who spoke earlier pressed on, "So you are Junior Brother Yang. You really have a handsome and extraordinary look."

The skinnier man on the right also nodded, "Junior Brother Yang has a majestic and prestigious demeanor. I can tell that you are a man who will go on to do great things."

[What's this situation?] Yang Kai was dumbfounded. The two guys bootlicked him so much that he felt extremely uncomfortable.

Since he came to Seven Wonders Land, Yang Kai was treated ordinarily among the Workers, and none of the Seven Wonders Land disciples in the shopping district had ever given him a second glance.

Nevertheless, these two Open Heaven Realm Masters here were actually flattering him openly... He could not get used to the current situation.

With a single thought, Yang Kai associated their behaviour with Du Ru Feng. He wondered what Du Ru Feng had told these two guys that they did not hesitate to praise him.

What else could Yang Kai say? He could only cup his fists with a smile, "Senior Brothers flatter me. Two Senior Brothers have vigorous auras and profound cultivation. This Junior Brother is far behind you two, and will need two Senior Brothers to take care of me this time, please."

The pair exchanged looks and beamed lightly as they found that Yang Kai had a good attitude. The fat man immediately assured, "Don't worry, Senior Brother Du informed us that even if we fall into danger this time, we can't let Junior Brother get into an accident. We two brothers will absolutely protect Junior Brother Yang with our lives."

"May this Junior Brother know how to address two Senior Brothers?" Yang Kai asked politely, silently confirming the reason why these two guys treated him with a good attitude. It turned out that Du Ru Feng had left them instructions before. They must have understood that Yang Kai was a very important person to Du Ru Feng and may stand out in Fire Spirit Land in the future. As such they hurriedly take this opportunity to make friends with him, and maybe they could follow him to make a success in the future.

They each reported their names. The fat one was Ma Liu and the thinner one was Jiang Sheng. After chatting a bit, the three departed together.

Chapter 3878 – Hunting

Seven Wonders Land was overlaid with a massive Grand Array, one that did not allow people to enter and exit without permission, but since it was under Duan Hai's order, Yang Kai's group was naturally well prepared.

They left Seven Wonders Land easily, but the void where it was located now was shrouded in fog. Yang Kai looked back and could only see a mass of fog so he asked worriedly, "Two Senior Brothers, we don't know how long it will take us to run this errand, do you want to note down the way so we don't get lost?"

Fatty Ma Liu guffawed, "You are not aware, Junior Brother, but in this vast Outer Universe, it is far too easy to become disoriented, so there is no point in remembering the way, but as long as there is navigation chart to guide us, no matter how far away we travel, we can find our way back."

Yang Kai had a sudden understanding. He vaguely recalled that Duan Hai mentioned something similar when he was brought to Seven Wonders Land, but he had never seen it with his own eyes and had no idea what such an object looked like.

Yang Kai guessed that it should be a treasure that showed directions.

“How do we track down the traitor?” Yang Kai asked again.

It was Jiang Sheng who replied this time, “Junior Brother Yang, don’t be impatient. We will find a way to track him. Junior Brother, you just need to follow us and kill him when we find him.”

“I understand, I’ll be counting on two Senior Brothers then.” Yang Kai cupped his fists and simply stopped worrying. Although he was curious about a lot of things, it would raise suspicion if he asked too many questions. Why bother when there was no need to worry? Now that he thought about it, this was his first time leaving Seven Wonders Land since his arrival a few months ago.

Seven Wonders Land was not a good place. Although he was fortunate to get great backing from Du Ru Feng and seemed to be appreciated, Yang Kai had a nagging feeling that there were other intentions involved.

This feeling was only reinforced when he recalled that everything happened after he assisted Du Ru Feng in collecting the Scarlet Clouds Golden Flame!

Yang Kai highly suspected that his Wood Element had been exposed. Although he was not sure, he needed to be cautious. If he had a chance this time, he may be able to escape from Seven Wonders Land.

