

EMPEROR 2161

Chapter 2161: Distorted Skies

"So what happened after the Calamity Light's strange activity?"

On their way, Davis asked in an inquisitive tone.

"Sigh, I don't want to mention the trouble it caused..."

The Karmic Guardian Emperor's expression fell, "Almost everyone thought that the world was going to end, committing murderous and vile actions all over the Fifty-Two Territories. Many people used this chance to gain many benefits, and the most sorrowful thing is that most geniuses on the latter rankings end up dead to greedy people's machinations."

"Because of this, we announced that we're opening the Distorted Skies of Yonder and Alternating Time Flow Valley to the geniuses and decided to guard them here, but of course, the reason we gave the world was something else."

"Oh, the youths who participated in the competition are here?"

Davis couldn't help but frown.

Their timing couldn't be any worse as he wanted a silent atmosphere to do as he pleased. A few people weren't a problem, but if it was teeming with youths who wanted to spar, exchange, and generally remain noisy with their arrogance, then he knew that he might have a problem, although he couldn't see anyone willing to court death by provoking him.

His concerns lasted for less than a second before he opened his mouth.

"That said, I thought you people would ask me for an explanation about the frightening things we saw in the skies. It is rather appreciative of you people to not disturb me."

"Ah, the Mystic Ice Sect did send us an explanation on Fairy Myria's behalf, so we didn't dare disturb you."

"I see. So, what did you think of it? I find it surprising to see that you haven't ascended yet."

Davis raised his brows, causing the Karmic Guardian Emperor to wryly smile, "I wanted to ascend after witnessing that terrifying descent that shook the hearts of every race. However, after Fairy Myria said that the Fifty-Two Territories was a mere formation and ascending is merely jumping into the throats of those so-called vacuous beasts, we decided not to."

"However, we received news that the hidden powerhouses did ascend as there were many as fifty immortal tribulations. Some of them failed and ended up dead or crippled, while the others ascended. However, from Fairy Myria's words, I assume that they have been devoured by those vacuous beasts."

The Karmic Guardian Emperor's wry smile turned into one of relief, causing Davis to smile ever so lightly.

'I thought so... that woman is definitely a Saintess, not willing to see many people die...'

By informing the Three Great Righteous Sects of this information, she could get them to save many people who were thinking of making a great escape to the ascended world with the help of their ascenders, not to mention quelling the chaos as many people were unaware of the specifics and remained frightened of this situation.

She let them know that they were safer here than in the ascended world.

Maybe he was just overthinking it, and it was Ellia who told the Mystic Ice Sect to inform them. In any case, he hoped that Iris Serenity, the darkness spirit he encountered in the Spirit Lands and helped her ascend was safe on one hand and that many hidden powerhouses died on the other. That would lower his chances of getting caught by some random powerful immortal who noticed his uniqueness.

Sometime later, they arrived before a mountain that was simply massive enough that their eyes couldn't see its peak.

"The Distorted Skies of Yonder is in the ceiling of our world, the End Wind Zone."

Davis nodded his head, knowing that the End Wind Zone was one of many names given to the windy zone that was hundreds of kilometers above the surface, but it seemed like the official name according to the Four Great Righteous Sects. The higher they went in the windy zone, the more it would become difficult for them to survive in that zone that would shred everything to pieces.

One legend even depicted a Legacy Artifact at the level of the Soaring Emperor Sword being torn to shreds, so at the very least, Davis figured that powerhouses at the level of sixth or the seventh level of the Ninth Stage wouldn't be able to survive in the elevated regions.

Even so, Davis wanted to check what these windy zones had in store for him until he came to the conclusion that this was a sealed world by visiting the edges of the Fifty-Two Territories and trying to get to the other side of the dark fog.

The sealed space that he and Myria fought was also similarly near the windy zone that restricted the people of this world from leaving. Perhaps, that was the ceiling of the massive formation that sealed or protected the Fifty-Two Territories or was one of many layers.

In any case, they simply flew above the mountains on the head of Earth Dragon, raising altitude for hundreds of kilometers before noticing spatial undulations fill the air. Moreover, there were many Seventh Stage Experts here in these outskirts, but Davis wasn't surprised, considering that only Eighth Stage Experts and above would be able to survive at the End Wind Zone.

And although these youths were strong as Eighth Stage Experts, their energy consumption wouldn't last long under the constant siege of the wind blades, leading to their deaths, so it was safe for them to comprehend Space Laws right below the windy zone and occasionally enter the windy zone to gain more insights, balancing their energy consumption and survivability.

After all, no one said that weren't any other dangers, the most common being their nearby fellow cultivator.

Nonetheless, Mira unceremoniously entered the windy space as she ascended. They were stormed by transparent windy blades that they could see, but with their cultivations, it almost did nothing. However, they could see that there were strange spaces that seemed empty.

"Strange that only these few locations are not filled with seamless wind blades."

Davis voiced out, causing the Karmic Guardian Emperor to nod with a knowledgeable smile.

"Indeed, that's where the spaces for spatial nodes exist, and as long as you get inside that spatial bubble and begin to comprehend Space Laws, it should be possible for all of you to receive many insights depending upon your comprehension skills, making it fruitful but beware that it could be as much as dangerous. These spatial bubbles sometimes burst with no signs, instantly causing the surrounding wind blades to turn into deadly killing blades, sucked into the popped bubble as though filling the empty space. Depending on the size of the bubble, even I wouldn't necessarily survive."

Davis merely smiled, but the hearts of a few ladies who followed him here couldn't help but clench.

????-???? Even the Karmic Guardian Emperor, who had his prowess recently upgraded to the sixth level of the Ninth Stage, wouldn't survive?

"That's why it is safe to be seated at the edge rather than the center. Also, the lower your prowess, the better it is to choose a smaller spatial bubble. When the spatial bubble breaks, at most, you'll relieve an internal injury that could be healed with natural regenerative abilities or a pop of a pill."

The Karmic Guardian Emperor explained, causing Davis to nod while the others relaxed.

They were heartened to learn that as long as they were at the edge and chose a suitable spatial bubble for their prowess, there wouldn't be much danger.

"Where's the Alternating Time Flow Valley?"

"There is a mountain peak three hundred kilometers away from here, heading in a downwards slope."

The Karmic Guardian Emperor pointed towards the east, "Usually, cultivators below the Eighth Stage won't be able to make it there, but we have prepared ferries for them for a price. But considering that the Emperor of Death doesn't require such assistance, I'll leave it up to you to decide when you want to enter. In any case, if you need me for anything, please send a word."

"I will."

Davis nodded, watching the Karmic Guardian Emperor and the others leave. As for the method of contact, he already possessed the messaging talismans of almost every hegemonic power, so he was able to contact the Karmic Guardian Emperor anytime he wanted.

Nonetheless, hegemons never contacted him this way because that wasn't manners to do so when dealing with a person of power. Usually, they would send a messenger or two, which Evelyn or a few others would deal with them.

After the Karmic Guardian Emperor left, Davis turned around, looking at the people who accompanied him and Clara.

Chapter 2162: Splitting Up

"Now then,"

Davis panned his gaze at his beauties who decided to accompany them, whether it be for an excursion or to test their comprehension skills.

Except for Bylai and Zestria, all others had come to test their comprehension talent for Space Laws and Time Laws, but mostly for Space Laws as they didn't think they had the aptitude to comprehend something as seamless and transient as Time Laws.

It seemed that Bylai and Zestria had already visited this place once in their days as the Dragon Queen and returned with slumped expressions because they weren't able to comprehend much, making slow progress. They had at most comprehended a few minor resonances, not more than three minor resonances, before deciding to concentrate on their own Laws gifted by their blood as it better suited their nature.

As for Nadia, he left her to protect the Mortal Hex Emperor Purple Palace in case anything happened during his time here, although his Solitary Soul Avatar was together to accompany her.

However, there was also Lea, who had entered this zone a few times and comprehended Space Laws, having nine minor resonances already from what she told him before and now told him that she had a breakthrough and comprehended Level One Intent of Space Laws. Clara and Tia already possessed four and two minor resonances, respectively, making immense progress in their comprehension with just their comprehension ability.

Tia had the Karmic Guardian Physique to slightly aid her, but he felt that his little sister was something else to make such improvements faster than Tia, which clearly let him know that she was talented in Space Laws.

Even Schleya was here at Mingzhi's request, willing to have a try at it.

Everyone else who had just entered seclusion or was roaming around, unable to cultivate because of their worries, decided to accompany and try something new as though distracting their thoughts.

Nonetheless, Davis couldn't help but smile smugly as he watched their admiring expressions.

