

Chapter 1251

Fearsome

The Chaos Beast was far more ferocious than the Giants had imagined. It bared its fangs and swallowed the blazing Heavenly Lightning Fire!

Its body changed from grey to bright red, with flickering yellow sparks!

“What is this monster?!”

The Giants and Gods were flabbergasted.

Cultivators from 20,000 years ago have never used an artifact like this, let alone a beast like this!

Yang Chen was delighted to see this. He never expected the Chaos Beast to swallow everything!

While the Heavenly Lightning Fire was being absorbed by the Chaos Beast, Yang Chen also had a profound experience.

The Heavenly Lightning Fire was the brightest and strongest fire he had ever felt, an exact opposite to the Hell Demonic Flame.

It was a battle between vital energy.

Suddenly, a light was shed on the barricade which Yang Chen had been struggling to overcome!

Ye Fire?!

Buddhist used the spectral Ye Fire to cleanse the evilness in the world as it burned the spirit and heart of people, not their body!

No living thing could escape from having an evil thought nor could they reveal it so brazenly.

Who could be the judge of good or bad?

What is right and what is wrong?

In the path of righteousness, evil meant something that defied Heaven.

And for the path of evil, anything righteous defied Hell.

If there's only evil, where would “kindness” stand?

“If I act kindly, I'm kind. If I act evil, I'm evil. Humans aren't differentiated by their kindness or evilness, their hearts decide it...”

Two globes of fire blazed in Yang Chen's eyes as he started to comprehend it!

It felt like a long moment to him but for others, it all happened in a split second!

Seeing how the previous attack failed, Brontes waved his hammer twice, shooting two rays of Heavenly Lightning Fire at him and the Chaos Beast!

Steropes moved around the Chaos Beast and waved his hammer at the cauldron rapidly!

Yang Chen was in his best condition now that he had comprehended the Ye Fire. Without a single ounce of fear, he controlled the Chaos Cauldron to face their hammers!

A deafening ringing sound shook the whole area!

Steropes' giant hammer was knocked out of his hand by the Chaos Beast which was sealed in the cauldron!

A huge crater was formed at the spot where the hammer landed, taking the lives of others once again!

After swallowing the Heavenly Lightning Fire, the Chaos Beast became more excited and with a loud growl, it attacked Brontes once again!

"How dare you!!"

Briareus who had been waiting for an opening, jumped in and extended his arms to choke the Chaos Beast!

Unfortunately, he had gravely underestimated it, causing his arms to be stuck in the Chaos Beast!

"How is this possible?!"

Briareus' eyes widened when he felt a wicked energy engulfing his arms!

With a deafening roar, the Chaos Beast's eyes shone red!

Yang Chen could feel the energy from the arms of the Hecatoncheires being absorbed by Chaos!

This energy actually caused the Chaos to grow and materialise the Power of Chaos!

The Titan's Blood?! Was it the Titan's Blood that triggered the ferocity of the Chaos Beast?!

Before Yang Chen could contemplate about it, some of the Giants rushed over to help Briareus when they saw that he was going to be swallowed completely.

Even if they had the upper hand now, they would be at a disadvantage if they lose any of their comrades so to stop that from happening, the rest of the Giants charged towards Yang Chen to take him down!

The Gods were relieved at the turn of events but they were also bewildered by Yang Chen!

They had no idea Yang Chen was hiding such a ferocious weapon!

Cai Ning and Rose were finally able to get away from the Giant.

They shared a look and nodded. With a strong faith in Yang Chen, they moved on to find the spell caster or else the remaining mercenaries would be sacrificed!

The situation was already similar to hell, but it couldn't be as close as hell itself!

Just when they were searching the corners in the colosseum, Yang Chen was busy fending himself against the five Giants. He didn't even have time to feel the change of the Chaos Cauldron, releasing the newly comprehended Ye Fire without any form of hesitation!

Amongst the other heavenly fire, Ye Fire was meant to burn souls and spirits. Yang Chen knew that elemental damage wouldn't be effective against the Giants but he was hoping that it could burn their souls!

A fiery flame ignited on Yang Chen's palm!

As the Heaven and Earth Energy continued to be summoned, the ball of flame transformed into a gigantic fire lotus!

The Ye Fire Lotus flew out of Yang Chen's palm. As it spun across the sky, the flaming petals were flickering which felt as if an art piece was being created!

The Giants couldn't be bothered by his tactics. With their giant hammers, streaks of Heavenly Lightning Fire threatened to shred Yang Chen into pieces!

In the face of their attacks, Yang Chen looked as though he was the only boat floating on the vast sea!

The only thing leading him was the blazing Ye Fire Lotus!

Yang Chen summoned all of his Heaven and Earth Energy, ordering the Chaos Beast to attack the Giants alongside the Ye Fire!

"Roar!!"

"So what if y'all are Giants?! I'll eat all of your flesh!!"

Yang Chen cackled. He was no longer bothered about the aftermath. All he wanted was to destroy them to his heart's content!

The Chaos Beast felt the strong fighting spirit from its master, causing it to expand and engulf all of the Heavenly Lightning Fire once again. Its mouth was wide open as it took in all the attacks from the Giants!

"Ye Lotus Fire, God Ends Suffering!"

The fiery petals fell off like raindrops, landing on the Giants who were trapped by the Chaos Beast!

"Damn it! What is going on?!"

"This monster is gobbling us up?!"

Brontes groaned. The moment the Ye Fire touched his body, his soul started to burn!

It felt as if someone was slicing his flesh deep within his soul. His body trembled at the unimaginable pain!

As the petals started to unleash its power on the Giants, screams were heard. It was so agonizing that it made the Gods shudder!

Yang Chen did not see this coming! He never expected his Ye Fire to be this potent!

Well, the Giants weren't capable of defending the souls due to their weak spiritual energy. They also didn't have any cultivation to protect themselves against the Ye Fire.

It can be said that these conditions heightened the Ye Fire's damage by one hundred percent!

However, with the Chaos Beast trapping six Giants in it at the same time, the gobbling process seemed to have slowed down. As the Giants had a tough physique, it made things harder for the Chaos Beast to digest them. The Giants started to resist the Chaos Beast, tossing around and pulling the Chaos Beast violently, causing it to tremble and growl!

Yang Chen kept on shooting out Ye Fire to burn their souls, aiming to destroy them. However, he was distracted by the challenging situation at the Chaos Cauldron!

It seemed as though there was no end to this battle since they had become caught up in an irresolvable situation!

Suddenly, the Chaos Beast's eyes flickered in red. It growled, releasing large clouds of shadows across the colosseum!

Thousands of mercenaries had died from the fierce battle. The colosseum was filled with blood whereas broken limbs and organs piled up into mountains!

Chaos turned the fresh corpses into dried corpses as the shadows swept past them!

The souls and bodies of the powerful mercenaries acted like a top-class supplement for the Chaos Beast!

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Not only were the Gods and the Giants shocked by the Chaos Beast's movement, but Yang Chen himself was also dumbfounded!

He didn't control the Chaos Beast to do so, it moved on its own!

This beast had his consciousness to engulf the souls and bodies of people?!

Black Robe once said that the Chaos Beast was destroyed by the great ancient Gods, but its soul did not perish, instead it was sealed into the Chaos Cauldron.

Yang Chen initially thought it was complete bull crap. To him, if the Chaos Beast could not be killed, why would it be sealed?

Now that he looked at it, the Chaos Beast was truly immortal. After being sealed for thousands of years, it was able to maintain its consciousness and seize the chance to increase its power?!

Just when Yang Chen was still overwhelmed by the new findings, the Chaos Beast raged as if it was dissatisfied by the six Giants' attitude. It opened its jaw once again, engulfing the Giants at a greater speed!

As the Titan's Blood began to be absorbed by the Chaos Beast, Yang Chen felt a strong mixture of feelings – rage, derangement, frenetic, fury and hatred...

All kinds of negative emotions started to invade his brain!

Yang Chen could feel himself being sucked in by a dark abyss and he was starting to fall!

The Chaos Beast was cackling while devouring the Giants as if mocking Yang Chen for overestimating himself. Yang Chen shouldn't have even attempted to control the Chaos Beast!

Slowly, Yang Chen started to lose consciousness. His head was throbbing, preventing him from regaining control of his consciousness.

“Hades’ eyes...”

Christine had been keeping an eye on Yang Chen, thus she was able to notice Yang Chen’s condition immediately.

The Gods looked at him and a bad feeling welled up in their chests when they saw the dark mist appearing around him.

Yang Chen’s eyes were red and his face was expressionless.

In the next second, Yang Chen waved his arms and the countless small beast shadows were shot out of the Chaos Cauldron which charged towards the mercenaries who were still alive!