It was a pity he did not expect Du Ru Feng would have given him such a task, and he was not given time to prepare for his escape; otherwise, he might have been able to bring Old Fang and Dié You along with him.

Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng were both Open Heaven Realm cultivators and sped through the void at incredible speed. It was all Yang Kai could do to barely keep up with them. Even so, these two were impressed by Yang Kai, for they thought he was just a little brat who was lucky enough to be appreciated by Du Ru Feng. Who knew that he actually had such skill?

After half a day, Ma Liu suddenly stopped, flicked his hand, and took out what looked like a sphere. Inside the sphere, a cloud of constantly shifting red mist drifted in a certain direction.

Ma Liu put the sphere away and sped in that direction.

When Yang Kai saw this, he knew that the artifact in the shape of a sphere was a tracker. Otherwise, in this vast Outer Universe, how could the traitor be found after escaping from Seven Wonders Land?

Yang Kai was secretly surprised. Since the traitor could be traced, could it be the same for him? He had no way of knowing if Duan Hai had secretly done something to them when he brought them back to Seven Wonders Land. After all, the gap between cultivation Realms was too great.

Duan Hai might just have done that! If this was really the case, Yang Kai had to figure out a way to escape Seven Wonders Land quickly before his intentions were exposed and he was tracked down.

Speeding through the void, Yang Kai took in his surroundings. The scenery was breathtaking, and the insignificance of his own being was somehow emphasized at this moment.

Time flew by. Yang Kai estimated that they have left Seven Wonders Land for at least ten days. As the three traveled, Ma Liu would take out the sphere from time to time and change directions accordingly.

And as time passed, the faces of Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng gradually became ugly.

Yang Kai had to ask even if he did not want to.

“Two Senior Brothers, is something wrong?”

Ma Liu answered, “Junior Brother Yang, don’t be impatient, there is nothing wrong. It’s just that we’re too far away from Seven Wonders Land, and there are all kinds of dangers in this vast world. Although both of us are Open Heaven Realm Masters, we’re just First-Order and we may not be able to protect you if we encounter danger.”

Jiang Sheng cursed, “I thought it would be easy to track down that guy, but we didn’t expect him to be so fast. Maybe he cultivated some sort of sacrificial Secret Technique.”

It was only then that Yang Kai realized that things had gone far beyond their plan, and the traitor had run too far.

Ma Liu continued, “We have to speed up. We won’t know how long we have to chase after him if we continue to let him run like this.”

Jiang Sheng nodded, “Junior Brother Yang, forgive us,” Right after, he and Ma Liu clutched Yang Kai on the left and right, and their speed increased a level. Suddenly, they were moving as swiftly as the wind.

After another three days, a look of joy suddenly appeared on Ma Liu’s face, “He stopped.”

“He should be stopping to rest!” Jiang Sheng raised his eyebrows, “How far?”

Ma Liu looked at the sphere in his hand again, “Another half a day’s journey!”

Jiang Sheng turned to Yang Kai, “Junior Brother Yang, get ready. When you meet the traitor, it will be your turn to take action. These two Senior Brothers will be on the sidelines for you.”

“Many thanks, Senior Brothers!” Yang Kai bowed.

Ma Liu chuckled, “It’s not a problem. We just hope that Junior Brother won’t forget about us two Senior Brothers when he prospers in the future.”

“I will never!” Yang Kai replied, closing his eyes to adjust his breathing, he secretly felt speechless. With Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng literally holding on to him, he had no chance to run even if he wanted to, unless he killed them. But they were Open Heaven Realm Masters, so even if Yang Kai initiated an attack with all he had, he might possibly kill one off while they were unguarded, but it was unrealistic to take down two...

It seemed that there was no way to escape Seven Wonders Land for the time being; it was better for him to take one step at a time.

Half a day later, a Universe World's aura suddenly appeared from the front of them. Yang Kai opened his eyes and found that it was indeed a Universe World. From a distance, the blue world looked like a sky with clouds, a breathtaking sight to see.

Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng took him straight towards that world through the layers of clouds, and they were welcomed by a bright light. Yang Kai looked around curiously; after all, this was the first Universe World he had entered after leaving the Star Boundary. Naturally, he would want to see how other places were different from his home.

From the looks of it though, it did not seem to be much different, except for the slightly altered World Principles.

Also, this Universe World did not seem to be very strong, because when the group of three entered, there was no obstruction at all.

If there was a Great Emperor here, that would definitely not have been the case.

Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng let out a sigh of relief. Although they were Open Heaven Realm Masters, if there were Great Emperors guarding this Universe World, they would not want to create conflict.

The three broke through the sky and landed on top of a certain mountain.

Ma Liu took a deep breath, his already fat body became even more bloated as he bellowed in a single large breath towards the bottom of the mountain, "Come out!"

The mountain collapsed, and waterfalls flowed against the current when the words resounded. Birds and beasts were killed or injured in an instant, and the land rolled violently as if Dragons were trying to escape from beneath the ground!

In the midst of the rumbling, a figure escaped out of the collapsing peak and looked up at the place where Yang Kai and the others were in horror.

Jiang Sheng sneered, "This bastard can run quite well. This King has been chasing him for so many days!"

At this moment, the traitor clearly saw the Seven Coloured Robes donned by Ma Liu and the others and the colour drained completely from his face before he turned to flee.

Jiang Sheng's laugh was even colder now, "This King is here now, where do you think you can run to?" He spat, and an artifact in the shape of a sphere was summoned, instantly sealing off the local space. He scrambled left and right but failed to escape from the bounds of the artifact, causing the fear etched on his face to intensify.

"Junior Brother Yang, it's up to you now." Ma Liu turned to Yang Kai, "Don't worry, he is injured now and absolutely no match for you. Besides, both of us will be here to back you up, so just execute him boldly!"

Yang Kai nodded, "Understood."

He walked forward into the domain confined by Jiang Sheng and stopped to look at the traitor who betrayed Seven Wonders Land with a complicated expression.

The traitor was still trying to break through the barrier but could not find a way to leave at all, so he turned, and when their eyes met, he asked with some confusion, “Yang Kai, why are you here?”

Yang Kai sighed, “That’s what I wanted to ask.”

When Du Ru Feng asked him to hunt down a traitor, he did not ask for any details; after all, he did not know many people, but now he realized that he knew the traitor as he was in the same batch of people who came to Seven Wonders Land with him.

Fang Tai!

“It’s all because of you!” Fang Tai glared at Yang Kai, his eyes glowing a shade of deep scarlet as if he had met his nemesis, “If it wasn’t for you, how could this Fang be put in this position!?”

Yang Kai scoffed, “How is this my fault?” This was simply illogical.

Fang Tai gritted his teeth, “The Fire Spirit Fruit that Zhou Zheng and Xiang Yong conspired to steal was yours, right?”

“Indeed!” Yang Kai nodded, suddenly realizing, “I understand now, you were involved in their plot.”

Fang Tai was furious, “I had no idea! All I knew was that Zhou Zheng asked me to delay you for a while. He is the Orchard Manager, so how could I refuse? I thought it was just a trivial matter, but who knew it would involve stealing Spirit Fruits!”

“You didn’t have to listen!” Yang Kai sneered, “Fate is always in your own hands.”

“Cheap words!” Fang Tai exclaimed, “The moment Zhou Zheng and Xiang Yong got into trouble, I knew I would be involved, so I ran, but I didn’t expect to be caught so quickly. What was even more unexpected is that you were the one coming after me!”

“What’s so strange about this? I’m the subject of the matter.”

Fang Tai was puzzled, “But you’re just a Worker... “

Yang Kai tugged at his collar and adjusted it...

Fang Tai’s eyes widened, “Seven Coloured Robe! You’re actually wearing Seven Coloured Robes... Are you a disciple of Seven Wonders Land now?”