The fact that he could take them to here unhinged without care for provoking others itself was an exhilarating feeling that they looked like they fell for him all over again. Even to him, bringing them here with such badassery felt more fulfilling than ever because he probably wouldn't be able to do that after ascending or risk provoking someone just for showing off.

He didn't doubt it, as the cultivation world was like that, but the way he maneuvered in his early years put him off of that trouble.

"My gracious beauties, it's time to test your comprehension ability. Don't worry if you fail or can't obtain insights. It just means that you can forget about it and focus more on your own skills instead of splitting focus."

He gave some lighthearted advice and looked into the distance, "Also, there's no need to worry about the other cultivators who are here. If they pick a fight, feel free to do as you want, even killing them if need be. Furthermore, don't twist the facts of the events to your side needlessly. As long as you stay truthful, even if you're in the wrong, I will still stay by your side. Now you can all disperse in a team of two or more and pick a suitable spot for yourselves."

Turning to look at them, he extrapolated before lightly waving his hand.

Evelynn and the others couldn't help but smile at Davis's words with a heartened expression on their faces as though that was what they wanted to hear. After all, he basically just said that they could be as rampant as they wanted as long as they didn't hide anything from him, but they also knew that they should not misuse that right.

They thanked him and began to talk among themselves while Mira transformed into a brownish-golden ray of light and entered Isabella.

Evelynn approached Clara, exchanging words before they teamed up and left. Like them, Tia and Shirley, Fiora and Isabella, Natalya and Tanya, Schleya and Mingzhi also left together. Meanwhile, Lea, Sophie, and Niera went in threes, and Bylai, Zestria, Tina, and Dalila traveled in fours.

Davis saw their line-up and inwardly nodded his head as even if they encountered trouble, they would be able to solve it without his help. Besides, he also saw that they used this chance to get to know each other more as a few of his beauties picked people they weren't close with.

He looked around, marking a few troublesome geniuses with his soul sense before flying into the core region of the Distorted Skies of Yonder, looking for the biggest spatial bubble he could find.

'Hhm... I have only comprehended a minor resonance, worse than Clara for my cultivation level. Perhaps, I'm not better at comprehending Space Laws or just haven't given it enough time as she did, so I could only rely on resources...'

He thought of waiting for the resources from the Heaven Gazing Sect to arrive but decided on getting to know the place first. Since the spatial bubbles burst and reform all the time, no one knew a good spot and had to search for it. Sometimes, the best spot could be right at the entrance, and at other times, it could not even be found. ?????-?????

After all, the Distorted Skies of Yonder seemed to span a thousand kilometers in radius, which was actually small for Ninth Stage Powerhouses, but it went higher and higher. The more altitude they climbed, the less the visibility and the more the danger of wind blades tearing them into pieces, which made the entire zone all the more difficult to travel and hence considered big.

Right now, the entrance was at the western edge, so he was making his way to the center, where the spatial bubbles would usually be concentrated if it were any other danger zones. After that, he planned to raise his altitude from there so he could spot a suitable spatial bubble around him with his soul sense that was suppressed but not by much.

"Fellow cultivator, halt! This is my spot- Uh!? Forgive me, your eminence! You can have my spot."

Before Davis could even see that person's face, that person lowered his head, becoming deferential. However, Davis didn't stop flying and flew past that person.

'Crap... I almost killed myself...'

Looking at the Emperor of Death leave without letting out a word, that person was inwardly sweating buckets. Although he lowered his head in deference, he knew that his hair color and aura had probably given out his identity.

He was none other than Jeras Orcha, the Young Master of the Orcha Family who fought against Schleya and Welch Regalinius in the competition.

After the events of the Emperor of Death massacring a few powers, he thoroughly understood that this person was a person who should never be provoked, no matter the cost, as the probability of his power being reduced to nothing had become ninety-nine percent.

Even his Orcha Family regretted marrying the Water Dragon Queen to him instead of sending her to the Emperor of Death as a sacrifice, occasionally casting a mocking look towards him as though thinking how good would it have been if the Water Dragon Queen managed to secure his affection.

Jeras Orcha felt aggrieved beyond recovery as there was nothing he could do against the person who caused the others to feel this way. For the first time after losing faith in Water Laws, he came to train in Space Laws but here was that person again, wanting to take everything from him.

On the other hand, Davis, who was oblivious to Jeras Orcha's complex emotions that resulted in cultivation deviation sometimes, steadily approached the center, momentarily pausing at the Alternating Time Flow Valley before deciding to head to the center again.

Soon, he ascended, spotting a few people whom he knew from the competition. The Peak-Level Law Sea Stage Experts and even the High-Level ones had all broken through to the Ninth Stage. From their undulations, he could sense none of them managed to manifest an Imposing Rune, much less a Supreme Immortal Rune.

At most, they seemed to have conjured a fourth-tier Formidable Rune.

However, someone else was different.

It was none other than Adlet Rayburn, possessing a fifth-tier Imposing Rune, that caused him to radiate a threatening sharpness.

The only exception was Ivy Aries because of her sect's Guardian Lotus. However, he could not see her here, and because of that, Adlet Rayburn seemed like the king of the geniuses who were present here.

Naturally, Adlet Rayburn also seemed to occupy a bigger spatial bubble than anyone he had seen, the spatial bubble reaching a hundred meters in diameter. However, there were no geniuses around him, clearly willing to stay away from him to not earn his ire.

Nonetheless, even though Davis was inconspicuous in his movements, he was noticed by the geniuses here many times and yelled at to not enter their spots before hearing a resounding apology, he ignored all of them and arrived at the center, rising above the rest before finally finding a spatial bubble the size of three hundred meters in diameter before entering it at the altitude of two hundred kilometers a cut above the rest.

In this space, even fifth-level Ninth Stage Powerhouses wouldn't survive, but to Davis whose, natural body's defense was at the sixth level of the Ninth Stage, the wind blades might as well be massaging him.

He took a step forward into the spatial bubble and entered it, suddenly feeling as though he was floating in abrupt emptiness, one without a distinct feeling of matter.

Chapter 2163: Pretending?

While Davis traveled straight before ascending, his women practically ascended on a slope like they were climbing a mountain, randomly looking for a spatial bubble in different directions. After all, most weren't strong as Davis and needed someone to guard them while comprehending and vice versa, except a few ones like Evelyn, Isabella, Shirley, Natalya, and Lea.

That's why Davis also didn't meet them on his way but saw many other geniuses.

In the northeast direction, two black-robed figures who were moving in a straight path suddenly stopped as a person suddenly appeared in front of them.

"Stop right there! What's a wicked path powerhouse doing here? Don't you know that this is one of the sacred training grounds of the righteous path!?"

A furious voice resounded as a brown-robed man stepped in. Long hair flowed down till his waist. His scowling face possessed a mustache, and combined with his muscular body, he looked quite ferocious.

"You are...?"

A black-robed woman amusingly smiled as she raised one of her brows, "I haven't seen you in the Nine Western Territories Young Expert Competition. You must be a new face around here."

"Hmph! The glory of the Nine Western Territories Young Expert Competition is known far and wide and misused by a lot of people pretending to be others. The other day, a female assassin pretended to be that wicked path woman Schleya and assassinated a genius below the entrance. Fortunately, we managed to kill her before she escaped."

"Wha-?"

The black-robed woman was dumbfounded, turning to look at the other black-robed woman who possessed crimson-black hair.

'Someone dared to pretend to be her...?'

Mingzhi couldn't help but blink, wondering who had the audacity to be pretending as the Young Blood Demoness who struck fear into the hearts of her opponents.

"Hmph!" The brown-robed man struck a battle posture, "In any case, I smell Blood Laws and Darkness Laws from you two, which is against the principles of the righteous path. If you don't leave, then don't blame me for being merciless."

"Sigh, I've been living a protected life for some time that I had to relearn what it's like being outside..."

Mingzhi lampooned as she placed a hand on her forehead.

Their essence auras were wild, but their faces were hidden behind their veils. Although it was slightly transparent, people wouldn't be able to get a good look at them if they didn't want them to, and certainly, this random yet audacious person in front of them didn't recognize them.

Nonetheless, she shook her head and continued flying as though this matter didn't concern her.

"Courting death!"

The brown-robed leaped and raised his hand, a huge hammer appearing in his arms as he swung it like it was a bamboo stick.

Mingzhi's brows knitted into a frown as she raised her head, looking at the audacious man with killing intent. However, before she could even say anything, a gust of wind rushed past her.

"Huh?"