“Hades! Have you lost your mind?!”

“Stop it!!!”

Yang Chen couldn’t hear him at all and a devilish smirk appeared on his face.

The berserk beast shadows sucked the mercenaries dry like a vampire bug!

The mercenaries were all killed within seconds!

It would’ve been a better scenario if they were ordinary humans but as they were elites, their body was basically a strong supplement for the Chaos Beast!

The Chaos Beast growled in excitement as though it could finally unleash the anger within him. The tyrant in it was reviving!

Both the Gods and the Giants feared the Chaos Beast!

It was inhuman, killing thousands of people in the blink of an eye and viewing them purely as food!

The Giants no longer had the energy to control the space laws and soon, the seals were broken!

The second the Gods realised this, they chose to unlock the seal and flew up to the sky!

If they stayed in the colosseum any longer, the Chaos Beast might choose to eat them too!

Even though the Gods had gotten themselves far away from danger, they didn’t choose to leave since they were able to get away because of Yang Chen. They couldn’t just leave when Yang Chen was in such a state.

At this moment, Cai Ning and Rose flew into the colosseum.

Rose was holding onto a Caucasian man who was wearing a metal helmet. He was the prodigy sorcerer from the Sword in the Stone – Prince!

Prince was knocked unconscious.

“How did this happen? How is he...” Rose mumbled.

Christine shook her head worriedly, "We're not too sure either. I think the monster from the artifact had a side effect on Yang Chen, he's unable to control himself..."

Hermes snatched Prince from Rose and bared his fangs, "Damn it, is this the guy who cast the mind control spell?!"

"Hermes, don't hurt him. We need to get things straight before killing him." Poseidon said sternly.

"His helmet looks like a special tool, maybe he was using it to cast the spell." Apollo suggested.

"What's the point in saying this now? Quick, think of a way! What should we do to help Yang Chen?!" Cai Ning raised her voice.

Even so, the Gods were stumped.

Yang Chen looked like a Grim Reaper, standing amid the black flames while watching over the ongoing calamity.

Cries were heard from the Chaos Cauldron as thousands of souls were being absorbed in it.

The outline of the Chaos Beast was becoming more clear and it was increasing in size. The grey on him became richer and murkier...

The lantern-like eyes shone brightly...

As the Chaos Beast continued to engulf the freshly obtained souls and Titan's Blood, it was able to strengthen itself!

At first the Giants were still able to defend themselves against the Chaos Beast but as it grew stronger, the Giants struggled to escape. Soon, half of their bodies were engulfed by the Chaos Beast!

They had been planning for this for so long that they never expected themselves to be eaten as a meal!

However, no matter what they felt, they could only shriek out of fear like trapped beasts!

The Heaven and Earth Energy kept surging out of Yang Chen, supplying the Chaos Cauldron like fertiliser. The dark coloured Chaos Cauldron shone brightly as it stood tall in the sky!

"No, I have to stop him...he will be controlled by the cauldron completely if this goes on!" Rose's face was pale as she flew towards Yang Chen.

Cai Ning didn't stop her, and chose to join her instead.

"Don't go there!!"

Christine was too late to stop them.

The moment they arrived next to Yang Chen, a strong power from the Chaos Cauldron tried to suck them in!

"Hubby! Stop it!! Wake up!!"

Rose shrieked while trying to maintain her balance with her True Yuan.

Cai Ning tried to get close to Yang Chen and even though it was tough to prevent herself from being engulfed by the Chaos Beast, she still managed to grab onto Yang Chen's arms!

"Hubby...quick...stop it..."

Cai Ning's eyes reddened as she tried to inject her True Yuan into Yang Chen to resolve his Heaven and Earth Energy. However, the moment she did that, the Chaos Beast moved in discontent!

It seemed to have viewed Cai Ning as a delicious meal that it tried to engulf her True Yuan!

"No..."

Cai Ning gasped when Yang Chen turned around to choke her!

Yang Chen's face was covered in black mist as he smirked while looking at her. He acted as though he didn't know Cai Ning, sucking her True Yuan into his own body!

Tears flowed down her cheeks at his expression. Her heart was filled with despair that she couldn't muster the thought to pull herself away.

Rose was ghastly pale but no matter how hard she yelled at Yang Chen, he showed no plans of stopping!

Right at this critical moment, a giant silver shield fell from the sky and tore space apart, heading straight for the Chaos Beast!

The moment it landed on the head of the Chaos Beast, lightning sparks exploded from it and something flashed in the sky!

"Roar!!!"

The Chaos Beast growled in pain, shocked by the silver lightning shield. It opened its mouth and spat out the six Giants who were heavily injured!

The Giants fell onto the ground with a heavy thud, bringing up huge clouds of debris with their fall!

"Aegis?!"

"Athena?!"

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Aegis

The Gods looked ahead when a black-haired woman appeared in front of them. She was barefooted, her face indiscernible.

It seemed as if the sun had lost its shine when she showed up.

This woman was acting cold and proud like she always did. As though she wasn't the one who blasted the lightning shield.

Everyone else looked at her with an unreadable gaze.

No matter how much they dislike her personality and habits, they couldn't deny her abilities!

She has the rights to be proud!

Athena didn't show up on a whim.

Her eyes remained indifferent when she looked at the disastrous island. There wasn't even a hint of shock when she saw the Giants.

With a light wave of her hand, Aegis returned to her in a silver fluid-like motion.

The shield was almost as tall as her with a tough structure and ancient design. It was hard to tell the material it was made of and it looked similar to an ancient heavy shield used in the Crusades.

Aegis was silver with patterns of olive leaves and it was glowing with a silver-blue hue. It was completely incompatible with Athena but it was somehow weirdly harmonious.

Athena looked at Chaos with an apathetic gaze and their gaze met.

It stared back at her with a look of resignation but it eventually returned to the cauldron as soon as it realised it was no match for Athena.

Yang Chen, who was already unconscious, fell off the sky after letting go of Cai Ning!

Cai Ning reacted quickly and held onto him.

They landed on the floor slowly.

She couldn't even care about herself when she noticed Yang Chen had fainted.

"Hubby, wake up! How are you feeling?!" Rose flew over to their side but no matter how hard she shook him, she couldn't get any reaction from him.

They even tried checking his body with their divine sense but to no avail.

Yang Chen's internal energy was completely normal, in fact, it was even stronger than before. However, for some unknown reason, he wouldn't wake up nor did his divine sense show any reaction.

The ladies were at a loss but fortunately, they weren't so weak to be completely helpless. Seeing how Yang Chen's breathing was normal, they quickly calmed down and averted their gaze towards the Giants.

The Giants were trying their best to stand up but because of the Chaos Beast's attack, they were too weak to do so. Even if some of them managed to get up, they were panting and wobbling. Some of them were even missing limbs.

Still being wary of the Giants, Cai Ning lifted Yang Chen and flew up to the sky with Rose.

"How is Hades doing?" Christine asked.

Rose shook her head, "I don't know, he's not waking up but he's not hurt either."

Athena glanced over at Yang Chen for a second before looking back at the Giants. Her seemingly cold gaze was flickering.

“Damn it...Athena, I knew you were doing this on purpose! You knew this would happen so why did you come over now?! Are you here to mock us? Or are you wishing for us to die?!”

Hermes tossed Prince to Christine before shouting at Athena.

“You guys are still alive,” Athena said flatly.

“What do you mean by that?! Do you rather have us killed by them? Don’t forget that you won’t be able to revive Gaia’s Heart without us!!” Hermes was trembling with fury.

Athena’s gaze sharpened, “Don’t challenge my patience, I’ve already let you go for plotting against me with that wretch. I’ve been very nice to you, I know she has awakened ages ago.”

The Gods were astonished. They could guess what she was saying but it felt odd to them.

Hermes smirked, “I thought your prophecy is invincible? Why? Can’t you find her?”

Athena grunted, “She’ll appear sooner or later.”

“Hehe, I think...it’s because your spiritual energy has yet to recover so you can’t find someone stronger than you. This means that you might not be a match for her.” Hermes sounded cocky.

“She’s timid and useless, I’ve no interest in looking for her. She wouldn’t have to hide and pull tricks on me if she’s truly confident in defeating me.”

Apollo furrowed his brows, “What are you guys talking about? Why don’t we understand?”

“It’s nothing, you guys don’t need to understand.” Athena glanced at them before waving her hands. With that, the floating Aegis disappeared with a silver flash.

Poseidon stepped up and asked, “The cauldron summoned by Hades and the beast, what are they? Why haven’t we seen them before?”

