

REBIRTH

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FADE IN:

EXT. TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN - DAY

Wu Ming walks up to the glowing portal and reaches out. As he channels his spiritual power, Zhi Le, who is standing behind him, starts shaking and his eyes glow red.

Zhi Le closes his eyes, then looks up again with an evil grin. He channels a red energy orb and hurls it at Wu Ming. Wu Ming is interrupted and falls to the ground.

WU MING
(turns and looks at Zhi Le)
Zhi Le!

DEMON LORD
(through Zhi Le's body)
Ah... I must thank you for delivering my son's body to me. It is the perfect vessel.

WU MING
Wretched being! Get out of his body now!

DEMON LORD
(laughs)
Make me!

Player takes control and they fight, but Wu Ming is unable to defeat the Demon Lord. The Demon Lord punches him, and Wu Ming lands on his back.

DEMON LORD
Hahaha! Why not give up? Succumb to the nature of mankind! It is simple. Let go of all restraints, let go of all burdens... I will bring freedom to you! And to the world! Mankind shall bear its shackles no more!

Wu Ming coughs blood. He stands up with the help of his staff.

WU MING
Freedom, you say? It is not freedom. It is a deception, a weakness. It is the weakness of those who gave up, who succumbed to selfish desires! To live without restraint is no different than living as the lowly beasts do.

An astral projection of all four holy symbols lands upon Wu Ming.

Player takes control. Wu Ming is now able to channel all his power. The Demon Lord summons a sword and fights him. Zhi Le groans.

ZHI LE
Wu Ming... h-help me...

WU MING
Stay strong, Zhi Le! Don't give in!

DEMON LORD
My son! Don't you wish to be united with
your father? Surrender your body! We can
become ONE!

ZHI LE
I REFUSE!!

Zhi Le falls to the ground. His right hand tries to stab himself, but his left hand holds it back. Wu Ming rushes up and tends to him with spiritual power.

WU MING
Zhi Le... you will be fine. Hold on.

Zhi Le leans forward and collapses onto Wu Ming. As Wu Ming continues to tend to Zhi Le, Zhi Le's eyes glow red again and he smiles maniacally. He stabs Wu Ming from behind. The sword pierces through his body, creating a massive wound on his chest.

Wu Ming collapses as the four holy symbols start to disintegrate.

DEMON LORD
Foolish Monk! Mankind will now--

ZHI LE
NO!!! WU MING!!!

As Zhi Le screams, the four holy symbols form a pattern next to him. The Demon Lord is expelled from his body.

Zhi Le reaches out to the portal and channels his energy. The portal glows once more, sucking the Demon Lord in. The Demon Lord struggles and roars as it is sucked back into the portal.

DEMON LORD
How is this possible? A half-demon using
holy magic? This can't be... This can't
be!!

Zhi Le opens his eyes to see Wu Ming bleeding from a wound in his chest. His eyes grow wide and he rushes to Wu Ming's side.

ZHI LE
No, no, no, no... Wu Ming! Please
wake up! Wu Ming!

Wu Ming opens his eyes, faintly smiles, and coughs blood.

WU MING
(panting and coughing)
Zhi Le... You are... yourself after all.

Zhi Le cries and sobs, burying his face in Wu Ming's shoulder.

WU MING
Oh, my boy. Don't cry. I have fulfilled
my fate.

Wu Ming stares at the clear sky and smiles. Wu Ming closes his eyes.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

Zhi Le stands in front of a dirt mound on the hill. He has built a small rock pile on top of it with a piece of wood engraved with "Wu Ming's Grave".

Carrying Wu Ming's staff, he hikes down the mountain. A small demon blocks his way. Zhi Le's right eye glows red, and he mercilessly smashes the demon into pieces.

THE END