

EMPEROR 1997

### **Chapter 1997: Choosing Sides**

"This isn't a cowardly action."

The Mandate Emperor shook his head to Myria's question with his hands behind his back.

"The Mystic Ice Sect's sudden rise is obviously connected to you, so we can't deny the possibility of their betrayal. If you really think they're innocent, then obediently surrender. This way, no one would be harmed. You can't escape us, and we're only apprehending you all in order to investigate. Why would we want to harm the Mystic Ice Sect if they had no part in conspiring against the human race, no, this whole world?"

Myria almost rolled her eyes. Although the reply was reasonable and would make the common people nod in appreciation over the magnanimity and the wisdom of the Mandate Emperor, she remained unconvinced. Because of her mystery, they didn't dare face her head-on.

The fact that they instantly summoned their entire reserve of powerhouses denoted this fact.

She glanced at her Mystic Ice Sect, noticing they were all panicking.

In truth, the Mystic Ice Sect maidens were all scared, not knowing what was happening. The only one in the know was their Sect Master Bing Luli, Ancestor Bing Hua, Ancestor Wan Lanying, Ancestor Xia Yun, and top disciple Mu Bing. However, even they possessed some trace of trepidation in their hearts.

Faced with the entire power of the righteous path, how could they remain calm? What they were doing was undoubtedly betrayal to the righteous path.

However, they weren't going to surrender either.

The moment they chose to side with Myria, they knew that something like this was going to happen. However, being caught in this moment was something they didn't expect as, according to Myria, they wouldn't be able to find her, but somehow they did, which was explained by Myria.

It seemed that the Karmic Guardian Emperor used the karmic luck of everyone gathered here to find her, and the price appeared to be steep so much that they didn't use all the forces to force Myria to surrender, even trying to take them as hostages.

"Obediently surrender. Otherwise, we could only use forceful means."

The Mandate Emperor's voice resounded with a warning. At the same time, a soul transmission also fell on Davis's mind.

"Emperor of Death, we could also use your help."

Davis's expression was gloomy. He didn't expect these turn of events, much less this grand hidden formation that trapped everyone in this place. He could actually see that the Mandate Emperor was willing to sacrifice everyone here except the geniuses in order to capture Myria. Otherwise, did he think that he could capture Myria with just their forces?

Perhaps, the Mandate Emperor was relying on his help to capture her, and that's why he was contacted.

Davis glanced at Lea standing amidst the plethora of powerhouses. Since she was part of the hegemony of the human race, it was a given that she would stand along with them. However, the calm gaze in her crimson eyes told him that she would follow whatever decision he made.

Only his Alstreim Family didn't answer the call because they were waiting for his opinion.

Davis inwardly sighed and moved his lips.

"Alright, everyone should disperse."

"..."

For a moment, everyone couldn't believe their ears. Did the Emperor of Death say that they should just obediently die to the Calamity Light?

"What? I'm saying this for your own good. In a sense, she's scarier than me. After all, she stole something from me and still lives, so if you don't want to get killed, you better return to your seats."

Davis hurriedly waved his hand, looking like he was in a hurry and couldn't be bothered to explain.

"Unfortunately, we can't back out of this as it concerns the fate of our human race, Emperor of Death. The slightest clue we could get to counter the Calamity Light will lead to countless lives being saved. Even if we are to die here, we are prepared to sacrifice ourselves."

Once the Mandate Emperor finished, countless faces of the people changed, their expressions becoming pale. Those who were already at the exit found that they couldn't break the barrier. The entire place was sealed, disallowing them to exit.

Cries of help resounded in every corner of the New Era Battle Arena. However, a single command from their Sect Leaders silenced all chaos.

Davis's expression was exasperated.

Did they think that they could trap Myria along with them? He felt that they were trapped with her, fated to die a gruesome death.

*'How foolish...'*

He couldn't help but grit his teeth over their useless stubbornness.