“It doesn’t matter what their identity is but I’m sure it must be difficult to deal with since Athena had to use an artifact to stop it.” Ares said.

Athena didn’t answer him. Instead, she descended from the sky while facing the six Giants.

“Athena...you wicked woman, how dare you take advantage of us? If you truly have the guts, fight us when we have recovered!!” Briareus roared.

“You guys are half dead, how would you recover?” Athena said in disdain.

“We have not lost!! Come at us!!”

Brontes was furious. He tried to pick up the giant hammer but the huge loss of Titan’s Blood from his body made it impossible for him to do so!

The Giants were devastated. They couldn’t believe that they were defeated by the new Pluto, someone they had looked down on the most.

Athena sneered and she extended her arm to reveal a brown ball of light on her palm.

“Gaia’s Heart?!”

Everyone else was startled. Fear appeared on the Giants when they remembered something!

“No...no, it can't be...why do you have the Gaia's Heart?!” Brontes gasped and he moved backward instinctively.

The Gods looked at Athena with a complex gaze.

Athena manoeuvred the Gaia's Heart towards the Giants and as if it had smelled a tempting scent, the Gaia's Heart moved even quicker.

Gyges shrieks in pain the moment Gaia's Heart touched him!

“No!!”

No matter how painstakingly his screams sounded, his fate was decided!

Brown mist surrounded Gaia's Heart which soon covered Gyges' body!

Within the next second, light-spots were formed on Gyges' body with a mixture of red lines. It looks as if a firework had been absorbed by Gaia's Heart!

The Giant was engulfed by a split second!

But Gaia's Heart wasn't done just yet. After engulfing one of the Giants, it charged towards the rest of the Giants!

The remaining Giants shrieked but they couldn't escape from the mist!

Soon, they all turned into light-spots and red lights before being absorbed into Gaia's Heart!

Once the Giants disappeared, the colosseum looked as though they had never appeared at all.

The giant hammers too disintegrated along with the Giants as if they were making a tribute to their masters.

The Gods turned pale at her action whereas Christine and Alice wore a mournful look.

Poseidon let out a long breath and he asked with a hoarse voice, “Athena, you've been waiting for this moment to come so that you could use their Titan's Blood to recover the vitality of Gaia's Heart.”

Athena took back Gaia's Heart and turned around to face them. She asked with an apathetic attitude, “Why can't I do this? Unless you want me to use one of you to activate Gaia's Heart?”

Chapter 1254

No Matter How Invincible You Are

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The Gods had different expressions on their faces when they heard this.

Poseidon furrowed his brows, “I didn't mean that, but if you knew this would happen, why did you show up late?”

“I don't need to explain my actions to anyone.”

“Hah, you’re annoyingly arrogant.” Alice rolled her eyes.

The rest were frowning at Athena’s attitude.

“This is over and the revival of Gaia’s Heart has just begun. I’ll leave first if you have nothing else to say.”

Athena ignored their mocking words and she turned around to leave, showing no intention to continue the conversation.

“Stand right there!”

Rose blocked her way with red and teary eyes.

“What do you want?” Athena asked coldly.

Rose tightened her jaw and took a deep breath before sneering, “Do you think that you’re so powerful and that we should thank you for saving us?”

“What are you trying to say?” Athena furrowed her brows.

“I’m trying to say that if you really knew this would happen today, you would also know that these people would die.”

“I have no time for such nonsense.” Athena sounded impatient.

Rose chuckled, “Nonsense, yeah, they are all dead so it’s all nonsense. I heard from hubby that you’ve been meaning to revive your race and you’ve been working on this for thousands of years. Even though I’ve never met you, I once thought that you’re an impressive woman. You’re strong and persevering, a woman with a strong belief...but now I realised that I was completely wrong. The woman I see is someone who would manipulate someone to achieve her goals. She is a selfish hypocrite who ignores the lives of others for her own goals!”

Everyone else was shocked and they stared at Rose in shock.

No one dared to believe what they had heard from Rose.

A strong oppression was released by Athena. It felt as if a nuclear bomb would explode from her soon.

Rose was fearless, “Maybe you think that humans are of a different race so their lives are insignificant, but haven’t you thought about the body you’re living in? It’s a human’s body too! Who gave you the right to look down on humans when you’re relying on a human’s body to stay alive?! Yang Chen has only lived for twenty plus years, he doesn’t know what you guys have gone through for the past thousands of years but he treats you guys as his peers because of his divinity. He had the chance to leave, he wasn’t afraid of the sealed space but he still gave his best and fought till the last moment! Even if he got into trouble and almost made a mistake, he never forsaken you guys! But what about you? You know that your people are in danger but you still choose to come at the last moment, acting like their saviour. Who are you to act like that?!”

Athena closed her eyes and dismissed her oppression.

“The future can’t be changed, those who are meant to die will still die and those who are meant to stay alive will be alive. I don’t need to explain my actions to anyone else. I won’t kill you for the sake of Hades but you shouldn’t show up in front of me anymore.”

Having said so, Athena brushed past Rose...

Rose turned around abruptly and yelled at her, “Do you think you can be God just by acting apathetic and cold?! No matter how invincible you are, you’ll forever be a human!! You’re a witch!!”

Athena didn’t stay any longer, her body disappearing within the clouds by the next second.

After yelling her thoughts out, tears flowed down Rose’s cheek. Her shoulders were trembling as she sobbed while walking back to Cai Ning’s side. Yang Chen still wasn’t waking up so she just stared at him with a dazed expression.

The Gods looked at her in surprise, she might have said their inner thoughts too.

They had been so used to it that hearing it from Rose did make them realise how inconsiderate Athena was.

Christine walked to Rose and hugged her shoulder, “Don’t cry, Hades will be fine. Athena has always been like this, no one can do anything about her.”

Rose wiped her tears and forced a smile, “Mmh, I know that.”

“Let’s go down and look for survivors on the island first. We can think about a way to wake hubby up when we’re done.” Cai Ning suggested and everyone else agreed to it.

This incident had finally reached an end, although it wasn’t the kind of ending they were expecting.

After searching for a while, Rose and Cai Ning were relieved to know that Ron, Sauron and others were unaffected by the spell since they weren’t near the colosseum.

However, it was unfortunate that the five mercenaries of the Sea Eagles had died in the battle. Their corpses were nowhere to be found.

As for the officials, they too survived as they weren’t let into the danger zone on purpose. Thankfully, this would prevent international conflicts from occurring.

Prince admitted that he had sinned by listening to the Giants and working for them because he wanted to seek revenge on Yang Chen.

As a matter of fact, Prince did try to refuse them when he learned that he was supposed to cast the spell on the mercenaries but the Giants captured his fiancée, Emma, to threaten him.

In the end, he still carried out the Giants’ orders, hoping for a fluke to occur. To his dismay, Prince had caused a disaster and a death sentence was insufficient to solve this problem.

They decided to hand Prince over to the officials of the Caesar Tournament so a trial at the court martial was unavoidable.

Yang Chen remained unconscious and under Ron's suggestion, Rose and Cai Ning decided to send Yang Chen to the United Kingdom.

Back in Wales, Jane was helping her mother to choose a gown for the festival and she never expected Rose and Cai Ning to carry Yang Chen in!

Her expression was solemn when she heard about the incident of the Caesar Tournament. Having known the severity of Yang Chen's past condition, Jane ordered the ladies to bring Yang Chen to the nearest laboratory.

Jane had invented all kinds of medical equipment to treat Yang Chen's weird brain condition and she thought it wouldn't be used since Yang Chen's cultivation was growing. She never expected them to be used.

The three of them accompanied Yang Chen and took care of him for days but he still showed no sign of waking up.

At the same time, the only visible light was seen at the centre of an area of voidness. Two identical silhouettes had been staring at each other for a long time.

"Who are you?" Yang Chen muttered while looking at the man who looked like a replica of him.

"I am you..." The other Yang Chen smirked.

"You're not me but you have a familiar aura." Yang Chen narrowed his eyes.

"Haha, I'm very familiar with your aura too."

"Why do you look the same as me? Why am I here?" Yang Chen remembered that he lost control over his body after gaining a large amount of new energy. His mind was blank. What happened at the colosseum? What about Rose and Cai Ning, are they safe?

The other Yang Chen smirked, "Don't worry, I've taken care of it for you."

"You...you were the one who helped me?" Yang Chen was puzzled.

"No, I helped myself." The man said, "You are me and I am you."

"No!!" Yang Chen was reminded of something suddenly, "You said you took care of it for me, are you Chaos?"

Chaos threw his head back and guffawed, "You finally get it. How was it, kid? Do you like the sweet energy that I've given to you?"

Yang Chen's face was solemn, "Why did you bring me here? You have consciousness?"