Chapter 3879 – Killing Fang Tai

In an instant, Fang Tai’s eyes turned red from jealousy. He, too, had been in Seven Wonders Land for several months. Naturally, he knew the difficulty of getting promoted from a Worker to a Common Disciple, but since Yang Kai was wearing a Seven Coloured Robe, it was clear that he had gotten rid of the Worker status and became a disciple of Seven Wonders Land.

[How did this happen?]

The last time he saw Yang Kai was only a few days ago. At that time, he had Zhou Zheng's protection while Yang Kai was the target of Zhou Zheng's anger. Fang Tai thought that he could be safe by relying on Zhou Zheng, but he did not expect to be implicated in this debacle and end up running for his life.

"Brother Fang, this Yang has been ordered to take your life now. Since we know each other, I don't want to make things too complicated. Why don't you kill yourself to avoid suffering!?"

"End my own life?" Fang Tai's face changed drastically, "This Fang just made an unintentional mistake! For that, I deserve death?"

Yang Kai remarked faintly, "It's an order from the higher-ups, I have no choice either."

Fang Tai looked around, and saw that Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng were both eyeing him. He knew that he probably could not escape this disaster under the watch of the two Open Heaven Realm Masters here and for a moment, he became depressed, his face turning pale as he sent out a Divine Sense transmission, "Brother Yang, you and I have entered Seven Wonders Land together and even had an alliance before. Now this Fang is in trouble, please show kindness and let me go. This Fang will surely repay this favour in the future."

Yang Kai stared faintly at him and asked, "Did Brother Fang really take that alliance seriously?"

Fang Tai's face turned ugly, knowing that he had done something wrong in the past. He isolated and forced Yang Kai out when he saw him get on Zhou Zheng's bad side, but the tide had turned after just two months and now he became the one who had to beg for mercy. Still, Fang Tai pleaded, "Brother Yang, this Fang was wrong last time. Please be merciful and forgive me. It's all because of this Fang's foolishness in trusting the wrong person..."

Yang Kai raised his hand and stopped him, "It's useless for you to say this now. Senior Brother Du ordered the other two Senior Brothers here to come with me. They certainly are not here just to lead the way for me. Even if I let you go, they will not. Furthermore... Why should I let you go?"

If it was just their disagreements from before, Yang Kai might not have been so forceful here; after all, everyone had their own free will to seek blessings and avoid disaster. Yang Kai offended Zhou Zheng, while Fang Tai depended on the backing of Zhou Zheng to succeed, so it was natural for him to stay away from Yang Kai. In order to survive and thrive, Fang Tai made the correct choice. They just had different ways of living and could not work together.

But Yang Kai could not forgive Fang Tai for cooperating with Zhou Zheng and Xiang Yong to frame him. Even though Fang Tai was ignorant of the full plot, if they really succeeded, Yang Kai would be dead now.

An unintentional mistake was still a great enmity.

Moreover, as he mentioned, since Du Ru Feng ordered Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng to accompany him, Yang Kai also had his hands tied. Even if he did not do it, Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng would definitely not let Fang Tai go.

Reaching out his hand, a Dragon Roar sounded as the Azure Dragon Spear appeared in Yang Kai's grip, "Fang Tai, suffer death!"

Yang Kai's aura quickly rose to the limit as he already appeared in front of Fang Tai when he uttered the last word, the spear in his hand thrusting forward.

Fang Tai was taken aback, not having expected Yang Kai to make such a decisive move without giving him any time to react at all. Even though he was on guard, Fang Tai only managed to raise his arm and hurriedly summon a round shield before the spear reached him.

A loud metallic clang erupted and cracks ran all over the round shield as soon as it appeared, its radiance quickly fading.

After just a breath of time, the round shield exploded, revealing Fang Tai's terrified face.

Not far away, Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng looked at each other and saw the amazement in each other's eyes. Although such a blow could be wielded at will with their current strength, they were sure that they could not achieve a similar level of power when they were at Yang Kai's current cultivation. In other words, at the Emperor Realm, Yang Kai's heritage was already much more powerful than theirs. In the future, when Yang Kai reached the Open Heaven Realm, even if he was the same First-Order as them, they would probably be no match for him.