He didn't care for Myria becoming a mass murderer as she probably killed more people in her lifetime than him, but how could he allow Ellia to be stained with that kind of sin?

Back then, he regretted that he was incapacitated, causing Evelyn to suffer so much while she took vengeance for him. He didn't want a similar story to occur again, no matter the reason. Even if there was bloodshed, it should be from his hands because he already came to terms with it when he killed millions of people while facing the invading army that attacked their Loret Empire.

The situation was similar, but it was solely directed at Ellia. Perhaps, if he chose to act with the righteous path, his chances to subdue her would rise. However, he refused to go along with such a path.

How could he allow Ellia to face such humiliation?

In an instant, countless thoughts ran in his mind when a wry voice echoed.

"If I said that interrogating me would have no use, would you believe me?"

Davis turned to see Myria, but she wasn't looking at him. She was looking at the Mandate Emperor, whose indifferent expression didn't change one bit.

It was obvious that he couldn't believe her words. Would a thief accept that they were a thief?

"Well, it doesn't seem to be the case from your silence. Since it's that way, then don't blame me for being ruthless."

Myria slightly giggled as though it was inevitable when her hand slightly raised.

"...!"

The expressions of countless people changed, all of them beginning to pour their energy into the formation cores possessed by the three Emperors.

Blinding light emerged on the center of the barrier's dome. It seemed to be concentrating into a ray of light that shone with the immensity of the heaven and earth, its undulations quickly reaching two levels above Peak-Level Ninth Stage, perhaps even nearing three levels above!

The Mandate Emperor had already done his calculations. Even if Myria could reach two levels above Peak-Level Ninth Stage, there's no way she could defend against this attack.

However, little did he know that Myria was actually suppressing her Soul Forging Cultivation.

"Myria," Davis's voice rose at this moment amidst the terrifying brewing of undulations, causing her to come to a stop before he continued, "I understand your anger but think twice before you make a move as there are millions of lives who are in the dark. Moreover, let me take care of this, and we'll have our battle. If you lose, obediently hand over what you stole from me."

His voice rang out with such confidence that it momentarily got Myria taken aback before a faint smile appeared on her face.

"You're a good man. However, your methods are lacking that I don't believe you will be able to protect what you claim I stole from you at this rate."

Davis was initially taken aback to be praised by Myria, but he later smirked.

He didn't care what she thought. Although his methods could be said to be lacking, they had a hint of humanitarianism in it. Unless his heaven and earth were going to be flipped, he wasn't willing to become a monster. He knew that Myria could get out of this if she revealed her full prowess, but she wanted to hide it for some reason.

Perhaps, her true reason for wanting to change locations was to hide from being discovered as the source of the Calamity Light, but he couldn't be too sure as it could be for something else as well.

Moreover, for an immortal like Myria, who probably died once before reincarnating in Ellia's body, her heaven and earth might've been already flipped, so he understood her ruthlessness.

The Mandate Emperor trembled while he collectively gathered the energy with two others and powered the formation. There was still a few seconds left before they could unleash their combined attack, so Myria could be faster than them. They already had their Legacy Artifacts in their other hands, ready to counterattack Myria if she attacked first. However, the Emperor of Death gave them timely help.

But now, the Emperor of Death was actually siding with her!?

His eyes trembled as he instantly opened his mouth to pull him back.

### **Chapter 1998: Devastating Blow**

"Emperor of Death, we swear that we are not after that treasure you mentioned. All we need is to cap-"

"What if that treasure is the source of the Calamity Light?" Davis coldly asked as his head swiveled in the Mandate Emperor's direction.

"..."

The Mandate Emperor became stunned. In that case, would they be willing to give it to this young man?

He recalled that the Karmic Guardian Emperor said that the source was Myria. However, his words were: My artifact noted that the source we were searching for is coming from that woman.

It could mean that it was Myria herself or something she possessed.