Chaos snorted, "A cauldron seal can't keep me sealed forever. Those hypocritical Gods only know how to plot against me. So what if they destroyed my body?! I was born in the power of Chaos, thus I am immortal. It takes time for me to get out but it would just pass in a blink of an eye!"

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Yang Chen was startled at first but he chuckled immediately as if he had heard an interesting joke.

“What are you laughing at?” Chaos furrowed his brows, feeling displeased at his attitude.

“I’m laughing at you. You have lived for so long but why do you still like to do self-comfort?” Yang Chen shook his head.

“Nonsense! I have never done that, I was just stating the fact!”

Yang Chen retorted, “If you’re truly as strong as you claim to be, why are you still being sealed in the cauldron after so many years? Also, if you’re truly strong, you would’ve been invincible, so the fact that you were sealed meant that you’re not strong enough.”

Chaos was furious, “Do you know that you would’ve been torn into shreds by the Giants if it wasn’t for me!”

Yang Chen didn’t give in, raising his chin at Chaos, “Don’t forget that you’re just a spirit in my artefact. I’m your master and you should work for me!”

“You brat...how dare you...how dare you...” Chaos turned red from anger.

Yang Chen waved his hand out of annoyance, “Why did you choose to use my face to talk to me? You’re ruining my handsome face, what’s with that expression...”

Chaos was so pissed that he pointed at Yang Chen and was stumped for words.

Yang Chen smirked, “Although I don’t know where I am, I’m sure that I’m still unconscious. You must have something to tell me since you’re not letting my divine sense recover. If I guessed correctly, you have a request for me. It wouldn’t work if you act like this and threaten me. I’ve been immune to fear since I was young. Fear is non-existent in my dictionary.”

Chaos suppressed his anger and grunted, “You’re right but it’s not a request. I’m giving you a chance.”

“A chance?”

“A chance for you to be unruly in the world, a chance to break through the void and be truly invincible!”

Yang Chen snorted, “How can you help me with that when you’re not invincible?”

“You can be invincible! Because the cultivation technique that you own, it’s the best scripture in the world! I don’t know who created that technique but it’s better than the top techniques in the Great Ancient era! I wouldn’t have helped you so many times if it wasn’t for your cultivation technique. However, the spiritual aura in this world is too thin compared to the Great Ancient aura. It’s extremely tough to reach the Shang Qing Heavenly Lightning stage let alone pass it! If you’re willing to hand your body to me and I’ll engulf all the energy sources in the world with my immortal soul. With this, I’m sure your cultivation will reach immense growth within a short time! By that time, it’d be a piece of cake to pass the Shang Qing Heavenly Lightning tribulation and even the Yu Qing Heavenly Lightning tribulation. You’ll be part of Heaven and be able to integrate with the Dao.”

Yang Chen squinted his eyes, “Your way of growing cultivation, is it to engulf powerful humans?”

Chaos answered without a doubt, “The weak ones are the prey of the strong ones, that’s how the world works!”

“Scram!” Yang Chen spat, “I might not be a good person but I wouldn’t eat people for my cultivation! No wonder a beast like you was sealed, you deserved it!”

“How dare you berate me?!” Chaos roared.

“So what if I did?! I’d rather be unconscious for the rest of life than to hand my body over to you! You’re just my servant, it’s hilarious that you’re dreaming of taking over my body!”

Chaos chuckled from anger, “Fine! If that’s the case, I won’t rush things. You’ll reach a slump soon, and if you truly have the guts, you can choose to not ask for my help, but once my cultivation has recovered, you wouldn’t be able to make your own decision...”

“Heh, you still dared to threaten me. I haven’t thanked you for telling me that I can use you to face the Nine Heavenly Lightning. My cultivation would also grow by that time so we won’t know who will be the last one standing.” Yang Chen said arrogantly.

Chaos smirked and said nothing else, his silhouette disappearing from the void slowly...

It was past midnight in London and Yang Chen had been lying down for three days straight in Jane’s laboratory.

Jane was still clueless after checking Yang Chen’s condition in Wales, so she had to ask Rose and Cai Ning to follow her to London where there was more equipment present to run more tests.

When Jane realised that Yang Chen’s brain condition had worsened and became even more complicated, her confidence was challenged.

This odd disease had a ghost-like existence in Yang Chen’s brain, unable to be comprehended.

Cai Ning and Rose could stay up for days since they had cultivation but Jane looked exhausted since she had to think about Yang Chen’s condition while keeping her personal feelings from interfering with her work.

She held onto her chin with a frown while looking at the monitors which displayed statistical information.

Yang Chen was lying on the operating table beside her, his chest moving up and down peacefully.

During that time, someone patted Jane’s shoulder. Jane turned around and saw Rose smiling at her.

“Take a rest, you have dark eye circles. Hubby’s body is fine, so he should be alright.” Rose comforted her.

Jane shook her head while sighing. She forced a smile, “I can’t sleep, his condition worsens each time it occurs. I’ve never seen this happen to him before. I’m too worried to sleep.”

Rose was reminded of the time Yang Chen started a massacre for her. She could remember the image of Yang Chen passing out vividly and it frightened her each time she thought about it. Even though her love for him grew deeper, her worry for him deepened too.

“How long has he had this condition?” Rose couldn’t help but ask.

“At least ten years, he was used as a test subject as the first generation of ZERO. He survived by cultivating with Chinese cultivation technique but it still affected his body,” Jane sounded sentimental, “I studied medicine to cure him but...I still can’t do it.”

Rose pursed her lips and asked, “Then...do you think he will wake up? Will he be in danger in the future?”

Jane shook her head helplessly, “I have no idea. Science can’t explain this but I know that if this doesn’t get treated, each relapse will be harder to recover and he would only suffer...it would be better to die.”

It felt as if someone took the air out of their lungs.

They were silent for some time until Cai Ning walked in, “Don’t be so pessimistic. We can’t change anything so we can only believe him.”

Rose and Jane nodded silently. She was right.

“Ah...that was a good sleep...”

A surprising voice was heard from the operating table.

The three of them looked towards the operating table and tears welled up in their eyes when they saw Yang Chen sitting up.

“Hehe,” Yang Chen stretched and laughed self-deprecatingly, “It seems like I woke up a bit too late. As expected of Ning’er to be sensible. You guys should believe in me, I can’t bear to leave you guys behind.

“Seriously!”

Rose rushed over and punched his chest, “Why didn’t you wake up earlier? Don’t you know we have been worried sick?!”

Yang Chen rubbed his head against her chest. It was soft and comfortable, “I’m sorry, I’ll wake up earlier next time.”

“Next time?!”

“Oh...no, no more next time.” Yang Chen smiled sheepishly but he felt guilty.

Even though he acted tough when confronting Chaos, he wasn’t confident that he could control Chaos since he wouldn’t know anything about the future battles.

He might need to use the Chaos Cauldron if he was at his wits’ end, and with that, Chaos would surely be able to recover. Yang Chen would be forced to let him recover because he needed to take down his enemies...

However, Yang Chen didn’t plan on telling them since he didn’t want them to worry about him. They would have prohibited him from using the Chaos Cauldron.

Most importantly, Yang Chen was hoping to find a safe artefact to replace the Chaos Cauldron but low-grade artefacts weren’t as strong as the Heavenly Fire and Water and high-grade artefacts were hard to come by.

Chapter 1256 Silly Mommy

Yang Chen didn't want to ruin the mood seeing how upset the ladies looked. He wanted to go with the flow and enjoy the present.

Yang Chen first hugged and kissed each one of them to comfort them. After doing so, he sighed in relief and thought it wasn't easy to be a 'patient'.

When Jane asked if anything special happened while he was unconscious, he lied and said that he couldn't remember anything.

Jane explained the data to him and only then he realised that the relapse was worse than before. It seemed like the Chaos Cauldron could actually kill him.

"Jane, is there a new method to cure my condition?" Yang Chen was hoping to keep his condition under control.

Jane shook her head helplessly, "I think it'd be impossible. I'm not familiar with the Chinese cultivation techniques so I can't comprehend what has gone wrong in your body."

Yang Chen slapped his forehead in realisation, "I almost forgot that I didn't get to teach you last time. I'll teach you the cultivation technique invented by me. Even though I can't keep guiding you, I'm sure you'll do fine since you're talented and you're familiar with the language. If you have any questions, you can ask Cai Ning and Rose, they are both staying in the Forgotten Realms."

"Can you really teach me? I thought Chinese people care about the secrecy of their cultivation technique?" Jane was surprised. She initially thought that Yang Chen wasn't intending to teach her since she's Caucasian and they had just gotten together.