The Azure Dragon Spear penetrated the shattered round shield and through Fang Tai's shoulder. Blood spurted, and Fang Tai's face turned as pale as a sheet of paper.

Yang Kai's face was emotionless. When he retracted the spear, he kicked right into Fang Tai's stomach, sending him flying like a rag sack until he collided with the barrier of Jiang Sheng's artifact, spewing blood from his mouth.

Fang Tai looked dreadfully frightened while Yang Kai seemed slightly surprised.

This was actually the first time that he had a real fight after leaping out of the Star Boundary and entering the 3,000 Worlds. Although his opponent was not an Open Heaven Realm Master, he felt that Fang Tai was not as strong as he expected him to be...

But Yang Kai figured it had something to do with Fang Tai's wounds and the latter being on the run for so many days. Yang Kai had no idea how Fang Tai was injured, but it was probably because he had fought with someone when he escaped Seven Wonders Land.

Regardless, there was nothing to think about. With a flicker, Yang Kai rushed forward, and the shadow of the Azure Dragon Spear streaked beneath the sky to envelope Fang Tai.

Fang Tai was not too weak, and he kept releasing all kinds of artifacts one after another, especially defensive artifacts, which made Yang Kai wonder how he obtained so many and how insecure he was to have prepared them all.

However, under Yang Kai's continuous and rampageous attacks, Fang Tai was put in a passive position with no chance to strike back. Fang Tai was shocked, as if he did not expect that even though they had the same cultivation, he was no match for Yang Kai at all.

When his last defensive artifact was shattered, Fang Tai covered his chest as he was torn by grief.

“Yang Kai, do you really insist on forcing me to death?”

Yang Kai said nothing, his spear pointing at Fang Tai, his face full of murderous intent.

Fang Tai gritted his teeth, “You forced me! Even if this Fang’s end is miserable, you won’t feel any better!” After stating so, he performed a hand seal with one hand, and his initially weak aura suddenly surged. At the same time, a mysterious aura permeated out of his body.

Yang Kai turned solemn. Just as he was wondering why this aura felt a little familiar, Fang Tai had already opened his mouth and spat out an ancient seal. Although the seal looked insignificant, it contained a terrifying power.

“Dao Seal!” Yang Kai’s face changed drastically. Now he understood why it felt familiar to him, because he had done this before. Back then in the Star Boundary, Yang Kai was forced to release his own Dao Seal to kill Can Ye. He truly did not expect that his first enemy in this Outer Universe would deal with him in the same way.

Yang Kai was aware how powerful one’s Dao Seal could be. Watching the ancient seal rushing towards him in a stream of light, Yang Kai immediately withdrew. At the same time, he pulled back his arm and hurled the Azure Dragon Spear forward violently.

The two streams of light clashed mid-air. The deafening blast shook the world, sending terrifying waves in every direction while even the barrier of Jiang Sheng’s artifact rippled violently.

At this time, Ma Liu had rushed over and shielded Yang Kai with his fat body like a city wall, blocking the storm in front of him. He kept slamming his palms forward to offset the horrifying aftershocks.

After more than ten breaths of time, the dust finally settled.

Yang Kai, who was hiding behind Ma Liu, peeked out and saw Fang Tai’s burly body had completely shriveled up. His aura was so weak that he was barely even alive.

Fang Tai was not as lucky as Yang Kai, nor as powerful as Yang Kai. His Dao Seal, which was the condensation of the cultivation of his entire being, was released and completely destroyed after colliding with the Azure Dragon Spear. Followed by the destruction of his Dao Seal, his strength dissipated too.

Although he was not dead yet, he would not live long.

Yang Kai was secretly frightened and vowed not to summon his Dao Seal unless he had no choice. It was just too dangerous.

“Junior Brother Yang, are you alright?” Ma Liu asked with concern.

Yang Kai cupped his fists, “Many thanks, Senior Brother, for your protection, Junior Brother is fine.”