After all, due to her peculiarity about mastery in many laws, which should be mostly impossible for a young person, they instantly determined that she was a reincarnator and later found her to be the source. But now, there was also the possibility of a treasure she possessed being the source.

The Mandate Emperor didn't know what to do.

Unfortunately, that little amount of hesitation caused Davis's expression to steel and his gaze to become increasingly cold.

"Evelynn, Nadia. Prepare for war."

He raised his hand, greyish-black soul force surging out that had countless hearts tremble in panic. The powerhouses of the righteous path were no different.

At the same time, Evelynn stood at the forefront, her third eye-opening to cause countless lives to shudder in fear while a layer of pitch-black energy covered the Alstreim Family's seating area. Davis people were completely defended by Nadia and Evelynn that no dared to get near, but even intentionally distanced themselves.

At the same time, Lea disappeared and reappeared in the Mystic Ice Sect's seating area, her scarlet flames forming a protective barrier that blocked the Astral Light Sect's Grand Elders from harming the Mystic Ice Sect maidens!

Sect Master Bing Luli and the others were shocked and helpless at first, but realizing that Sect Master Lea Weiss had accepted Davis's proposal of love, they heaved a sigh of relief. On the other hand, Ancestor Cornelia and the other Grand Elders of the Burning Phoenix Ridge protected their own!

"Emperor of Death, what is the meaning of this!?"

The Mandate Emperor completely panicked.

Even Myria's supposed weakness was protected by Sect Master Lea Weiss, who could essentially be said to be Davis's fiancée.

The calm expression of Myria's was already eerie, but now, if they were to face the Emperor of Death and his powerful people, they would be doomed before they could make a move because of his mysterious killing arts. Moreover, even if they could kill him, it would be a huge loss to the human race, one that is enough to push them into desperate straits when the calamity truly arrived!

Davis refused to speak another word, his death energy surging out like a raging tide of darkness. Myria was also looked indifferent to the scene, but inside her soul sea, there was a constant sound of wailing and sobbing.

"Myria...! Please listen to him...!"

Ellia's pleading voice echoed inside Myria. The latter saw that the grand formation had almost finished collecting energy, ready to blast her into oblivion, but she ruminated that they wouldn't go to such lengths unless they were sure that killing her could destroy or delay the Calamity Light.

"Sigh, he can protect you when it's time, but he's so eager to turn the world against him in order to protect you."

Myria's voice was complex before her eyes calmly blinked once.

"Since you asked me to stay my hand, I will try."

Myria put her hand down.

"Young man, Ellia doesn't need your help. Stay your hand and watch."

A soul transmission fell on Davis's mind when he suddenly saw a ray of blue light emerge from Myria's figure.

Looking at it, the Mandate Emperor's pupils fiercely constricted.

"Now!"

**\*Bzz!~\***

The ray of light surging above the formation launched a blazing attack against Myria. It plunged like a Damocles sword, intending to blast her into oblivion. However, the ray of blue light that emerged from Myria turned into a distinct shape of a bird and struck the raining beam of light.

**\*Bang!~\***

Space collapsed above Myria, causing countless spatial tears to appear all over the battle stage, outside of the powerhouses range.

The air instantly chilled, causing the people of the New Era Battle Arena to shiver.

Davis was about to attack, combining his prowess with Myria's, but the instant he was about to do so, he saw a fifty-meter tall icy-blue silhouette defend against the attack.

As the aftermath of the clash slowly receded, he saw that Myria was unharmed, her expression unchanging. However, his eyes were starkly fixed on a bird with majestic icy-blue wings flapping in mid-air.

Its icy-blue eyes shone with a sharp glint. The numerous layers of feathers on its body possessed a deep chill and a bewitching beauty, especially its three tail feathers stretching a long distance. It had a wide wingspan longer than its height, but its aura caused everyone to feel that they were going to freeze to death.

**\*Screech!~\***

It let out a piercing cry, sounding angered!