"I'm not that kind of person. I can't bear to see you grow old. Don't feel too burdened, I'm just hoping that my women can live long and stay pretty." Yang Chen said.

Cai Ning and Rose were puzzled. Rose sounded sour as she said to Yang Chen, "Hubby...when did you get together with Jane? Is it when you saved Jane..."

Jane was open about it, "Yeah, I even pretended to be half-dead or else he wouldn't have confessed to me!"

Rose and Cai Ning were dumbfounded. They never expected such a gracious woman to be so scheming.

Yang Chen didn't want to be reminded of his embarrassing moment so he changed the topic and started to teach Jane about his cultivation technique.

Jane had a photographic memory, allowing her to memorise it quickly. Even though she had no foundation in cultivation, it wasn't hard for her to understand.

Yang Chen remembered to take out the medicinal pills to help speed up her cultivation. He also took out the Dragon Sky Pill for her. Even though they were extremely precious to the eyes of cultivators in Hongmeng, Yang Chen gave it to Jane generously.

Jane's eyes sparkled at the thought of being young forever. A chance no woman could resist.

More importantly, if she could learn more about cultivation, she might be able to treat Yang Chen.

Now that most of the things were settled, Yang Chen remembered that he had to return to Zhonghai so that he could go back to Beijing for Chinese New Year with Lin Ruoxi and Lanlan. He wondered if he could still make it.

“Uh...Ning'er how long have I been unconscious for?”

“Almost four days.” Cai Ning sounded dejected.

Yang Chen counted with his fingers, it was time for him to go back. He slapped his thighs and told them, “I need to go back to China. I still need to bring Ruoxi and Lanlan to Beijing. Rose, Ning'er, you two can go back to the Forgotten Realms. I'll visit some other time and you can come back to Zhonghai if you want. I doubt Hongmeng can catch you as long as you're careful.”

The ladies understood his situation and even if they were reluctant to let him go, they didn't force him to stay.

Yang Chen was about to leave when he remembered something. While scratching his head, he smiled sheepishly at them, “Remember not to tell anyone about my relapse and that I was unconscious for three days, especially to Ruoxi and the others. If anyone asked what happened on that day, tell them I was injured but I've recovered so they wouldn't worry about me.”

Rose sniffed, “Why would you care about this when you have a timed bomb in your head?!”

“Be good and keep this a secret for me.” Yang Chen said sternly.

Rose pouted and agreed reluctantly.

Cai Ning and Jane seemed disheartened but they still nodded at him.

Only then Yang Chen chuckled and disappeared from the laboratory.

Even though he had just woken up, his cultivation didn't fall. Instead, it grew from the energy absorbed by the Chaos Cauldron. In a way, Yang Chen had benefited from it.

He would be lying if he said he didn't feel anything about killing thousands of people but even if he was under Chaos' control, those people still died because of him.

However, it wouldn't affect him for long since he had taken so many lives the past decade.

The death of those people granted him stronger cultivation. Nothing could be done to change this and Yang Chen could only hope that such a tragedy would never happen again.

It only took a few seconds for Yang Chen to return to Zhonghai. Since it was already January, the weather in Zhonghai was chilly, especially in the morning.

Yang Chen landed on the balcony and pushed the glass door open to get to Lin Ruoxi's room.

He could tell that Lin Ruoxi was with Lanlan in the room and he wondered what they were doing when it was almost lunchtime.

Yang Chen concealed his aura on purpose to give them a surprise.

The moment he reached the door, he heard Lanlan's voice.

"Silly mommy, don't cheat!"

"Who...who cheated? It slipped out of my hand so I misplaced it!"

"Hmph, you've misplaced it seven times! I don't believe in you! You're lying!"

"Mommy was thinking about something so it happened by accident.

"Liar!"

"Why would mommy lie?!"

"You're a liar! You said you didn't miss daddy yesterday!"

"I don't miss him! Don't mention him, quick, mommy put it here. It's your turn!"

"You already lost! I don't care! I don't want to play anymore!! I want to see the elephants!! Elephants!!"

Lanlan started bawling.

"You...you naughty child! Didn't we agree that I'll bring you there once you win?!"

"You've already lost five times! You're a liar!"

Yang Chen was dumbfounded by the door. He had no clue what was going on so he just pushed open the door without any hesitation.

Lin Ruoxi and Lanlan were startled to see him.

They were both wearing white silk nightgowns which was obviously a set bought by Lin Ruoxi. There were Spongebob patterns printed on it.

As of now, Lin Ruoxi was sitting cross-legged on the bed with messy hair. Lanlan was crying and throwing a tantrum beside her.

Between them was a cartoon pink coloured five-in-a-row. It was a magnetic one meant for playing it on the bed.

Yang Chen finally understood their conversation...

She was gambling with her daughter and the prize was to visit the zoo?!

She wasn't even admitting defeat too!

Yang Chen found it hilarious. He stood by the door and shook his head, not knowing what to say.

A tinge of surprise appeared in Lin Ruoxi's eyes but she quickly realised something was wrong. Her face reddened as she looked at the gaming board and her pyjamas.

That was so embarrassing, why did he have to come back at this time?!

Lanlan wiped her tears and jumped into Yang Chen's arms.

Her chubby body was still soft and dense as ever. They hadn't met for a week and he could feel that Lanlan had grown up slightly.

"Daddy, mommy is cheating! She wouldn't admit defeat and she wouldn't bring me to the zoo to see the elephants..."

Yang Chen rocked her in his arms and patted her back. He sighed and told Lin Ruoxi, "Just bring her to the zoo if she wants to see the elephants, why would you gamble with her? It's fine if you gamble but you lost to her and you won't even admit defeat. Aren't you setting a bad example for her? You're the one who always calls me out for being improper, tsk tsk..."

Chapter 1257

Our Daughter Is A Prodigy

Lin Ruoxi covered her face out of embarrassment. She slapped the bed and pouted to get out of the awkward situation, "Who said I wouldn't bring her there?! I just wanted to win once but I ended up losing consecutively! It's embarrassing..."

Her stubborn face reminded Yang Chen of the time when Lin Ruoxi went ring tossing with An Xin, she also insisted on a rematch after losing.

She was also doing the same thing with her daughter!

"Uh...Ruoxi, do you really miss me so much that you've forgotten how to play five-in-a-row?" Yang Chen asked with raised eyebrows as he sat on the bed with Lanlan in his arms.

Lin Ruoxi gave him a side-eye, "Who missed you?! I was playing seriously!"

"Aren't you the best at calculative games like this? It's not testing your agility or singing skill, how did you lose to Lanlan?" Yang Chen asked in disbelief.

"You can just call me scheming, stiff and tone-deaf, you don't have to beat around the bush." Lin Ruoxi huffed, "Do you really think it's easy to play with Lanlan? She's really good at five-in-a-row, I've never won once after I taught her how to play."

"Seriously?" Yang Chen was surprised.

He looked at the five-in-a-row roughly and spotted something odd.

All the black pieces were placed in the middle, surrounded by white pieces.

All the paths for the black pieces to reach up to five were blocked but the white pieces had plenty of places to move about.

It was a complete defeat!

"Did you say you taught Lanlan how to play?" Yang Chen asked.

Lin Ruoxi nodded.

"When was it?"

“Last night. I brought her to the toy shop before we got home and we bought this game board. I went to sleep after teaching her and when we played this morning, I lost completely.

Yang Chen pondered. He looked down at Lanlan who was in his arms. She was still pouting from earlier.

“Lanlan, come play one round with daddy, I’ll bring you to the zoo if you win.” Yang Chen smiled.

Lanlan pouted her lips higher, “Hmph, I don’t wanna! Adults always lie!”

“That’s your mom, daddy doesn’t lie.” Yang Chen said with a straight face.

Lin Ruoxi pinched Yang Chen’s waist when she heard that, “What are you talking about?! Who’s a liar?!”

Both of them turned around and looked at Lin Ruoxi from head to toe.

Lin Ruoxi blushed out of embarrassment. Their attitude almost drove her crazy!

“Fine, fine, fine...” Yang Chen said it three times.

Lin Ruoxi clenched her jaw and forced the words out, “Go ahead, play, liar mommy will watch at the side.”

Yang Chen grinned, knowing that she was just throwing a tantrum.

Yang Chen took over the board game and put Lanlan on the bed to start a new round.

Yang Chen started the game and placed his piece on the centre of the board.

Lanlan followed suit and placed her piece four to five steps away from Yang Chen’s.

With furrowed brows, Yang Chen connected another piece to his first piece.

Lanlan placed her piece at another irrelevant spot, which was far away from her initial piece.

It was as if Lanlan didn’t plan on connecting her pieces and she was just doing whatever she wanted.