“Think nothing of it. Junior Brother must remember that battle in the Outer Universe is no longer the same as your previous experiences. The most important thing to guard against is this kind of desperation move. If you are not careful, you may suffer a loss.” Ma Liu advised kindly.

Yang Kai nodded sincerely, “I’ll remember.”

Ma Liu continued, "Good. Go and take down that guy's head, then we can return to complete our mission. This journey is too far. If we don't hurry back, Senior Brother will definitely worry."

Yang Kai nodded, then slowly walked towards Fang Tai. He stretched out his hand in the air, and the Azure Dragon Spear immediately flew back into his hand.

Fang Tai was gasping for breath on the other side. Yang Kai approached and looked down at him. Fang Tai's eyes had become cloudy, as if he had aged thousands of years in an instant. There was not much vitality left in his body.

It was uncertain if Fang Tai could see clearly, but his lips moved to whisper, "You won't live well after you kill me!"

With a flick of his wrist, Yang Kai's spear swept out and Fang Tai's head soared up, though there was not much blood.

Jiang Sheng flew in at the right moment and wrapped the head with a black cloth that was prepared beforehand before putting it directly into his Space Ring, "It's done!" He grinned.

The order they got was to help Yang Kai in claiming the head of the traitor Fang Tai. Now that everything was settled, they could naturally return home. Moreover, not only did they make friends with Yang Kai this time, but they also would receive rewards from Du Ru Feng later.

He turned to look at Yang Kai, to find that he was slightly distracted. He could not help patting him on the shoulder, "Junior Brother, do you rarely kill? You better get used to it if you want to survive. It's either kill or be killed. We still have Seven Wonders Land as our shelter, but if you wander outside, your life will always be at risk, and you may be killed one day."

Since when did Yang Kai rarely kill? Countless lives had been ended by his hands throughout his path of cultivation. The reason he was absent-minded was that something felt off after killing Fang Tai, but he could not put a finger on it.

He did not bother to clarify anything, but just nodded, "Senior Brother is right."

Looking at the headless corpse in front of him, Yang Kai could not help recalling that they were brought into Seven Wonders Land together by Duan Hai just a few months ago, but in the end, they were forced to kill each other. Life was truly unpredictable.

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Yang Kai picked up the Space Ring from Fang Tai's hand with his spear, and then handed it to Jiang Sheng as he remarked, "I don't know if there's anything good in it. Since two Senior Brothers have been escorting me, I shall thank you for your hard work and effort."

“You are too generous.” Even though Jiang Sheng said so, he did not hesitate, and quickly took the Space Ring with a grin, “Many thanks, Junior Brother.” He secretly praised Yang Kai for respecting them in his heart, and understood why he was appreciated by Junior Brother Du. He told himself that he really had to learn from him, and he might be able to succeed from then on. He winked at Ma Liu and put away the Space Ring without checking what was inside, for they would share whatever they got equally anyway.

“The job’s done. Let’s go back now.” Ma Liu proposed, and the other two naturally had no objection. Although Yang Kai wanted to stay and enjoy the customs of this new Universe World, he was really not in the mood at the moment.

The three rapidly rose into the sky.

However, before flying too far, the sky above them suddenly darkened.

Ma Liu looked up and muttered, “What is it?”

When he finished his sentence, he suddenly disappeared in the blink of an eye, as if he had not been there before.

Both Yang Kai and Jiang Sheng were appalled. They stopped simultaneously, leaned against each other’s backs without saying anything, and monitored the surroundings with their respective Divine Senses. Jiang Sheng kept calling for Ma Liu’s name, but there was no response.

A moment later, Jiang Sheng whispered, “Junior Brother Yang, did you see anything just now?”

Yang Kai shook his head slowly, “Nothing.”

Jiang Sheng’s heart sank when he heard him. Nothing was worse than not knowing what was happening. It was extremely strange that they were totally unaware of what caused the sudden disappearance of Ma Liu even when it happened right before their eyes.

“Run!” Jiang Sheng no longer hesitated and rushed up to the sky with great speed after calling out to Yang Kai. Yang Kai also did not delay and immediately followed after him.

