

Martial 4171

Chapter 4171 – Scramble

Before the Two Worlds Great War, no one was aware of the Outer Universe. After the war, Yang Kai left the Star Boundary, and it was then people became aware that there was more outside their own World, and that there were stronger Masters out there as well. Several dozen years had passed, and Void Great Emperor had returned. Not only had he solved the crisis facing the Star Boundary, but he also intended to bring many cultivators to explore the Outer Universe.

The news sent a shock wave across the world as countless cultivators began scrambling to get a place for themselves.

From the cities and great forces in all four Territories, innumerable cultivators arrived at Ice Snow City, which was just outside of High Heaven Palace in the Northern Territory, through the Space Array Network. Some disciples from High Heaven Palace were stationed there to take down names, backgrounds, cultivation, and special skills.

During that period of time, Ice Snow City became crammed with people.

In the Southern Territory, Azure Sun Temple, on Myriad Saints Peak, the Temple Master of Azure Sun Temple, Wen Zi Shan, who was clad in purple robes as he placed his hands behind his back as he stood on the edge of a cliff, watching the clouds.

Myriad Saints Peak was the Main Peak of Azure Sun Temple as well as Wen Zi Shan's residence.

Wen Zi Shan was quietly staring at the movements of the clouds while Gao Xue Ting, who looked like a noble lady, stood beside him.

When the Sun was rising, the clouds were dyed with a golden glow, which enhanced the beauty of the scenery.

Just then, footsteps were heard coming from behind. The next moment, 3 people were heard calling out at the same time, "Greetings Temple Master, Elder Gao!"

Wen Zi Shan turned around and gazed at the 3 of them. Then, he smiled and nodded, "You're here."

The trio standing in front of him were the most talented among the next generation in Azure Sun Temple, Xia Sheng, Xiao Bai Yi, and Murong Xiao Xiao. In the past, they were already the brightest disciples in the Sect, and now, they had grown to be fairly powerful Elders. All of them were in the Second Order Emperor Realm.

Xia Sheng cupped his fists and asked, "Temple Master, why did you summon us?"

Compared to decades ago, Xia Sheng was now a calmer man. In the past, he was pretty willful, but after the great war, he had matured tremendously.

“I have a piece of good news.” Wen Zi Shan sported an amiable smile.

Xia Sheng replied, “Temple Master, please enlighten us.”

Xiao Bai Yi and Murong Xiao Xiao were also looking doubtfully at him, wondering what kind of good news the Temple Master was talking about.

Wen Zi Shan went on to say, “The thing is, all of you are in the Second-Order Emperor Realm, and there is rarely anyone stronger than you in the Star Boundary. Hence, I think it’s time for you 3 to go through an even harder trial and take on a more difficult task.”

Hearing that, the 3 of them turned solemn.

“I’ll choose one person from the 3 of you to inherit the position of Temple Master; however, all of you have your respective virtues, so it’s difficult for this King to make a decision. I’ll need to give it a thought.”

When Xia Sheng and the others heard that, they traded glances before a hesitant Murong Xiao Xiao asked, “Temple Master, are you saying that you’ll pass on your position?”

“Good!” Wen Zi Shan nodded his head.

With a frown, Murong Xiao Xiao said, “But Temple Master, even though we’re all in the Emperor Realm, we’re still young and inexperienced. So, how are we going to inherit the position of Temple Master? Even if one of us is willing to take on that position, no one will obey us.”

Smiling, Wen Zi Shan replied, “You don’t have to worry about that. With this King behind you, no one will dare to criticize you. Moreover, we need young people like you to bring the Temple to greater heights. Maybe you’ll do a better job than old people like us.”

Xiao Bai Yi cupped his fists and stressed, “Temple Master, please think through it carefully. The Temple is not in a perilous situation. If you rashly pass on your position, some problems might arise. What if the foundation of the Temple is...”

Wen Zi Shan raised his hand to stop him, “I’ve made up my mind.”

A doubtful Xia Sheng gaped at him before muttering, “Temple Master, I’ve heard that Senior Void intends to bring some people to the Outer Universe.”