Yang Chen curled his lips. This was really interesting, it seemed like Lanlan was more special than he thought.

When Yang Chen connected three of his black pieces, Lanlan finally placed one white piece to block his way.

Yang Chen continued to plan his moves, placing pieces to spots that would help him win.

On the other hand, Lanlan cocked her head and placed her white pieces randomly.

Lin Ruoxi, who was watching them from the side furrowed her brows. She couldn’t get used to Lanlan’s way of playing previously and even when she was watching as a bystander, she still couldn’t figure out what she was trying to do.

The game went on and whenever Yang Chen tried to make four pieces in a row, Lanlan would intercept with a white piece. Most of the time she was just randomly putting pieces at the outer circle.

A few minutes had passed and Yang Chen threw his pieces back to the container.

“Why? Are you not playing anymore?” Lin Ruoxi was engrossed in their game.

Yang Chen shook his head, “I lost.”

“You lost?”

Lin Ruoxi was taken aback but she soon realised that Lanlan had made two rows of four!

She didn’t even know how it happened but Lanlan had somehow won with her seemingly messy way of playing!

Lanlan was smiling and looking at Yang Chen with an expectant gaze.

Yang Chen smiled and touched her hair, “Alright, daddy will keep his promise. I’ll bring you to Beijing tomorrow and we’ll go to the zoo to see the elephants, okay?”

Lanlan cheered and jumped into his arms. She pecked his cheeks and flattered him, “Daddy’s the best! Daddy’s better than shameless mommy!”

“You...you rascal!” Lin Ruoxi was enraged, “Who brought you to places when your daddy wasn’t around? How could you badmouth me so soon?! You sway too easily!!”

Lanlan puffed her cheeks and rubbed her head against Yang Chen’s chest, pretending she didn’t hear her.

Yang Chen chuckled while shaking his head. He patted Lanlan’s butt and asked, “Lanlan, can you tell daddy what were you thinking about during the game?”

“What...” Lanlan was puzzled.

“I mean, how do you think the five-in-a-row should be played?” Yang Chen changed his question.

Lanlan cocked her head and pondered, “I don’t know, I was trying to put four and five in a row but mommy kept blocking my path so I gave up on it and blocked mommy’s pieces instead. I can put my pieces wherever I want as long as mommy’s pieces are blocked and then I win just like that!”

Lin Ruoxi was astonished. No wonder she was placing her pieces everywhere, it turned out she was just doing whatever she wanted!

Yang Chen clucked his tongue and smiled secretively.

“Why are you smiling like that?!” Lin Ruoxi was confused, “Is there a problem?”

Yang Chen chuckled, “Our daughter is a prodigy, at least she has strong perception.”

Lin Ruoxi still couldn’t understand him, “What are you talking about?”

Yang Chen put Lanlan back on the bed and explained to her, “Normally when we’re playing five-in-a-row, even the adults are thinking about a way to block the opponent’s path and make two rows of four or form three pieces secretly but that’s not how she does it. She’s thinking of stopping the opponent from winning so she won’t lose. That’s why she was putting the pieces randomly. It might look like it’s hard for her to connect her own pieces but her opponent wouldn’t be able to predict her movements. In the end, as long as she doesn’t block her own path, her opponent wouldn’t win even if she can’t get two

rows of four...this kind of method eases things for her since all she had to care about was to block her opponent's path. She could also confuse her opponent, killing two birds with one stone. In other words, our daughter came up with her own method, she would never lose as long as she doesn't make any mistakes."

Lin Ruoxi was astonished. After glancing at her daughter who seemed lost, Lin Ruoxi voiced her disbelief, "It might not be that complicated, she did this because she's lazy."

Yang Chen disagreed with her, "There are plenty of revolution, innovation and creation that occurred because lazy people wanted to make things easier for themselves. Five-in-a-row may be something small but from here we can comprehend it as going the opposite way, changing the perspective and starting to put ourselves in the opponent's shoes. To explain it in a more mystical manner, it's the 'Dao' that exists between Heaven and Earth. It's simple but it has also been ignored. Dao talks about letting things happen naturally and returning to the originality of life."

Chapter 1258

As If You Are Dying

Lin Ruoxi pondered with furrowed brows and muttered, "There can't be so many theories behind it, can a kid come up with all these?"

"Of course she isn't thinking about this. If you force yourself to think about it, it'll only bring the opposite effect. It's all superficial and only she can comprehend it." Yang Chen replied.

Lin Ruoxi could tell that he had an underlying meaning, "Hubby, are you...planning to teach Lanlan about cultivation?"

Yang Chen was startled but he smiled immediately, "You got me."

"But didn't you say you will let her cultivate when she's older?" Lin Ruoxi was puzzled.

Yang Chen thought to himself. In the past, he would've been able to wait for Lanlan to grow up first but now that his brain condition has relapsed, he had to teach Lanlan as soon as possible.

Also, Lanlan seemed talented so if she started cultivating at an earlier age, it might come into use in the future.

However, Yang Chen wouldn't tell Lin Ruoxi this, "Lanlan's talent is pretty good so it's fine to teach her at an earlier age. Plus, you don't need to spend a lot of time to cultivate with the Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture, it all depends on their talent and comprehension. It's beneficial to cultivate at an earlier age too, at least Lanlan will be able to protect herself."

Lin Ruoxi nodded in agreement. For the sake of her child's safety, it'd be better for her to become stronger.

Yang Chen smiled at Lanlan and told her, "Lanlan, from today onwards, daddy will teach you how to cultivate. Haven't you been asking how daddy managed to fly? You can also fly if you do according to what I say."

Lanlan's eyes were sparkling, "Really? Daddy, quick, teach me!"

“Hold on, you have to promise daddy that you’ll never mention about your cultivation, don’t tell anyone about the cultivation technique daddy taught you, especially to strangers. Do you understand?” Yang Chen said sternly.

Lanlan asked softly, “I can’t tell mommy too?”

Yang Chen was taken aback and he wasn’t sure how to tell her until Lin Ruoxi interjected, “Don’t tell me! Mommy won’t ask you and you shouldn’t tell mommy either, don’t tell anyone!”

Yang Chen smiled at Lin Ruoxi sheepishly which gained an understanding nod from her.

Even though Lanlan was lost, she nodded since her parents looked so serious.

After giving a heads up to Lanlan, Lin Ruoxi left the room to Yang Chen and Lanlan.

Yang Chen didn’t think that he should hide the Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture from Lin Ruoxi since she was her wife but he was worried that it would affect her cultivation and that someone would take advantage of her.

Yang Chen didn’t want to see her woman being hunted down for the scripture.

After calming himself down, Yang Chen started to teach Lanlan the cultivation technique he had been practising for years.

It seemed as if fate had brought them together. Even though Lanlan was adopted, she was talented.

Just by looking at her talent, Lanlan was stronger and smarter than Yang Chen. When he was at her age, he would never defeat someone like Lin Ruoxi in mind games.

To Yang Chen’s relief, although Lanlan was playful and gluttonous, she was smart and was able to memorise things quickly. Yang Chen only had to recite it one time and Lanlan was able to memorise most of the scriptures.

By the second time, Lanlan was already able to recite it by memory.

“Lanlan, remember what I told you. Don’t rush things, the Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture relies on comprehension, not continuous practice. No matter how you comprehended the scripture, don’t bother thinking about what is right and what is wrong. Don’t think about success and failure, just cultivate as you see fit.”

Even if Lanlan was smarter than her peers, she was still a child, “Then if I don’t understand something, can I ask you?”

“No, because I can’t answer it too. Everyone thinks differently but remember, don’t give up because you think it’s too difficult. Always believe that as long as you’re still alive, you are the only one who can win against yourself.”

When Yang Chen cupped her face and told her this with bright eyes, Lanlan blinked back at him without saying a word. She remained quiet the whole time as if she was deep in thoughts.

One hour passed and when Yang Chen walked out of the room, Lin Ruoxi had already changed into a purple dress.

She was leaning on the rail and when she noticed Yang Chen, she couldn't help but ask, "How did it go?"

It felt as though she was sending her child off to an exam and she knew that any children living in a family like theirs would face all kinds of incidents, so having strong cultivation would decide their fate.

Yang Chen smirked, "Dear, how am I supposed to answer your question? What do you mean by that?"

"I'm asking if she understood it. Did she find it hard?" Lin Ruoxi was anxious.

Yang Chen pursed his lips and took a deep breath before answering her, "I don't know how much she comprehended but she has memorised all of it. I wasn't as smart as her when I was her age but I was able to reach the seventh level in less than ten years and after some encounters, I was able to breakthrough to the Soul Forming stage. With the medicinal pills that I'll be providing to her, it shouldn't be hard to reach the seventh level as long as her talent is decent. As for the eighth and ninth levels, it all depends on her."