The brown-robed man noticed the woman with crimson-black hair approach him with incredible speed. The hammer he spun in his hand shone in golden light when it was grasped by him before he swung it at the source of danger. The heaven and earth energy around him was pulled in by him as his own earthen energy imbued the hammer with great force.

However, just as he swung it, the crimson-black-haired woman escaped from his sight, making him target the other woman to force her out.

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However, when he swung his hand downwards, only a wave of air could be unleashed by him. As for his arm, it was nowhere to be seen, causing his eyes to bulge in shock before intense pain overtook his arm, blood churning out of his severed arm in copious amounts.

The fact that he instantly lost an arm greatly shook his heart.

But still, he simply clenched his teeth and wanted to make another move, but before he could do anything, a curved blade appeared in front of his neck from the back, causing him to freeze as he felt the sharp edge slicing his neck ever so lightly as his blood dripped.

"Yuu...!?"

He strained his voice, his pupils trembling as he also felt another blade hanging beside his lower body.

"Which part of your body do you want to drop first?"

Schleya coldly asked as she controlled Crescentblood using her blood whips extending from her two fingers. Her arms were crossed while she exuded the air of a bloody killer as killing intent blazed from her eyes, causing the brown-robed man to feel cold sweat as fear encroached his heart and soul from behind.

He understood whom he was dealing with now, but the cost... was his life.

"Don't...! I'm an Elder of the Sundering Hammer Sect! My... Sundering Hammer Sect won't leave you alive if you kill me...!"

"Really? Do you want to threaten 'us' like that?"

Mingzhi appeared in front of the brown-robed man, causing him to shudder as he gazed at the wicked beauty of her eyes.

The Emperor of Death's sixth wife and the most audacious one of them all, as she is said to be using Darkness Laws, Mo Mingzhi. Although her cultivation was low and would die to a mere swing of his arm, the fact that she could approach him without any fear could only mean that she was perhaps equipped with many protective artifacts. ?????-?????

Instantly, all forms of stubborn feeling in his heart left like passing clouds, causing him to only feel the impending doom that would fall on him sooner or later.

His eyes lost focus as his entire body shuddered, his lips quivering with fright.

"I... I apologize... I didn't mean to block your path and waste your time, much less kill you. I, Wan He, offer my deepest apologies and a Peak-Level Emperor Grade Earth Essence I harvested from the Rising Hammer Mountains. Please... forgive me...and let me go with this..."

"Do you think 'I' lack treasures?" Mingzhi raised her brows, sounding offended.

"No... please... forgive me..."

"The Sundering Hammer Sect, was it...?"

"No... no... no..! Please, no... I'm not willing to involve my sect..."

"Didn't you just bring it up?"

"..."

Even tears started to well up in his eyes that Mingzhi couldn't help but blink.

She figured that if it was anyone else, he would be adamant and stand his ground, but to face the Emperor of Death or one of his people, the chances of coming out alive were next to nil.

Cultivators were highly emotional beings, but they were not utterly stupid. They would bet on a five or more percent chance but not anything less than that unless they were crazy.

She understood this point and couldn't help but almost scoff because this person wouldn't leave her alive just because she used Darkness Laws. Besides, if Schleya wasn't together with her, although she wouldn't have died with her protective artifacts, she would be running for her life regardless, and just thinking of it caused her body to tremble with intense anger.

Wan He went utterly silent as he saw the woman trembling with clenched fists. He didn't dare raise his head, afraid that he might come off as impertinent even the slightest, his previous bravado nowhere to be seen.

However, he saw her walk beside him, making him tremble even more as he was afraid that the curved blade right in front of his eyes would behead him.

"On account of your sect sharing secret forging manuals to Sophie, I'll let you and your sect go this once. There won't be a next time."

Mingzhi coldly spoke and flew away without looking back. Schleya watched her leave before she waved her hand, her curved blades returning to her embrace as she kept them inside, turning around as she caught up to Mingzhi in an instant.

Wan He still kept trembling as the feeling of death never left his body because he knew that the Young Blood Demoness used strange wicked blood arts to use blood to kill her opponents. He was essentially still in her grasp, and he knew that all too well from what he heard, so he cursed himself for picking a battle with the real thing!

As for his arm, it was probably eaten by some magical beast thousands of kilometers below.

In the surroundings, people noticed the commotion and came to witness it at a distance. They all witnessed Wan He's plight, knowing that he was a powerhouse who recently missed attending the Ninth Stage Segment of the Nine Western Territories Young Expert Competition because his mother died. He had been happy because the Ninth Stage Segment had been called off, making the right decision to stay beside his mother's deathbed but to have courted death like his mother, they felt that his experience in this span of a year was tragic, but still, no one came to help him but rather, they soon sent word to the geniuses of their own powers or allies, informing them that Mo Mingzhi and Schleya was here.

However, they quickly also received word that geniuses spotted the Hex Demoness, Earth Dragon Queen, and many others, including the Emperor of Death!

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Their hearts jolted with fright and excitement. However, the surprise and shock were also equally overwhelming that they still couldn't believe that the Emperor of Death was here!

Chapter 2164: Troubling Bits

"Damn, being able to threaten people feels so good!"

Meanwhile, Mingzhi grinned from ear to ear, looking completely wicked.

"You're definitely not a righteous expert."

Schleya commented from beside, her expression nonchalant. Her words caused Mingzhi to giggle.

"Hehe, I never said I was. I just like the peace and a few advantages it gives me, as Davis does, so I am aligned towards it. However, I don't like being evil either, so don't include me in the same place with those degenerates who followed your bidding in your time at the Blood Pledge Villa."

"But you... you didn't cut his head off immediately as you would usually do in the Blood Pledge Villa Territory."

Mingzhi raised her brows as a teasing smile appeared on his face, "Is it because you don't want to cause him trouble?"

"..."

Schleya stared at Mingzhi, not really responding to that comment.

"Hehe~ I thought so... even though he said that you could do anything."

Mingzhi's voice rang out in a melodious tune, but Schleya simply shook her head.

"That was only meant for you and his women."

"I thought he addressed it for everyone right there, including his sister and you. After all, he did say to be 'truthful' when explaining the situation. Who exactly do you think it was addressed to?"

Hearing Mingzhi explaining, Schleya's mouth couldn't slightly hang agape as she pondered over it.

Perhaps, those words of his were truly meant for...

"Just kidding. It wasn't meant for you."

"You...!"

Schleya clenched her teeth at Mingzhi, who sneakily giggled while looking at her face, taking immense pleasure over the complex feelings of her heart.

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"Yes, yes. I won't, Young Blood Demoness with tender feelings in her heart."

"..."

Schleya trembled, but she didn't do anything in the end, simply looking away.

Meanwhile, Mingzhi felt extremely refreshed at teasing Schleya because she displayed those adorable reactions, which could be slightly seen through her veil. She felt like she was teasing her little sister and couldn't help but be reminded of Fiora, whom she had gone with a step ahead and slept together with Davis, making her blush a bit.

However, as she gazed at a suitable spot, her focus returned as she grabbed Schleya's pale hand and pulled her into the spatial bubble.

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Achu!~

A gorgeous green-robed woman sneezed adorably in a cute voice before rubbing her small nose.

"Someone's thinking of me..."

"That's not right."

A golden-robed woman beside her seemed volatile as she grabbed the green-robed woman's ear and pulled on them. "You got drenched by provoking a Ninth Stage Powerhouse, and the heavy winds constantly blowing here will seep through your pores and make you sick"...

"Ahh~ Third sister, you're bullying me~~~"

Fiora cried out, seemingly on the edge of tears. However, Isabella cast a mocking gaze.

"I won't fall for that trick. Even Shirley has matured, but you and Mingzhi are the most playful of all. Who told you to go pick a fight with that insufferable woman?"

"Because that idiotic woman said that the Emperor of Death doesn't amount to much to coddle some random man. Still, she can say that but not when I'm around...! Besides, she deserves to be beaten black and blue for being unfaithful...!"

"I feel the same way, but that's not our problem. Let's go."

Isabella grabbed Fiora's hand and took her away, seemingly bothered.

Although they left, there were two figures lying on a flying boat with aghast expressions on their faces. Blood was dripping from their mouths, appearing injured and even slightly paralyzed.

They were none other than the Water Dragon Queen, Giselle Orcha, and Starnova Emperor's seventh son, Lezlie Starchild.

They only took one palm from the Earth Dragon Queen, but it had them repeatedly coughing blood and the dantians injured, almost cracking. Perhaps, she showed mercy, but it made no difference as their cultivations were badly damaged now. In fact, they could heal it as long as they returned to their powers, but how are they going to explain that they offended the Earth Dragon Queen by trying to kill Fiora for noticing their secret affair?