The next moment, there was another darkness above their heads.

Yang Kai hurriedly looked up and saw something shrouding them from above. At the same time, Jiang Sheng shouted, “Split up!”

Before Yang Kai could react, Jiang Sheng already ran far away from him; however, the darkness ignored Yang Kai and chased after Jiang Sheng. Followed by a flash, Jiang Sheng disappeared just like Ma Liu.

A chill ran down Yang Kai’s spine and he felt goosebumps all over his body. Because of what happened just now, he saw the outline of a dark shadow.

It was like an enlarged cloth sack...

The cloth sack slipped down and Jiang Sheng was taken away. He believed the same happened to Ma Liu.

Two Open Heaven Realm Masters were stuffed into this strange sack like they were helpless chickens. Yang Kai could imagine how powerful this artifact was, and understood that he probably could not escape it either. However, what frightened him more was the owner of the artifact!

Until now, he still could not see who was behind this!

Standing in the void, Yang Kai looked around, and cupped his fists, "May I know who Senior is? Seven Wonders Land Yang Kai hopes to offer proper greetings!"

There was no reply, and another darkness appeared above him.

Yang Kai, who was already prepared for it, immediately surged his Space Principles in an attempt to escape. Nevertheless, there was an invisible shackle that immobilized him, leaving him nowhere to hide.

Soon, his vision turned dark, and he felt like he had entered a tight space.

Before Yang Kai could adapt to it, he felt like someone was squeezing him nearby. Not only that, he could sense movements of punching and kicking, and a violent fist thrust towards him.

Yang Kai raised his hand to block it and shouted, "Two Senior Brothers, please stop!"

The bustling movement stopped for a moment, and the two exclaimed in unison, "Yang Kai?"

After shouting, they exclaimed again.

"Ma Liu?"

"Jiang Sheng?"

Ma Liu was enlightened, "Oh, so you were all brought in too. I thought someone was ambushing me."

Jiang Sheng replied, "I wonder who did this, and what this place is?"

Yang Kai responded, "I didn't see anyone, but this should be the inner space of some kind of artifact. When Senior Brother Jiang was captured just now, I caught a glimpse that it was a cloth sack-shaped artifact."

Ma Liu questioned in a deep voice, "Cloth sack-shaped artifact? Old Jiang, do you know what it is?"

"I've never heard of something like that." Jiang Sheng shook his head slowly and continued solemnly, "But since we were captured without us even spotting our captor, they should be a Senior Expert at the Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm at least."

"A Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master..." Yang Kai was shocked, "Why did he bring us here? "

Ma Liu did not know whether to cry or laugh, "I don't know, but this Universe World might be his territory, and we have disturbed him when we killed the traitor just now."

"Could it be an enemy of our Seven Wonders Land?" Yang Kai guessed, "I just introduced myself, but he didn't care at all."

Jiang Sheng gulped, "Stop talking, Junior Brother. You are scaring me now. It better not be an enemy of our Seven Wonders Land, otherwise, none of us will survive. I hope it's just like what Old Ma said and we disturbed someone and he just wants to punish us slightly."

Ma Liu suddenly shouted, "Senior, Senior, we were unaware of your presence and inadvertently offended you earlier. Please forgive us!"

Jiang Sheng also hurriedly pressed on, "Yes, Senior. Please forgive us, and let us go first. We are willing to talk to settle this problem. This Junior apologizes for the inconvenience caused."

The two started to beg for mercy without knowing whether the person could hear them or not, which made Yang Kai feel speechless.

Nothing happened after shouting for a long time though, so they eventually stopped.

Ma Liu sighed, "I knew it wasn't a good idea to leave so far. This is bad."

Yang Kai asked, "Does our Seven Wonders Land have enemies?"

"Not that I know of." Jiang Sheng shook his head, "But both of us only joined Seven Wonders Land a thousand years ago. Maybe there are enemies, but since this Senior only captured us and did not kill us immediately, I guess he probably wouldn't harm us."