"Ice Phoenix!!!"

Davis shouted in sheer astonishment. Following him, many also screamed what he said as they closed their ears, feeling painful, but their eyes were wide open, their gaze glued to its sheer beauty.

The Mandate Emperor's expression became unsightly. He knew that Myria possessed Ice Phoenix Flames when she battled in the Seventh Stage Segment but to actually possess an extinct magical beast like the Ice Phoenix, did she find a complete immortal inheritance!?

Then what about Clara!?

Myria didn't say anything, but at this moment, numerous spatial vortexes appeared above the New Era Battle Arena. Accurately, there were five of them, and they stretched hundreds of meters wide.

"...!?"

The people who witnessed this scene became aghast.

Was the Calamity Light already descending on them so soon? Why? Because they chose to aggravate the source?

**\*Boom!~\***

A humongous leg stepped out of the spatial vortex. It appeared like an elephant leg and possessed a turquoise hue to it. When it completely exited amidst the resounding silence, the people were dumbstruck, some of them even collapsing to their butts.

They saw it possessed a colossal structure of a giant mammoth, stretching a hundred and fifty meters long while its trunk was also massively big. Its big yet unmoving eyes were completely looking down on them.

However, they witnessed similar scenes over the four other spatial vortexes.

A huge four-legged ox burning with purplish-red flames stepped out, its crimson eyes surveying its surroundings with an excited gaze. There was the appearance of another four-legged magical beast. It

possessed two azure wings, and descriptions would fit a cougar, its posture laying low with its green eyes looking for worthy prey.

Violet lightning flashed, and a hundred and a twenty-meter long serpent with purple scales slithered out of its spatial vortex. Its terrifying purple eyes looked around, coldly watching with pride visible in its gaze.

Finally, an obsidian-shelled turtle also appeared, its size small, only around thirty meters in diameter. However, its crystal shell that was obsidian radiated an immense might that overshadowed all others!

The Mandate Emperor's pupils had severely constricted that it didn't return to normal for a certain amount of time because he recognized those entities.

Rumbling Turquoise Mammoth, Inferno Wave Ox, Azure-Winged Cougar, Dark Lightning Moon Serpent, and an Obsidian Crystal Turtle...

The six magical beast empires of the east, excluding the Scarlet Tyrant Hawk Abode, were somehow all here! What's more, all of them exuded a dangerous might that was equaling to him, making it obvious that they were the rulers of those magical beast empires!

"Hehehe~"

The Dark Moon Lightning Serpent coldly laughed, its voice sounding masculine yet shrewd.

"Inferior humans, long time no see."

The Inferno Wave Ox breathed purplish-red flames from its nostrils, looking delighted. However, it hurriedly turned to look in a direction and shook its head with apprehension in its eyes.

"Ah! Master, I didn't mean you. It's just, this bunch of humans are all stupid."

"Perfect!" The Azure-Winged Cougar growled, "Master is truly wise. We'll keep you all busy here. Meanwhile, there's going to be magical beast tides all over the human race."

"Indeed, it's time to trample and flourish!~" The Rumbling Turquoise Mammoth that was looking down on all coldly laughed.

In this group, the Obsidian Crystal Turtle's dark eyes were immensely prideful but also reverential as they looked at a certain person.

The humans all looked towards a person, her figure still nonchalant as though what was happening wasn't her problem. However, they saw the Obsidian Crystal Turtle disappear and reappear in front of Myria, pushing its turtle head towards her.

Myria raised her hand and caressed the big Obsidian Crystal Turtle's head, causing countless jaws to drop.

*'Beast Tamer!!!'*

Everyone, including the Mandate Emperor, inwardly screamed.

However, to tame Emperor Beast Stage Magical Beasts who were rulers, and two among them were even at King-Tier, the Ice Phoenix, and the Obsidian Crystal Turtle, what kind of concept was this!?