When Fiora approached them and demanded that they apologize, they were passionately kissing. Afraid that they were caught, they instantly tried to silence Fiora without even confirming her identity, but suddenly the Earth Dragon Queen appeared and smacked their techniques like it was nothing and used her palm to strike them both on their abdomens.

Caught off-guard, they spat a mouthful of blood and fell beside each other as though they were dying lovers.

They were lying down, trying to move, but it was like they were caught in a quagmire, disallowing them to move properly.

Was this a property of the Earth Dragon Queen's Earth Laws, or were their bodies simply shuddering in fear?

Nonetheless, what went through their minds wasn't this but how to deal with the aftermath of this mess.

'No... I can't get caught here...!'

Without even thinking much of the consequences, Giselle Orcha's eyes flashed with murderous intent as she abruptly swung her hand, a blue dagger with sharp waves appearing in her grasp as she swung it towards Lezlie Starchild's forehead, intending to destroy his soul.

"...!"

Boom!~

A protective artifact abruptly shone above Lezlie Starchild's neck as it formed a protective barrier, blocking Giselle Orcha's murderous ocean dagger. However, since it was blocked, the flying boat swayed from the impact and caused Lezlie Starchild to be able to escape as he plunged towards the ground.

Giselle Orcha's eyes were wide in shock as she couldn't believe that he had a soul-protecting artifact!

Boom!~

The flying boat exploded, having been detonated by Lezlie Starchild. However, a water barrier was formed around Giselle Orcha, her expression appearing incensed as she knew she had allowed him to escape.

"Slut! I was a fool to have believed your plight. I'll definitely spread the word about what kind of a person you are!"

"Shut up!!! It's not like you're a righteous person either, bastard!"

Both of their expressions were unsightly as they gazed at each other's faces with utter disgust and extreme rage.

They knew that they were both seducing each other, one craving the power and authority and the other the blood of the Water Dragon, but to have made a move to kill, Lezlie Starchild was heavily incensed at Giselle Orcha, but he knew why Giselle Orcha took that decision.

It was to keep her honor from being publicly ruined.

Originally, he was planning to keep this tempting beauty as his concubine as long as she could divorce Jeras Orcha, but he couldn't give a crap about that after being almost assassinated by her in a moment of weakness. He didn't think that she was this ruthless, having almost lost his life to her dagger if it were not for his protective artifact.

Lezlie Starchild disappeared into the horizon while Giselle Orcha was left hovering in the heavy winds. However, her expression was unsightly as she looked around.

It was over...

She could sense numerous gazes and senses washing past her, and that would mean that most people should've found out about her affair with Starnova Emperor's seventh son.

Isabella and Fiora were unaware of this altercation as they had already traversed far away, managing to find their suitable spatial bubble.

Like Mingzhi and Isabella's group, the others also encountered a few problems before finding a suitable spot for themselves.

Evelynn and Clara were practically catcalled for their big bosoms and unfathomable beauty before they killed them in a single move. They didn't even know who they killed but didn't bother and continued to find a suitable spot before they finally found one. Even Shirley and Tia had a similar encounter as they were practically unknown.

Although Shirley easily turned her harassers into ashes with a flick of her hand, Tia was aghast as it was her first time witnessing death this close, allowing her to understand how fleeing life was to end in an instant, causing her to determine herself to predict dangers so that this kind of thing wouldn't happen to them.

Meanwhile, Natalya was recognized as the Yin Lotus Fairy as she was using a lotus to travel with Tanya.

As for the others, they had a few verbal altercations, but that's all.

Most of the problems they encountered could have been avoided if they had not worn a veil as the others would've recognized and stayed clear of them, but in the minds of Evelynn and the others, their beauty could only be enjoyed by a single person, and that was the exclusivity and respect they gave to Davis and to their own bodies.

Therefore, they won't remove it of their own volition while outside.

Even Mingzhi, who lived in the modern world, adopted a similar attitude because the environment she lived in was like that.

However, it was also only not for that reason as Mingzhi knew that beauty was a dangerous weapon, but it was also equally vulnerable if the host of the beauty lacked strength in this dog eats dog world.

Chapter 2165: Clamour

In a brief amount of time, the Distorted Skies of Yonder, which was silent for a while, became bustling as a marketplace.

The geniuses scrambled to see their idol or decide for themselves who the Emperor of Death really was, ascending to the dangerous skies. The wind blades here were of higher prowess, causing many of them to incur tears in their robes, but they didn't stop as though they were possessed. No, it was more like they saw a grand treasure above and wouldn't stop for any reason.

"Ahhh!"

Abruptly, blood splashed in the skies as a youth received a heavy wind blade to one of his legs. It left a deep gash on his calf muscles that he bent and held in pain, but the billowing winds pushed him down, causing him to be sent flying towards the surface without a stop.

His plight instantly sent a resounding awareness to the geniuses around that figure, making them come to realize that they wouldn't be able to make it to the location where the Emperor of Death went.

"Curse my inability. I really wanted to see senior."

"Sigh... it's regretful not to be able to witness senior's glory. I had wanted to see his battle with Fairy Myria too at that time, but they left somewhere the result unknown."

"Still, to be able to reach extreme heights in the Distorted Skies of Yonder, the title Emperor of Death isn't for nothing!"

The fanatical group stopped and exchanged a few words of longing, with two of them being women. However, there were also a few who wanted to spar with him and obtain many insights. Even if they were declined, they felt that it was worth it if it was just asking.

After all, the Emperor of Death seemed like a reasonable character unless someone provoked him. It was unlikely they would get massacred just for requesting a sparring session, and their reasoning was also supported by his disinterest in how they bellowed at him to stay off their spot when many others would be more than willing to teach them a lesson.

Whoosh!~

But suddenly, there was a windy silhouette who rushed past them, ascending like a willow at an incredible speed.

The eyes of the geniuses became shocked before one of the ladies screamed.

"Senior Adlet Rayburn!"

They recognized him as the successor to a remnant tomb of the Silver Radiant Skylark.

Adlet Rayburn breezed through the heavy winds and wind blades as though it was an easy matter for him. His altitude climbed in the hundreds of meters per second, causing the other geniuses to become shocked because even the geniuses with higher cultivation weren't able to cross past this level.

They could ascend a bit more but knew that it would become dangerous once they ascended past a hundred meters or so, but Adlet Rayburn ascended past a kilometer and completely disappeared out of their view, causing them to reel in disbelief and jealousy.

"It's his wind... it gives him more advantage here..."

?a?da ?o??! A golden-robed person shook his head, causing people to look at him and recognize that he was Welch Regalanus, the Heaven Mandate Emperor's one of many sons.

They couldn't help but nod to him as he was a person of more authority, able to command the forces of the Heaven Mandate Temple as he had entered the Ninth Stage and became an Elder.

Above them, Adlet Rayburn made his way to Davis, finding it increasingly difficult to rise higher.

'What the hell? How much has he improved over these few months!?'

He couldn't help but inwardly curse the overwhelming gap between him and Davis. As he ascended a few dozen kilometers, he could no longer climb.

Whiss!~

Wind blades pierced his robes, causing his expression to turn unsightly as he still couldn't find the Emperor of Death anywhere. As for the thought that the Emperor of Death could be somewhere around in the altitude, that didn't even cross his mind because he believed that Davis wouldn't settle for just some big spatial bubble that was slightly bigger than his spatial bubble.

But he could no longer ascend, causing him to take a deep breath and form a triangle with his hands as he brought them in front of his eyes that shone in a golden light.

"Eye Art: Light of Yonder."

Instantly, his vision that was limited by the billowing winds unfolded in an instant, but at the same time, blood began pouring out of his eyes as they were being strained to the limit.

"...!"

Abruptly, he caught sight of the silhouette that he had been looking for. His eyes became bloodshot before he hurriedly closed them, his head trembling as he withstood the pain. However, he was shocked to find at the very center of the three hundred meters wide spatial bubble was the Emperor of Death

sitting crossed-leg as though he wasn't worried about the collapse of that large spatial bubble that he had never seen or wouldn't even dare come close to the edge.

Even in the hundred-meter spatial bubble, he remained only ten meters away from the edge as he sat and tried to comprehend Space Laws. But this man...

'Just what kind of a monster is he...?'

Adlet Rayburn felt that little bit of rivalry he had in mind disappear like the fleeting wind. His clenched teeth relaxed as he came to possess a wry smile on his face, beginning to dive down as though it was not his business anymore.

Meanwhile, Davis momentarily looked down and saw Adlet Rayburn's expressions with his soul sense. He had felt a gaze and was slightly disturbed. However, as he had just begun meditating and didn't enter a state of comprehension, he didn't take too much offense and raised his head.