"Can't you share your experience with her? What were your encounters? Tell her about it." Lin Ruoxi suggested.

Yang Chen smiled bitterly, "My encounters...one of them was the death of my beloved and the other one was when I died once. Are you asking me to teach her these?"

Lin Ruoxi was startled and her face fell, "Are you talking about Shi Qi?"

Yang Chen quickly smiled at her when he realised he had misspoken, "Don't overthink it, I didn't know you at that time. Everyone has a past, right?"

Lin Ruoxi gave him a side-eye, "I didn't say anything, why are you explaining yourself?"

"Haha, that's true," Yang Chen quickly changed the topic, "I told Lanlan, the Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture has nine levels, thoughtless, selflessness, fate, end of the road, no questions, darkness, celestial, life and death and rebirth. Each subsequent level gets exponentially harder. Fate is the first hurdle and darkness is the second hurdle. Whenever she overcomes one hurdle, I'll fulfil her wish and whenever she advances into the next level, I'll bring her out for good food. I'm not expecting her to reach 'celestial' within a few years but I hope she'll be able to persevere."

Lin Ruoxi's brows were tightly knitted from the complexity, "The name of the levels sound weird, you're troubling Lanlan."

"It's normal, the Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture tests talent above everything else, I hope I didn't make an error in judgement. If Lanlan is able to pass on the scripture, I won't feel like I've let down uncle for passing the scripture to me. At least the scripture didn't end with me..."

"You're talking as if you're dying, it's not like you won't be able to teach anymore." Lin Ruoxi wasn't pleased.

Yang Chen smiled sheepishly, sighing internally. He almost exposed himself.

Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi didn't want to bother Lanlan so after having lunch downstairs, they started to prepare for tomorrow's trip.

Wang Ma brought some red packets for Lin Ruoxi, telling her that she should put in money and give them out to children or the elders when they were out visiting their relatives.

Yang Chen was amused by the idea. He thought he would never give out red packets to his relatives even though Lin Ruoxi was the one packing the red packets.

"It's great that you didn't come home too late or else we would've missed the red egg and ginger party in the Li clan?" Lin Ruoxi said while packing her things.

Yang Chen was astonished, "What party?"

Lin Ruoxi gave him a side-eye, "Tang Xin's son is almost one month old. You weren't around when Li Dun called."

Chapter 1259 A Long Journey

Yang Chen thought about it and he realised that it had been a while since Tang Xin was pregnant.

Even though the child was born in the Li clan, he was still Yan Buwen's son.

Yan Buwen was one of the opponents acknowledged by Yang Chen. He had a miserable death because he chose Yang Chen as his opponent or else he could have been a genius, he would've been a comparable opponent for Jane.

Yang Chen was impressed by Li Dun. He was truly big-hearted as he was able to accept his lover's child who was unrelated to him.

Yang Chen could never do the same thing.

Lanlan finally came downstairs during night time while covering her tummy.

Yang Chen picked her up and complimented her, "Not bad, you pondered in the room for so long. Good girl."

Lin Ruoxi looked at her daughter with a look of approval since it was rare of Lanlan to be so focused on something dull.

Lanlan blinked. She blushed as she muttered, "Lanlan thought about it for a while and I was stuck. I got sleepy so I fell asleep and now I'm hungry..."

Yang Chen suddenly felt that it would be a long journey to educate his child.

The three of them left for Beijing the next day and they arrived in the morning.

Yuan Ye came to pick them up and ever since he became involved with his family business, Yuan Ye had matured. He was no longer the youngster who dreamed of fighting demonic beasts.

Yuan Ye who had come home with his parents was also seizing for the chance to prove himself to his grandfather.

As Yang Chen's cousin, Yuan Ye technically had a similar position with Yang Chen in the family tree. However, as the surname of Yuan Ye wasn't Yang, he had to work hard to gain the support of the Yang clan.

“Brother Yang Chen, there’s a month left to Chinese New Year, we finally have so much time to gather together.” Yuan Ye said excitedly while driving.

Yang Chen couldn’t agree with his excitement. Even the thought of being visited and visiting others stressed him out.

“Everything is fine at home right?” Yang Chen asked casually.

Yuan Ye nodded, “I guess, but aunt and uncle aren’t in a good mood. I think it’s because they’ve been quarrelling about Brother Yang Lie. Grandfather was angered too.”

“Yang Lie?” Yang Chen furrowed his brows, “What’s up with him?”

Yuan Ye sighed, “He came back recently and he’s working in the army. Everything was good at first but he kept mingling with the rich youngsters in Beijing and they always go out drinking. Even though it doesn’t affect his work, uncle wasn’t pleased with him. He said Brother Yang Lie was being too unrestrained, I think that’s what he meant. But aunt thinks those youngsters were the one who invited Brother Yang Lie to bars and nightclubs and that it’s fine for him to go out for fun. She says he’s just socialising and they shouldn’t restrict him as long as he isn’t causing trouble. That’s how the conflict happened.”

Lin Ruoxi glanced over at Yang Chen, “Looks like you two are really related, you’re both lascivious.”

Yang Chen wasn’t pleased to hear that but he couldn’t rebut either. He did visit those places frequently before.

Their journey back home took forty minutes because of the heavy traffic.

Lanlan was excited to be back. The moment she got out of the car, she ran into the mansion while yelling for her great-grandfather.

Everyone else was waiting for them in the lobby.

Yang Gongming put his teacup down when he saw Lanlan running towards him. With a gentle smile, he picked up his great-granddaughter.

“Lanlan, do you miss great-grandfather?” Yang Gongming asked.

“Yes,” Lanlan nodded hard, “Lanlan wants to eat roast duck...”

Yang Gongming chuckled at her response. He touched her chubby cheeks, thinking that she was truly a bundle of joy.

Everyone else laughed at Lanlan’s words and even the workers were stifling their peals of laughter.

Guo Xuehua missed her too and she walked forward to grasp Lanlan’s hand, “All you think about is food. Don’t worry, granny already prepared three roast ducks for you.”

Lanlan licked her lips and smacked them out of excitement.

Everyone greeted Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi passionately when they entered the lobby. Having been apart from Yang Chen for some time, Guo Xuehua kept looking at him and touching him as if she was

afraid that he wouldn't eat well without her. Her overflowing maternal love made her forget about the fact that Yang Chen was a cultivator.

Yang Pojun was the calmest, nodding at them casually as a greeting. However, he still changed a lot compared to his past cold attitude. His gaze softened when he saw Lanlan.

Yang Gongming put down Lanlan and patted Yang Chen's shoulders, "You guys came back in time. The Li clan is holding a red egg and ginger party tomorrow. You two can go on our behalf."

"Just the two of us? You guys aren't going? Isn't that too few?" Yang Chen was startled.

Yang Gongming sounded sure, "The number of people doesn't matter, what matters is the person's status. Even if another clan brought everyone over, they'd still be nothing compared to you."

"I like that, how rare of you to compliment me." Yang Chen chuckled.

Lin Ruoxi felt awkward around Guo Xuehua since Guo Xuehua returned to Beijing because of the conflict between them. Even if they had reconciled over the phone, it was different from talking face to face.

"Ruoxi, I heard that you quit as the president?" Guo Xuehua initiated the conversation.

Lin Ruoxi forced a smile, "Yes."

"That's nice, women should be focused on taking care of the family. Children grow up really quickly, you wouldn't want to miss any part of their growth. It isn't easy to be a full-time housewife." Guo Xuehua complimented her. She wasn't hoping to have a workaholic daughter-in-law.

Yang Jieyu butt in, "Sis, Rouxi isn't a full-time housewife, she's still the director of Yu Lei. Xue Ming is basically working for her, so she gets to make the major decisions."

"That's good too. She should keep hold of her belongings. After all, it's a multinational company founded by her grandmother, she can't just sell it! Am I right?" Guo Xuehua sounded understanding.

Lin Ruoxi felt relieved when her mother-in-law seemed to have let down the past grudges, "Our company has already established a stable working system which is why I can pass the position to President Xue. He has experience working in the States and Hong Kong and he's aided by my ex-assistant so he would be fine."

Yuan Hwei joked with her, "Rouxi, it's a waste for you to quit the corporate world. If you feel bored, you can come and work as the vice president of our company. Come help us bring up the profit."

"Stop it, you won't be able to afford her salary." Yang Jieyu chided.

Lin Ruoxi flushed in embarrassment when the others laughed.

Yang Gongming spoke up when it was almost time for lunch, "Xuehua, is lunch ready? I don't want to starve Lanlan."