Ma Liu nodded repeatedly, "Old Jiang is right. If he were really our enemy, I'm afraid he would have killed us by now."

With some self-consolation, they were not so flustered anymore.

After staying in the narrow and cramped space for a time, a glimmer of light shone in, as if a skylight had been opened above them.

Without hesitation, the three trapped men used their Movement Skills to rush to the slit of light at the same time, escaping their prison and appearing in a cave.

Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng obviously were connected in mind, and as soon as they broke free, they immediately watched out for each other as they scanned the surroundings. Yang Kai also stayed focused and calm, scanning around with his Divine Sense.

Soon, their eyes were fixed not far from the front. There stood a thin, short, gloomy, middle-aged man. The man donned simple and plain clothes that looked as if they had faded with numerous washes. His hair was tied in a simple bun and he held a wooden sword in one hand and a bag in the other.

The bag was the cloth sack that Yang Kai had seen before, but it was only the size of a palm at the moment and was soon taken back into the man's sleeve.

Needless to say, it was this guy who secretly abducted the three of them earlier.

It was good to be able to see him now, because not knowing who was behind their capture was the scariest thing. Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng exchanged looks, and the former cupped his fists and greeted, "Junior Ma Liu of Seven Wonders Land greets Senior. May I know Senior's honoured name?"

It was somewhat pathetic to act so servile, but since this man was far stronger than them, they could only inquire about his name politely and be careful when dealing with him, lest they offend him.

“Hmph!” With just a light snort from the man, a great power descended from the sky. Yang Kai felt like a whole world was collapsing on his head for a moment as his bones creaked and his chest was squeezed so tightly that he almost coughed up blood. It was only because of his strong will that he did not fall to the ground.

On the contrary, the situation of Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng was better than his since they had a higher cultivation, but their faces turned ugly too, looking dreadfully uncomfortable.

For the first time, Yang Kai witnessed the great difference between different Orders of the Open Heaven Realm from a close distance. Although they were all Open Heaven Realm Masters, Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng were only First Order, while the man was at least Fourth Order, so the latter was able to make Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng suffer with just a snort. If they really had to fight, Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng would definitely not be a match for this middle-aged man. In fact, he could probably kill them effortlessly.

“Are you all from Seven Wonders Land?” The man glanced at the three of them, and gradually withdrew his pressure, which relieved Yang Kai and the others from the stress.

Ma Liu cupped his fists with a terrified face, “Reporting to Senior, the three of us are indeed Seven Wonders Land disciples.”

“Very good!” The man nodded, “I was still worried that I couldn’t find any Seven Wonders Land people, but now, you’ve brought yourselves to me.”

Their faces changed drastically as soon as they heard this. This man’s words did not sound good as they made it obvious this guy had a grudge against Seven Wonders Land. As expected, anything that could go wrong would go wrong. While the three people were still wondering whether this man was an enemy of Seven Wonders Land, their worry became true.

Ma Liu hurriedly explained, “Senior, we are just Common Disciples of Seven Wonders Land. If you really have any grudges against Seven Wonders Land, just Find Heavenly Monarch. We have nothing to do with it.”

“As long as you put on that robe, you have something to do with it!” The man sneered.

Yang Kai almost vomited blood after hearing the statement. Unlike Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng, he had only put on this robe about ten days ago. How unfortunate was it for him?

“As for your Venerables and Heavenly Monarch, this King will eventually look for them, but now is not the time!” After the man declared, he reached out his hand and threw the cloth sack at them again.

Without having time to react, Yang Kai’s vision instantly turned black. Needless to say, he was put back into the bag again.

Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng obviously understood that the situation was bad, so after a brief exchange, they decided to take action and try to break the artifact from the inside to see if they could escape.

However, they soon realized this was a bad idea. The unbridled energy clashed in every direction, putting all three of them in a mess with Yang Kai almost becoming injured.

Without any viable solution, Ma Liu and Jiang Sheng could only stop and started begging from inside the sack. However, whether the man was ignoring them or simply could not hear them, there was no response at all.