However, he was surprised that someone was able to see him from such a distance.

'Guess I should learn some eye arts too...'

He never felt like he needed one with his soul sense, but it wouldn't be bad to use in the immortal world where there could be many places his soul sense could be suppressed. He gave this work to the Solitary Soul Avatar in his mind, closing his eyes as he resumed his comprehension session. The same time he focused his heart and descended into gaining insights from the spatial essence lurking around him, Evelyn and the others had also started comprehending.

Meanwhile, Jeras Orcha, who felt like he gained a second wind a while ago, felt shattered as he heard about his wife's affair with Lezlie Starchild. He descended and tried to leave the Distorted Skies of Yonder without saying a word.

However, on the way, he encountered a group of audacious people who teased him for fun. The blood went to his head, and before he knew it, there were two bloody heads in his grasp.

"Giselle, you slut! Where the fuck are you!?"

Throwing his head above, he screamed with intense rage, his eyes becoming bloodshot.

His cultivation deviated, and he turned into a ruthless killing machine as his heart demon took over and started a killing spree, crushing whoever was in front of him as he searched for Giselle Orcha! But before he could make it halfway, he was ganged up by the geniuses who had gathered and ended up being mauled to death.

Hearing this information, the Karmic Guardian Emperor hurriedly made his way to the Distorted Skies of Yonder and had to placate the geniuses and their powers who came to engage in an altercation with the Astral Light Sect and the Orcha Family.

Looking at the Starnova Emperor and the Orcha Family Patriarch staring at each other along with their two juniors who were at fault for this mess, the Karmic Guardian Emperor couldn't help but stroke his forehead.

'As expected of an Anarchic Divergent... their ability to cause disaster is second to none. After all, those who have karmic luck and are almost impossible to kill are dropping dead like flies before the calamity could even completely descend...'

Chapter 2166: Progress

The Astral Light Sect and the Orcha Family appeared like they were going to fight it both their elders fought it out, exchanging a few blows before the Karmic Guardian Emperor stopped them.

Soon, even the Mandate Emperor arrived and decided to interfere before placating both the Astral Light Sect and the Orcha Family. Their exchange went back and forth for a few hours, completely making the Orcha Family incensed due to their Dragon Queen's irresponsible actions.

In a shocking turn of events, it was decided that Giselle Orcha would become Lezlie Starchild's fourth concubine, completely dumbfounding the people.

In the end, they knew it was all for benefits, although they could understand how they reached this conclusion.

The Astral Light Sect didn't have much to lose but only gained by having Giselle Orcha marry into their power. After all, having the blood of the Water Dragon could boost their prowess by a margin.

Moreover, sending off a Dragon Queen was unheard of in these few century millenniums, but after the Emperor of Death stole two of them, it seemed like this trend wouldn't stop until something happened. Indeed, the Orcha Family decided to sacrifice their Water Dragon Queen.

Getting their Young Master, her husband, killed was bad enough, but she went ahead and ruined her reputation, painting mud on her family's name. No one in the Orcha Family liked that and decided to marry her off to the man she had an affair with. That was how they could lower the damage and extend the benefits. After all, she was marrying into the Astral Light Sect, which was a greater power than them by a slight margin.

The woman in question, Giselle Orcha, was pale beyond compare.

If she knew that this would happen, she wouldn't have tried to kill Lezlie Starchild to hide her affair, but now, all that awaited was a cruel world. Her cultivation wasn't sealed. To be accurate, no one dared to seal her as she was strong enough to self-destruct without having herself suppressed by other kinds of energies but still, she knew that her life had hit a new low.

As for Lezlie Starchild, he was going to be thrown into the Astral Light Sect's prison for some time because of engaging in immoral acts while not conforming to the rules of the Astral Light Sect. But in truth, it was just a pat on the hand, nothing heavy. It would be just a matter of time before he was released, and his anger would be taken out on Giselle Orcha herself, making her feel some fear.

Nonetheless, the two of them were taken out of the Distorted Skies of Yonder for engaging in disparaging and immoral activities, banned from it by the Heaven Gazing Sect, and never to enter again.

After they left, the Distorted Skies of Yonder became peaceful again, with everyone returning to their spots to cultivate. To most of them, it was a profound drama to watch, and for the geniuses of the Astral

Light Sect and Orcha Family, they felt angered and embarrassed. Even their allies felt second-hand embarrassment, so they acted like nothing happened and continued on with their cultivation.

However, many did spread this news, and it naturally fell on Bylai and Zestria's ears.

"That lousy woman... she really went and done it..."

Bylai described with some disbelief on her face. However, Zestria sneered.

"I knew she would do something utterly despicable like that. She was too jealous of us and tried to come up in whatever way she could, and that didn't change even now, except she completely messed up. Fortunately, she wasn't sent as a sacrifice to Davis like us. Otherwise, I would throw up to call if I have to call her my sister."

Zestria reacted with dislike, causing Bylai to giggle, "Being sent as a sacrifice doesn't necessarily mean that she would be chosen. Did you forget that we had to receive approval from Shirley and Isabella before he even deigned to look at us?"

"Right..." Zestria smilingly agreed, "That woman would never manage to receive their approval, much less manage to deceive Davis. After all..."

"... he possesses the fabled Heart Laws."

Bylai continued as they both giggled.

"That's apparently called Enigmatic Heart Laws."

"Ah~ Right..."

However, Zestria corrected Bylai before turning their heads and looking at the ten-meter-wide spatial bubble.

They watched Tina and Dalila remain seated inside this spatial bubble, engaged in the act of comprehending Space Laws stemming from the spatial undulations that even their skin could feel.

They were protecting Tina and Dalila from problematic individuals as they boasted the least battle prowess out of them all. As for themselves, they already tried and failed to make rapid progress in Space Laws back when they visited these training grounds, so they decided to continue on with the advantage provided by their blood and further it.

However, it seemed that they were slightly disturbed by Giselle Orcha's downfall, wondering why she became like this. After all, she was a fellow Dragon Queen who shared rivalry with them before things went downhill because of her jealousy. They wished that it hadn't become like that but knowing Giselle Orcha, they could only lament.

However, to even go as far as to ruin her life and have her loving husband go berserk from cultivation deviation to ending up dead, they were completely done with her, deciding to throw out all thoughts of her changing for good from their life as they killed her in their hearts.

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Time passed.

Two weeks had gone by just like that as Davis and the others meditated inside the spatial bubbles.

Bzzz!~

In the skies of the Distorted Skies of Yonder, heaven and earth energy trembled ever so lightly in a three hundred meters wide spatial bubble before a purple-robed man opened his eyes and smiled with some approval on his face.

"Three minor resonances in two weeks... not bad..."

Davis now had comprehended four minor resonances in Space Laws in total.

Although it was faster than Clara, he felt that it had to do with the good spot he occupied and also the fact that he was in the Law Rune Stage. He should be supposed to comprehend minor resonances faster than someone at the Seventh Stage, and now that Clara was in the Eighth Stage, the Law Sea Stage, he felt that she would comprehend even faster.

He wondered if he should go see them, but before that, he verified with his Solitary Soul Avatar that nothing of importance had happened so far. The Calamity Light didn't display any kind of activity, but nevertheless, people were constantly on the lookout, enriching and fortifying their defenses through various means.

The Alstreim Family was also hard at work in defense, fortifying their walls and erecting many other defenses, although Davis thought that if those so-called vacuous beasts descended, nothing could possibly survive, but that possibility remained low because of the protection of the massive formation and the restriction placed on cultivation and space.

Nonetheless, he didn't bother much and explored the Distorted Skies of Yonder, spotting his women from a distance and confirming that they were safe and sound before moving on to his next agenda.

But before that, he visited the entrance of the Distorted Skies of Yonder before grabbing the spatial ring full of Space Law resources and passing it to Evelyn. After giving her a passionate kiss, he left her, arriving at the Alternating Time Flow Valley's peaks.

Chapter 2167: Alternating Flow

Arriving at the mountain of the Alternating Time Flow Valley, Davis saw the steep slope heading downwards as though it was a roller coaster ride. He couldn't help but blink before turning to look at a warning sign stabbed into the surface of the peak.

[You could find yourself losing lifespan quickly in this training grounds, which is practically a danger zone. When you come out, the time you spend in the Alternating Time Flow Valley would be similar to the time outside, but you would've considerably lost many years in your lifespan that your perception wouldn't even have registered it. Tread with the utmost caution you could muster.

-Heaven Gazing Sect]

Besides that warning sign, there was also a formation to check the bone age.

"..."