Guo Xuehua answered him with a respectful tone, "Father, lunch is ready but...Lie'er said he'll be home for lunch and he's not here yet."

"Hmph, I bet he's drunk on some woman's bed." Yang Pojun snorted.

“Why would you say that? You didn’t see it so don’t make assumptions from rumours.” Guo Xuehua grunted.

Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi exchanged glances, they weren’t expecting to witness the argument so soon.

Right at this moment, Yang Chen heard car sounds from outside. He checked it with his divine sense and with furrowed brows, he turned to the front door, “We don’t need to wait for him anymore, he’s home.”

Soon, Yang Lie came walking in dressed in his military uniform. His hair was dishevelled and he was yawning while walking into the hall with heavy steps.

Yang Chen could tell that his cultivation didn’t grow but for some reason, something felt odd about him, but he couldn’t pinpoint it. It was as if something was blocking his divine sense.

Yang Lie grinned and greeted them passionately with wide opened arms, “Brother, sister-in-law, welcome home!”

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Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi couldn’t get used to his generous greeting, it was as though they never had a conflict.

Yang Chen nodded without an expression, not intending to talk to him.

Yang Lie didn’t mind it. His smile was relaxed as he walked into the lobby.

Soon, his eyes landed on Lanlan who was in Yang Gongming’s arms, “This must be my dear niece right? Is her name Lanlan? Come, let uncle carry you.”

Lanlan had been looking at him with her round eyes but the moment Yang Lie walked over to carry her, she quickly turned around and held on to Yang Gongming tightly.

Yang Lie’s hands were left hanging awkwardly.

“Lanlan, what’s wrong?” Yang Gongming asked.

Lanlan pouted, “I don’t want to be carried...”

Guo Xuehua smiled at her, “Lanlan, be a good girl. This is your uncle.”

Lanlan shook her head. Panic was evident in her eyes.

Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi were puzzled. Lanlan was never afraid of strangers and she usually wouldn’t reject a hug like this.

Seeing how Lanlan rejected him, Yang Lie put down his hands and chuckled, “Maybe it’s because I reek of alcohol, kids don’t like it.”

Yang Gongming looked at him deeply before smiling, “Alright, maybe she doesn’t like your smell. Come, let’s go eat in the dining room.”

Everyone nodded. Guo Xuehua thought it was a shame since she was hoping that Yang Chen might start talking to Yang Lie if Lanlan could get closer to Yang Lie.

Once they were seated in the dining room, Yang Pojun lashed out at Yang Lie, "Rascal, where did you go fooling around this time?!"

"Dad, I was just socialising, I wasn't fooling around. Besides, if I really did fool around, I wouldn't be home in time to welcome my brother and sister-in-law!" Yang Lie said innocently.

Yang Gongming signalled his son with his eyes, telling him to keep it down during lunch. This stopped Yang Pojun from reprimanding Yang Lie.

During lunch, everyone had to toast with Yang Gongming but he didn't really respond to them, being preoccupied with talking to his great-granddaughter.

Lanlan wasn't afraid anymore once she started eating roast duck. Her mouth was filled with it, causing her lips to be coated in grease. Yang Gongming was entertained by her appetite.

Lin Ruoxi secretly raised her chin at Yang Chen, motioning to him that she made the right choice to adopt Lanlan. Everyone's heart would be warmed at the sight in front of them.

Yang Chen was pondering about the odd feeling he felt from Yang Lie that he couldn't focus on lunch.

Halfway through the meal, Yang Lie suddenly raised his glass to Yang Chen, "Brother, here's a toast to you. I was insensible in the past and I've repented my mistakes. I'm now working in the military and I hope that you'll help me when I need help."

Yang Lie sounded modest and there was nothing wrong with his sentence. No matter how reluctant he felt or how corny it was, Yang Chen had to clink his glass with him.

"You don't have to be so courteous, I'm not a professional and I only know how to jest."

Yang Lie shook his hands, "You can't say that. You just don't think it's worth it to do ordinary stuff. I understand. When Yan Buwen died, I thought about my past actions and I realised that I was too rebellious. You've always been lenient to me and I really appreciate that."

Tears were pooling in Guo Xuehua's eyes and she smiled at Yang Chen, "Yang Chen, did you hear that? Your brother has grown up. You two are brothers, so I hope that you two can get along well. I hope you can also teach your brother."

Yang Chen smiled bitterly. Everything felt too good to be true.

"Mom, don't worry. Brother isn't petty," Yang Lie turned and smiled at Yang Chen, "Brother, I met Guo Yue yesterday. He said he's planning to visit us when he hears that you're coming back with sister-in-law. He never had the chance to meet you so he asked me to pass on this message"

"Guo Yue? Who?" Yang Chen was lost.

Guo Xuehua interjected quickly, "Silly child, he's your cousin so he's from my side. Guo Yue is my brother, your uncle's son. He's the same age as Lie'er and he works in the Auditing Bureau. He's quite hardworking."

While they were talking, the maid came into the room to inform them about Guo Yue's arrival.

"Sir, young master Guo Yue is here."

Yang Gongming chuckled, "He's here so early. Youngsters are really impetuous. Let him in."

A few minutes later, a man dressed in a white suit walked in with a grin plastered on his face. He was holding a wooden box which looked like a gift box.

His hair was gelled up with no facial hair. Everyone heard his voice before he even entered the dining room, "Ah, my apologies for coming too early. Please don't mind it, Grandfather Marshal!"

Guo Yue smiled sheepishly as he walked towards Yang Gongming.

Yang Gongming wasn't surprised as he was used to his behaviour, "Alright, I told you not to call me Grandfather Marshal, it sounds awkward."

"But you're the old marshal, my parents have always taught me to learn from you but I never dared to act boldly." Guo Yue said earnestly.

No one could resist compliments, not even Yang Gongming who was constantly flattered by others.

Even though he knew Guo Yue was using flattery to get something from him, he still felt pleased to hear it

"Grandfather Marshal, here's a small gift from me. I came in a hurry so I couldn't buy a proper gift, but I hope you'll like it." Guo Yue passed the wooden box over.

Yang Gongming didn't try to be coy, opening the box immediately. An exquisite box of tea leaf was placed in it and there was only a sentence written on it with no other patterns.

"Authentic Da Hong Pao from Wuyi Mountains, this is good stuff...it doesn't look like you prepared this in a hurry!" Yang Gongming squinted his eyes when he recognised the gift.

"I know you love drinking tea so I asked my friend to buy it from Wuyi Mountains, but I never had the chance to give it to you." Guo Yue passed the box to a maid nearby.

Yang Gongming liked it since Da Hong Pao was the King of Tea, it wasn't easy to get this even if you were rich.

After flattering Yang Gongming, Guo Yue turned to look at Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi but he couldn't avert his gaze from Lin Ruoxi's face.

Lin Ruoxi felt awkward at his stare. Her face was flushed and even if she didn't like his attitude, she couldn't really say anything since he was their cousin.

Guo Yue opened his mouth slightly and a hint of greed flashed across his eyes. Around five to six seconds later, he chuckled and spoke to them, "This must be my cousin Yang Chen and my cousin sister-in-law right? I've heard that the prettiest woman in the corporate world of Zhonghai is the president of Yu Lei but I never got the chance to meet you since you were busy. I'm honoured to meet you today, haha. Cousin, you're really lucky."

Guo Yue managed to mask the awkwardness from his earlier attitude.

However, Yang Chen noticed his expression even though it was only for a few seconds. His impression for someone who dared to lust over his wife had dropped to the ground.

“Stop staring at her when you know she’s mine.”

Yang Chen resisted the urge to throw him out for the sake of Guo Xuehua.

Everyone in the room froze at Yang Chen’s words. They never expected Yang Chen to be so rude to Guo Yue, especially at their first meeting.

Lin Ruoxi tugged on Yang Chen’s pants, feeling embarrassed from the conflict that arose because of her. It wasn’t as though people never stared at her, it just felt especially awkward for a relative to do the same.

Guo Yue turned pale. Yang Chen’s status in the house was evident when he noticed that Yang Gongming wasn’t helping him. He didn’t dare to offend Yang Chen, “Cousin, please don’t misunderstand. I lost self-control because my sister-in-law is too pretty.”

“Yeah, Yang Chen, he’s complimenting your wife. Be nice to your cousin.” Guo Xuehua helped Guo Yue since he was her nephew but she wasn’t pleased with his attitude either.

Yang Chen ignored them and continued to bite on the crab in his hand.

Guo Yue smiled to please Yang Chen, “Cousin, I actually brought a present for you and sister-in-law, why don’t you go out with me after lunch?”