“There’s no such thing,” Wen Zi Shan refuted, “How can you believe such baseless rumours?”

Xiao Bai Yi shot back, “I’ve heard that Senior Void will bring all the Third-Order Emperor Realm Masters with him, and those who are below the Third-Order Emperor Realm can head to Ice Snow Valley to register before being selected accordingly.”

“That’s nonsense!” Wen Zi Shan kept a smile on his face.

Murong Xiao Xiao stared at Wen Zi Shan for a time before pointing out, “Temple Master, even though Senior Void is a Great Emperor now, he used to cultivate alongside us in the past. So... we can contact him.”

Wen Zi Shan's face twitched as he let out a hollow laugh, "I see... So, you've found out about it. In that case, this King will stop hiding it from you."

He coughed, "That's right. Senior Void wants to bring some people to the Outer Universe. Your Martial Aunt Gao and I are going as well. So, before I leave, I want to let one of you take over the position of Temple Master; after all, a Sect cannot survive without a leader. Someone has to be in charge of the Temple after we're gone. I think all of you are suitable for the position. Xia Sheng, you're the Eldest Senior Brother, so you must take over the position. You mustn't disappoint this King and your Martial Aunt Gao!"

Pretending that he didn't hear him, Xia Sheng looked up at the sky.

The veins on Wen Zi Shan's forehead throbbed as he turned to look at Xiao Bai Yi, "Xiao Bai, even though you're slightly weaker than Xia Sheng, you're the most rational among the three of you. This King intends to pass on the position of Temple Master to you. I believe that you'll be able to bring the Temple to greater heights!"

Xiao Bai Yi just picked his ear and looked away.

With a livid expression, Wen Zi Shan gazed at Murong Xiao Xiao and solemnly declared, "Xiao Xiao, even though you're a woman, you're more powerful than most men. Do you like the idea of becoming the Temple Master? If you do, you can take the seal of the Temple Master right now. With this King helping you on the side, you'll be able to fully refine it in just a few days. Since the founding of the Temple, there has never been a female Temple Master. If you agree to it, you'll be the first ever. By then, your name will be remembered throughout the ages, and all future disciples and descendants will all look up to you."

Murong Xiao Xiao refuted meekly, "Temple Master, since the founding of our Temple, you've been the only Temple Master, right?"

"Don't be concerned about such trifles."

"But..." Murong Xiao Xiao hesitantly said, "The 3 of us have already registered with the disciples in Ice Snow Valley."

"What?" As if struck by lightning, Wen Zi Shan turned ashen, "When did that happen?"

"Yesterday," Murong Xiao Xiao replied in a hushed voice.

As though he had taken an arrow to the heart, Wen Zi Shan covered his chest and stared at them, "This King is truly disappointed in you all. Just when the Temple needs you, all of you... How could you make such a rash move? It pains this King's heart so!"

Xia Sheng retorted, "Temple Master, we'd like to experience the wonders of the Outer Universe as well. If we take over your seal, how are we supposed to go?"

"But all of you can't leave just like this!" Wen Zi Shan was incensed, "Who is going to look after the Temple if all of you are gone?"

After giving it a thought, Xiao Bai Yi said seriously, "In that case, why don't you stay here?"

“Little bastards!” Wen Zi Shan bellowed as he almost spat out some saliva, “You want to experience the Outer Universe and think this King doesn’t? What a bunch of ungrateful wolves! This King has spent years raising and teaching you since you were young children and this is how you repay my favour? I’m truly overwhelmed with rage at this betrayal!”

The 3 of them fell silent and let Wen Zi Shan reprimand them.

After he became exhausted, Xia Sheng cupped his fists and said, “Temple Master, if there’s nothing else, we’ll take our leave.”

Then, he gave a hint at Xiao Bai Yi and Murong Xiao Xiao with his eyes, whereupon the 3 of them said simultaneously, “Farewell!”

Following that, they ran towards the bottom of the mountain.