Davis pursed his lips, laying down the worry in his heart.

He was afraid that he would lose time outside as the Calamity Light hadn't stopped yet, but if it was just his lifespan that decreased, he didn't have a problem because his lifespan provided by his Body Tempering Cultivation was fifty thousand years. Adding on the Earth Dragon Blood and the Supreme Immortal Crest, he felt that his lifespan could even reach eighty thousand years.

If he lost a few thousand years traveling inside the Alternating Time Flow Valley, he felt that it would be a small price to pay. That said, he couldn't use his Solitary Soul Avatar to come here either, as that would mean comprehending Time Laws for the soul, which he didn't want to.

He strictly wanted to use Death Laws, Life Laws, and its lower-tier Darkness Laws and Light Laws before proceeding onto comprehend Reincarnation Laws. He felt like he couldn't stuff more Laws to his Soul Forging Cultivation, at least not at the moment.

After all, he was not Myria, who had lived for many years.

As for his Essence Gathering Cultivation, it seemed that Space Laws and Time Laws were almost perfectly balanced between the nature of yin and yang and hence, could be used without interference from his unique physique or tempered meridians.

That's why many powerhouses knew how to use Space Laws like he had seen a Burning Phoenix Ridge Elder use it back when he first visited it despite their blood and body being influenced towards Fire Laws.

Since he was just using Fire Laws and Lightning Laws with his Essence Gathering Cultivation and very rarely Illusion Laws, he felt that he could accommodate Space Laws and Time Laws in it.

As for his Body Tempering Cultivation, it was also possible to use it but concentrating these Laws on a single cultivation system was enough for him at the time.

Thinking like this, he descended from the peak and flew downwards into the spacious yet creepy valley that didn't have much light. The only sources of light were unique crystals glowing with a vague gray light, emitting light undulations.

They didn't seem to possess the essence of time, so he kept descending at a slow pace, constantly using his soul sense to feel the surrounding space before moving down. After all, he could sense the undulations of time lurking around him ever so vaguely with the absence of wind blades surging to tear him apart.

However, he couldn't understand what it did to him as his perception remained the same. But, he didn't give up trying to understand what was happening to him, furthering his focus on gaining insights.

Back then, he had a glimpse into Time Laws, gaining the insight that time was equal for everyone and yet not at the same time. That reasoning had to do with his avatar, which allowed him to do multiple things at the same time. However, he still felt that Time, as a whole, although relative, remained the same for everyone, passing in a linear motion.

When this linear motion of time is disrupted, it is corrected by the natural laws of the cosmos, just like how shattered space stitches back itself.

To this vague insight, Davis was fairly sure that he was correct, and now all he had to do was understand and realize it to a deep level, forming a minor resonance to his comprehension of Time Laws. However, like comprehending Space Laws, he was searching for a suitable spot.

Unlike the Distorted Skies of Yonder, he could not sense many people here. Almost all of them did not seem to head deep into this Alternating Time Flow Valley, remaining at the edge as they sat and tried to comprehend the essence of time just from the mysterious undulations lurking around.

'Too difficult and wasteful... Tina said that her Mystic Diviner uncle took five hundred years in the Alternating Time Flow Valley to comprehend Time Laws. He must've been seated in this outer edge, slowly learning...'

Davis couldn't help but shake his head, wondering how he could waste so much time, but he simply forgot that it was extremely normal for ordinary people to spend many years and comprehend nothing and, in most cases, arrive at the wrong conclusion that doesn't invoke the resonance of the heaven and earth!

In any case, he traveled deep down the valley and thoroughly looked for a thick presence of time undulations.

Soon, he found a rock that radiated time undulations. He couldn't help but raise his brows, noticing the spiritual nature of it.

'A Time-Attributed Spirit Stone Vein Fragment...'

He didn't think that he would find a Peak-Level one at that.

Pursing his lips, he looked around and searched for a Peak-Level Time-Attributed Spirit Stone Vein Source. However, he couldn't find anything except a few traces of mining, which could only mean...

'It seems like it was not harvested along with the others...'

Davis figured that the cultivators from the Heaven Mandate Temple had harvested it. After all, it belonged to them.

'Wait... that's not right. It was probably done long ago, but since the space is encased in alternating time, it appears as though it had been recently done...'

He hurriedly communicated with his avatar and learned that time was actually going faster for him on the other side, which meant time was slowing down here. He slightly moved towards the side and saw that his perception changed ever so lightly that he couldn't even pick up traces of the mining conducted here.

He then moved back to that same position, finding that he could sense the mining that occurred 'recently'. A few minutes later, while remaining in the same position, he found that time was speeding up now, and the outside world was becoming slow.

'So this is what they meant by 'alternating' valley and that the time spent inside is equal to the outside...'

Davis blinked, understanding that Time Laws maintained an odd yet unnerving balance here. However, lost lifespan couldn't be regained but only slowed down to nil, which results in being unable to retrieve

the loss of lifespan, which makes it so that their perception tells them that they spent ten days in the Alternating Time Flow Valley and ten days had passed in the outside world but in reality, a hundred days or so passage of time could've affected their body in the Alternating Time Flow Valley.

Without his avatar, his perception couldn't even realize the difference in time.

To be able to be subtle enough to not allow him to notice the change in time, Davis felt that the Time Laws were insane if used properly, also making him wonder if it was just terrifying or if the Time Laws here possessed some kind of special property.

Still, his search went on as he tried to search for a more stable and more essenceful location of Time Laws.

His figure strayed around like a shadow, inviting some scares to a few people who were deep in comprehension, but once they learned the most known face of the decade was beside them, they didn't dare say anything and returned to comprehending, sometimes even leaving altogether as they didn't want trouble.

Davis was the least bothered by them. There were many caves in this dark valley that attracted his attention.

He had entered them one by one, hoping to find a good spot. However, he ended up with nothing each time. He had visited a hundred or more caves in a few hours, but all he got was a few Spirit Stone Vein Fragments which were probably forgotten because the harvesters switched positions, and surprise, it was not there anymore, returning to the vein, but if they return to the vein to collect it, it would disappear, which would just want to make them forget about it and leave with the gathered harvest.

Just as Davis was starting to be incensed as he entered his hundredth and thirty-one cave, he abruptly got sucked inside a vortex, causing him to clench his teeth as his connection with the avatar became lost.

Splash!~

Davis felt himself be enveloped by water, making him think that he had fallen into a lake of some sort. Just as he noticed the uniqueness of the lake and its lukewarm nature, his eyes went wide as he saw a naked figure underneath the utterly clean water.

"Who!?"

An angered yet humiliated scream rang out as green lotuses surged out, wanting to smack Davis as they hovered above him.

At this moment, Davis had both his hands raised up as he stood up from the shallow lake that only covered his waist. He looked like a drenched menace enough to garner the prey into attacking the predator in retaliation, but his expression then turned into a wry smile as he saw the naked beauty use one of her hands to cover her overflowing bosoms and the other to summon a mist and a few lotuses, ready to kill him.

"Valley Master Jade Aurora. It's rather surprising to see you here..."

"..."

The spinning lotuses froze in mid-air while the mist slightly cleared, revealing the face of a beauty whose pupils became constricted to a deep level.

Chapter 2168: Thoughts On You

"..."

A few seconds of silence continued to revolve without Davis hearing a reply from the stunned Valley Master of the Jade Lotus Valley and also Ivy Aries's master.

Meanwhile, Davis's expression was as bland as it could be but inwardly, he couldn't help but wonder what Valley Master was thinking about to have gone completely silent. Although she was surrounded by mist, he could still see the outline of her curvaceous body. Considering the unknown location, it was eerily sensual, causing him to almost gulp.

However, Davis refused to turn around because he hadn't made a conversation yet. Perhaps, it was because of his bigger standing that he refused to be a gentleman or act naive.

But because of that, was she going to fly into a rage and attack him for disparaging her body with his gaze continuously?

"Please... turn around..."

However, a shy and pleading voice echoed, only then making him move as he turned around, but he kept his senses active, lightly suspicious that she might attack him from behind. However, that didn't happen. Instead, the sound of clothes rustling could be heard before he sensed her undulations move towards the left and appear on the edge of the pond.

Naturally, he turned around and saw that she was dressed gracefully in her luxurious dark green robe. Her blue hair was like the gentle ocean was long, extending till her waist, but a few locks fell on her shoulder, looking slightly curly.

At this time, he also left the unique yet clear pond and flew towards her and stopped at a respectful distance.

"Thank you, Emperor of Death~"

Valley Master Jade Aurora clasped her hands and bowed ever so lightly, causing Davis to raise his brows.