“Don’t go! We can still talk about this!” Wen Zi Shan called out to them, but none of them bothered to reply to him.

In the blink of an eye, all of them were gone.

Wen Zi Shan said through clenched teeth, “A pack of ungrateful wolves! Little Xue Ting, did you see that? Those little bastards have no regard for me at all now!”

Smilingly, Gao Xue Ting replied, “Alright alright, don’t get mad at them.” As she spoke, she walked over and patted his heaving chest to placate him, “If I were them, I wouldn’t have accepted your seal at this point either. They’re adults now, and they have their own goals and dreams. Isn’t that a good thing?”

“But, what about the Temple?” Wen Zi Shan questioned.

Gao Xue Ting said with a smile, “Why don’t I...”

“I’ll take charge of the Temple,” someone was heard saying. Qiu Ran shuffled out of the clouds and saluted them, “Temple Master, Madame.”

A shocked Wen Zi Shan gazed at him, “Junior Brother Qiu, you...”

With a smile, Qiu Ran stressed, “I’m old now, so I don’t like moving around much. It’s better if I just stay here. No one knows what’s going to happen in the Outer Universe other than Senior Void, but I know that it will be a long journey to a foreign land. Old people tend to get nostalgic and homesick more easily, so I’ll just stay here.”

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In the Grand Hall of the Liu Family in the Eastern Territory, with many Elders as witnesses, the Liu Family Patriarch passed the seal to a young man and declared, “Brat, from now on, you’re the Patriarch of the Liu Family. Your aptitude is average, but you’re a reliable man. I don’t expect you to expand our family, but I want you to keep it going at least. You mustn’t disappoint our ancestors!”

The Young Master of the Liu Family took the seal and fell on his knees, “Father, I’ll always remember your teachings.”

The Liu Family Patriarch nodded, "I'll be able to rest assured, then. I'll head to Ice Snow City in the Northern Territory tomorrow. If everything goes well, I'll follow Senior Void to the Outer Universe. If you ever want to meet me again in your lifetime, cultivate harder. Senior Void has said that whoever can ascend to the Third-Order Emperor Realm in the future will be brought to the Outer Universe."

Hearing that, the Young Master pressed his head against the floor, "Father, Uncles, I wish you all the best."

In Sky Grasping City in the Eastern Territory, City Lord Xu Tian He was only in the First-Order Emperor Realm, but at this moment, he summoned his favourite Son, intending to make him the new City Lord.

On Immaculate Island in the Northern Territory, Island Master Jiang Zhou Zi clenched a young man's collar and pressed him into a glorious throne. After stuffing the seal of the Island Master into his hands, he patted his shoulders, "Boy, you're the Island Master of Immaculate Island from now on."

The young man sported a sorrowful expression, "Master, you can't do this to me. I don't want to be the Island Master! I want to follow Senior Void to make a name for myself in the Outer Universe!"

"Stop spouting nonsense. I'll follow Senior Void, while you'll stay here to manage the island. You'll be better off this way. Come! Everyone! Salute your new Island Master!" Jiang Zhou Zi demanded, whereupon the Elders and disciples cupped their fists with awkward expressions.

"Greetings, Island Master..."

Similar scenes took place over and over again across all four Territories. Countless people were scrambling to follow the Void Great Emperor to the Outer Universe. The cultivators without any ties could immediately head to Ice Snow City and register, but for people like Jiang Zhou Zi, Liu Family Patriarch, and the City Lord of Sky Grasping City, it wasn't easy for them to leave. They had to make some proper arrangements first. Soon, about 70% of the great forces in the Star Boundary had news leaders.

Chapter 4172 – Not Bad

Two rays of light were seen heading towards Ice Snow City. After they landed outside the entrance, the figures of two young men were revealed. One of them was burly and ordinary-looking, while the other was handsome and had a noble air about him.

Upon looking up, both of them were stunned.

The burly man exclaimed, "Zi Xiao, there are so many people here!"