"You're not going to blame me?"

"Why would I?" Valley Master Jade Aurora dropped her hands and smiled ever so lightly behind her veil, "I stayed my hand in the beginning as I know the vortex connecting here directly drops you on this pond. Besides, you're also my benefactor. One or two accidental slights wouldn't make me feel enmity against you."

"It's just... I really didn't expect someone to find this place, but if it's the Emperor of Death, it makes sense."

Valley Master Jade Aurora's tone became wry. However, she seemed to be full of praise, and her tone didn't have the slightest hint of blame, as though she had met a well-known acquaintance who didn't mean any harm.

Davis didn't know what to say to her words, but he clasped his hands.

"I see. Since you have occupied this spot, I'll leave."

He turned around, looking around for the exit as he walked away.

"Wait..."

However, a hesitant voice called out to him, causing his legs to stop while his expression became difficult.

In truth, he just wanted to establish a connection with his avatar as soon as possible because his avatar was probably panicking. After all, if the main body met danger and died, the avatar wouldn't survive, and consequently, he would completely end up dead.

"What is it?" He turned around, noticing her confused expression.

"Don't you realize what this is...?"

Valley Master Jade Aurora pointed towards the pond, her eyes blinking with charm.

Davis cast a look at it, his brows frowning, "The essence of time. In other words, a condensation that is filled with the insights of time. Basking in it and comprehending would allow you to obtain insights of Time Laws many times with half the effort."

He returned his gaze, his smile becoming dry.

"Although it's a resource I currently crave, it's not to the level I would stoop to a low. We could be said to be allies, and you had fate with it as you reached it first. I'm not going to plunder it from you or shamelessly ask for a share."

Davis's words caused Valley Master Jade Aurora to be at a loss. Her eyes seemed to be searching for something before she lightly raised her hand.

"Then let me repay you for saving my disciple and me. Although I can't give it to you completely as I need it, I'll share this pond with you."

Davis raised his hand and rubbed his chin, appearing contemplative. Glancing at the dense air of time that shaped into liquid, he felt that it would be nice if he had it, and since she was offering it in the name of repaying, he couldn't help but nod his head.

"Alright. I have my ladies to inform."

Valley Master Jade Aurora looked taken aback, "You're going to bring them here?"

If he brought his women, there wouldn't be really enough for the two of them.

Looking at Valley Master Jade Aurora's expression, Davis couldn't help but chuckle.

"Of course not. I'm just letting them know that I'm safe in the Alternating Time Flow Valley as the surroundings here possess a strange flow of energy, blocking connections to the outside world."

"Ah, yes~"

Valley Master Jade Aurora reacted, nodding her head in response.

She had let her Jade Lotus Valley know that she was in the Alternating Time Flow Valley but didn't say where she was after finding this location. As Davis said, to have found a resource here when there were so many people who have visited the Alternating Time Flow Valley from time immemorial was her good fortune.

To share it with others, even her sect members, was folly, not to mention that she had already fulfilled most of her duties as the Valley Master and even as Ivy Aries's master, allowing the latter to safely reach the apex and become more powerful than her.

What was left was to strengthen her own self, and she left towards many dangerous cultivation grounds to explore, finally finding one resourceful location in the Alternating Time Flow Valley.

"Wait, for how long are you here?" Davis suddenly asked, his expression holding some doubt to her lax attitude.

"I've been here for a few months already, ever since Litt- I mean, Young Valley Master Ivy returned from your Grand Alstreim City."

Davis gawked, "So you aren't aware of the Calamity Light's activity?"

"What!?"

Valley Master Jade Aurora's facial expression fell. Her heart skipped a beat as she couldn't help but ask him, "What do you mean? Did the calamity descend!?"

She thought he was jesting, but his expression that was tinged with disbelief towards her ignorance made her heart clench.

Davis pursed his lips before he explained what had happened.

"Don't worry. It's nothing much of concern, at least for the moment. Otherwise, I wouldn't be here."

"Still, Young Valley Master Ivy is in charge of the sect now. I let her gain experience with the workings of the sect, but if the Calamity Light has begun descending, she won't be able to protect the sect all by herself... I have to go..."

Valley Master Jade Aurora seemed deeply worried, unable to let go of her concerns.

"And? If you go, what could you do exactly?"

Davis's voice sounded cold, catching Valley Master Jade Aurora off-guard.

"It's better for you to stay here and comprehend Time Laws. When you can re-manifest an Imposing Rune through Time Laws or even your specialty Water Laws, that is when you could help your disciple. Otherwise, you would just be a burden."

"..."

Valley Master Jade Aurora appeared dumbfounded before Davis wryly smiled.

"Oh, right. It's not my place to advise a person with many years of experience like you. Do as you please."

"It's fine."

However, Valley Master Jade Aurora waved her hand.

"Sometimes, experience acts as a constraint and traps your freedom of thought, narrowing it down to be inflexible at times. It's always better to listen to someone else's opinion, preferably youths such as you who come up in cultivation, and then check if there is anything at fault, and I didn't find anything in yours. After all, the whole reason I came here was to become stronger so I could stop being a hindrance."

Davis's eyes couldn't help but raise. He thought that the characters of the Jade Lotus Valley were inflexible, but it seems that Valley Master Jade Aurora was different. But of course, he knew that if he didn't have the strength to back it up, his words might've well been a fart.

"However, I don't get it." Valley Master Jade Aurora's voice suddenly became solemn, "It's better for you to have me leave so that you can enjoy this resource all by yourself."

Her eyes closely stared, her pupils fixed on his face as though she was trying to find a lie. Her starry black eyes and smooth blue hair truly did make her look transcendental that Davis abruptly smiled.

"Maybe it's because I have some thoughts on you?"

"...!?"

Chapter 2169 - Remains Equal

Valley Master Jade Aurora flinched ever so lightly. However, she forcefully smiled as she shook her head.

"If benefactor had some thoughts on me, I would've been robbed of my innocence at that time."

"You jest." Davis chuckled, "My first wife was together with me at that time. If I did something like that, she would've chopped mine off then and there."

"Pffft~" Valley Master Jade Aurora couldn't help but giggle, "So crass... but you love your beauties, taking care of them with all your heart, don't you? You have my respect in that regard."

"If Valley Master says something like that, it looks like I have to keep up my appearances."

Davis straightened his back, sticking out his chest as though he was a righteous individual. It caused Valley Master Jade Aurora to hold her stomach as she tried to suppress her laughing fit. She really felt that he was a reasonable young man who just had a serious issue in case anyone touched his people, which was perfectly understandable to her as she thought the same as the Valley Master.

She was about to declare war against the Emperor Sword Sect if she got out alive, but when she learned that Davis, the Emperor of Death, had massacred them, her gratitude knew no bounds, also becoming a reason for her to share the pond with him.

"Still, I am worried. Let me inform them where I am if they need me."

"Sure."

Davis didn't stop Valley Master Jade Aurora. If anyone came to seek a share of this resource, he didn't know how they were going to lament their fate to be standing against him.

Valley Master Jade Aurora then moved to a spot in mid-air. It was exactly the place where Davis fell and splashed in the pond, but she reached out her hand and used her finger to touch an empty spot when a vortex appeared and abruptly sucked her in.

'A spatial node...'

Davis watched her movements, noticing a spatial node that he couldn't find before, making him wryly smile as he understood that his Space Laws weren't up to par yet. Clearly, Valley Master Jade Aurora had more comprehension than him in Space Laws at the moment, allowing her to find the spatial node.

He glanced around, his soul sense lurking around this isolated cave before he noticed that there were a few graves at the corner and spatial rings on them. It seemed like people had found this place but died to the flow of time, unable to discover the spatial node. Also, their spatial rings were not taken yet, meaning that Valley Master Jade Aurora buried them but didn't loot them despite having entered first.

He couldn't help but respect her but still...

'Safe...'

He realized that this beauty might have some feelings for him somehow, but it might also just be goodwill for all he knew. After all, he didn't use Enigmatic Heart Intent on her because the people of the Jade Lotus Valley knew that he could use it. If he got caught using it, then it would be bad, not that he felt like she had any means to protect herself but still, that lotus pinned on her hair seemed suspicious.

For all he knew, she might have the protection of that Guardian Lotus as Ivy Aries seemed to be protective of her people, and even though the Guardian Lotus couldn't discover his probe, his senses were affected by the strange energy flow here, so he also felt that it was likely that he could be discovered.

Shaking his head, he also touched the spatial node and appeared outside, catching sight of Valley Master Jade Aurora in a conversation with Ivy Aries. He got reconnected with his avatar and also let Evelyn know what happened.

It seemed like she sensed his presence in her soul disappear and became disturbed. He had to console her that nothing had happened and that he had found a training spot in the Alternating Time Flow Valley, which Valley Master Jade Aurora occupied, and that he was going to share it with her.

When Evelyn heard it, she merely giggled while Davis released a breath before he re-entered the isolated cave again.

Shortly, Valley Master Jade Aurora also entered, looking at him with a smile on her face.

"You're really honest, Emperor of Death. The calamity did seem to have almost descended, but fortunately, nothing had befallen the Fifty-Two Territories yet. I'm glad to be able to share this resource with a person like you and become stronger in the process."

"I'm honored."

Davis plainly replied, causing Valley Master Jade Aurora to move towards the other side of the pond and summon a misty atmosphere that lowered the visibility to an extremely low level. With the strange energy of time floating in the air, even Davis couldn't see properly.

However, his mouth couldn't help but turn slightly agape.

'Damn... did she just get naked again...?'

Davis was in disbelief.

Even if she used mist to block the view, it didn't mean that she could block his sense. If he wanted, he could freely peek at her body all he wanted, and he was sure that Valley Master Jade Aurora knew of that fact as well, but if she did decide to get naked, then it suggested that she had a strand of Guardian Lotus's energy guarding her.

Moreover, he agreed that making contact with this clear essence of time with bare skin was the best way to feel the alternating flow of time but still... to get naked beside him a few meters away... was she that bold, or was she seducing him?

'Or does she feel that I'm that of a righteous person...? No, it's more likely she understands that I have seen her naked body once in the Poison Rift Valley and doesn't give a crap about being seen by me once again. Indeed, that must be why she didn't try to kill me in the first place...'

He convinced himself, thinking that this flexible and understanding Valley Master had accepted that she couldn't do anything about this matter as he was also extremely strong, but he blinked, wondering why he was trying to make sense of this matter.

Even Valley Master Jade Aurora seemed unbothered, so why should he?

He shook his head and undressed, becoming seated in the clear pond that brushed over his body. As he closed his eyes and began to enter a state of comprehension, he could feel the flow of time here. It was strange, or at least that was how he could describe it, as the time kept alternating as though they were playing a melody.

He felt like he was drifting in the sea of time, slowly coming to understand what it meant.

Meanwhile, a naked beauty amidst the mist had gone beet red as chaotic emotions surged within her heart. However, she gained control of it. Although it took an hour or so to calm herself while seeing that nothing had happened, she gradually descended into meditation and began comprehending the essence of time like Davis did a while ago.

Both of them continuously seemed to receive insights into the mysterious workings of time, all because of the condensed form that they were bathed in.

This resource, if sold, would amount to hundreds of Peak-Level Spirit Stone Vein Sources and could cause countless eyes, even the Heaven Gazing Sect's eyes, to churn in greed as it was being shared by these two people of different powers and gender.

Heaven and earth energy slightly reverberated again and again as they seemed to comprehend Time Laws.

"In the entire cosmos, time remains equal for everyone. No matter how it changed, creating an oddity in the workings of space, perhaps it would return to the same time at the end of its oddity, but the changes that particular oddity made to the myriad of entities present in the cosmos would be ever-present."

It was unknown how much time had passed, but Davis suddenly opened his mouth, his voice appearing transient as he comprehended the essence of time in this region.

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Abruptly, heaven and earth energy began to resonate as though the heavens were acknowledging the comprehension made. However, what Davis comprehended was merely a few minor resonances, but Valley Master Jade Aurora's expression appeared shocked to have gained from what Davis understood, giving her a huge spark of insight that allowed her to comprehend Level One Intent of Time Laws!

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With heaven and earth energy reverberating before finally dying down, leaving behind more insights, the comprehension of intent came to an end. However, both Davis and Valley Master Jade Aurora didn't entirely stop their comprehension session, although the latter turned to look at Davis, wondering why he decided to share his insights or was it something said subconsciously as he understood that insight to a deeper level.

She felt grateful again, pursing her lips and wanting to say something, but afraid of disturbing his comprehension state, she closed her eyes and returned to a focused state.

Time passed.

The phenomenon of heaven and earth energy reverberating descended repeatedly. Meanwhile, Davis and Valley Master Jade Aurora weren't worried that the calamity would unknowingly occur because they had stationed the necessary personnel to warn them.

He had Threelotus come here to inform and occasionally comprehend Space Laws. Since she also had a Solitary Soul Avatar, it was easier for her to react. As for Valley Master Jade Aurora, she had one of her trusted sect's disciples near the Alternating Time Flow Valley's entrance. As long as that disciple stayed and remained ready to respond to the calamity and warn her, she would be handsomely rewarded by the sect as it was considered a sect mission of the highest order.

Nonetheless, Davis and Valley Master Jade Aurora remained focused on their comprehension without feeling any worry.

Soon, the heaven and earth energy reverberated again, making it so that Valley Master Jade Aurora comprehended the next level in Time Laws. However, the clear pond that contained the essence of time had seemingly dried up to the last bit, not even leaving puddles in the pond.

Davis had his eyes closed, but they opened, revealing an archaic glint momentarily before that transient light faded. He recollected his thoughts before turning to look around, noticing that the pond had emptied.

'No wonder my efficiency lowered...'

A light smile hung on his face as he stood up and turned around, looking at Valley Master Jade Aurora, who already seemed to have dressed up. His brain froze for a moment as she stood there, witnessing his naked body and limp member that hadn't got a hard-on yet. She didn't even react, not even giving him a single blink as she stared at him.

"..."

Feeling uncomfortable, Davis used martial energy to make a robe for himself, his earthen martial energy turning purple as they mystically draped on him.

Soon after, Valley Master Jade Aurora moved and appeared before him, clasping her hands as she slightly bowed her head.

"Without your timely words, I wouldn't have been able to completely make use of this resource, and consequently, my comprehension level would still have been lowered. As the Valley Master, I feel ashamed for my seniority yet honored to have cultivated alongside you a supreme genius like yourself."

"You're too kind and polite."

Davis lightly smiled, pursing his lips in doubt if this woman even recognized him to be a man.

Perhaps, she treated him like a son or something after incurring too much gratitude towards him? He couldn't help but think but didn't give too much thought to it as he gestured.

"Please..."

Valley Master Jade Aurora adorably smiled behind her veil before she flew towards the hidden spatial node. However, Davis couldn't help but ask at this moment.

"Valley Master doesn't want their spatial rings?"

He turned to look towards the makeshift graves and the spatial rings on them, causing Valley Master Jade Aurora to look at them before her smile became pronounced.

"Oh, I already took the needful but left their personal belongings."

"I see. Figures..."

Davis chuckled as his initial guess seemed to have been wrong. Still, he respected her for being honest about it.

"Since we found this location and could be said to have fate as allies, I can share them if you want to- "

"No need."

Davis shook his head, causing Valley Master Jade Aurora to smirk.

"Good. There were some time-attributed treasures in them."

"..."

Davis couldn't help but blink before he let out a visible sigh, "Now I'm regretting my swift tongue."

"Hehe~ Do you want still not want it?"

"No need."

Davis smilingly shook his head, causing Valley Master Jade Aurora's expression to turn complex as she stared at his face with some gentleness. However, it quickly turned into a laid-back smile as she touched the hidden spatial node and disappeared, followed by Davis exiting this isolated cave.

The both of them then made their way up the valley.

However, what Davis didn't know was that it was Valley Master Jade Aurora's first time witnessing a man's anatomy other than reading books about it. She was momentarily stunned into speechlessness and witnessing that thing that she heard to be different than women, her eyes remained glued to it until he became dressed.

Finding herself at a loss, she quickly clasped her hand and complimented him as she had wanted to for a while already and tried to escape the awkward situation by exiting the spatial node but was held back by him, making her heart skip a beat before she realized that he was asking about the spatial rings and consequently decided to share the loot with him but he rejected it twice, causing her to inwardly sigh in respect.

Now, she was flying alongside him towards the peak, making her feel complex. She even occasionally glanced at him through the corner of her eyes as though checking out the surroundings for treasures, and it was so subtle that Davis didn't feel like she was looking at him in the first place as he was deep in worry, wondering what kind of loss he had today in this one week.

Soon, they exited the Alternating Time Flow Valley and ended up on the mountain peak, choosing to go activate the bone age formation to check on how many years they had lost while staying in there.

Two surges of light lit up subsequently as the results came out, shocking Davis and Valley Master Jade Aurora as they saw their bone age. They were sure that they had only spent a week from the time he entered the isolated cave, but their lifespans had decreased by a whole lot, causing them to freeze.