The handsome man called Zi Xiao explained, "Senior Void has returned with news regarding the Outer Universe, and he intends to bring some people with him, which is why many people have come over. It has only been ten days since the news was spread, but we can already see so many people gathering together here, which goes to show that Senior Void is truly influential. As time passes, there will be even

more people. Xiao Wu, we'll have to work harder so that we'll be able to follow Senior Void and make a name for ourselves."

With a serious expression, Xiao Wu nodded and balled up his fists, "Yes, we can definitely do this!"

"Let's get into the city first," Zi Xiao said, then the two of them passed through the main gates.

Looking from outside the city, they could see that the place was crammed with people, but upon entering it, they realised that it was different from what they had thought. The city was actually incredibly expansive and even though there were many people inside, it didn't feel crowded at all. Instead, the place even appeared somewhat spacious.

The two of them were astounded, not knowing what was going on.

While they were in a dazed state, someone approached them and asked smilingly, "Little Brothers, are you here to register?"

"What?" Xiao Wu scratched his head and hurriedly nodded, "Yes, yes. We're here to register. You are..."

The person replied with a smile, "I'm a disciple from High Heaven Palace, and my surname is Xu. You can just call me Senior Brother Xu. I'm responsible for bringing people like you to different places to register."

"You're a disciple from High Heaven Palace?" The gazes of the two young men brightened as they looked fervently at him, their eyes filled with admiration and envy.

In the past, after Yang Kai obtained the World's Will and became a Great Emperor, he led the major armies of the Star Boundary to fight against the Demon Race and managed to save the last pure land before turning back the enemy. Since then, High Heaven Palace had become famous throughout the world.

Countless people dreamed of joining High Heaven Palace; unfortunately, over the years, they had never recruited any disciples, which made these cultivators unable to realise their dreams.

The two young men came from humble backgrounds and even though they had heard a lot about High Heaven Palace, it was the first time they visited the Northern Territory and come across a disciple from that Sect.

At that instant, they felt that Senior Brother Xu was indeed different from others. Just like the Sun, he was practically glowing. Furthermore, they could sense that Senior Brother Xu was in the Dao Source Realm at the very least.

[High Heaven Palace is indeed different. Even a disciple responsible for guiding people has such a strong cultivation!] The two young men were astonished.

The young man called Zi Xiao was much calmer though and after a moment of shock, he cupped his fists, "Greetings, Senior Brother Xu. May I ask you a question? Given our cultivation, where do we go to register?"

Senior Brother Xu replied with a smile, "If I'm not mistaken, the two of you are in the Origin Returning Realm."

An embarrassed Zi Xiao scratched his head, "Senior Brother, this is embarrassing for us. We started cultivating at an older age." Then, he lowered his voice, "Senior Brother Xu, given our cultivation, do you think we stand a chance to follow Senior Void? I can see that all the cultivators here are quite strong."

An Origin Returning Realm Master could be considered a top cultivator in a Lower Star Fields, but he would be too weak in the Star Boundary to take note of. The two of them had hesitated for a long time whether they should even come to Ice Snow City. In the end, their desire overcame their sense of inferiority as they paid for the Space Array and arrived at the city nearest to Ice Snow City.

Senior Brother Xu guffawed, "Cultivation isn't everything how Senior Void chooses the people who will follow him to the Outer Universe. Certainly, cultivation is a part of it, but if you have some special skills or talents, you'll still stand a chance."

"Special skills?" Zi Xiao arched his brow.

"Alchemy, Artifact Refining, Spirit Arrays, and so on. As long as there's something you're good at, you can show it to us."

Hearing that, the two of them traded glances and replied in unison, "We're good at setting up Spirit Arrays."

Senior Brother Xu nodded his head, "Very good. Come this way. I'll lead you to the registration place for Array Masters." As he spoke, he guided them forward.

Walking along the spacious streets, the pair were like two countryside bumpkins as they looked around in amazement. At the same time, they kept pointing at whatever they saw.

Suddenly, Zi Xiao asked, "Senior Brother Wu, when we were looking from outside, Ice Snow City didn't seem to be this big. Why does it feel different after we've come in?"

With a smile, Senior Brother Xu replied, "You've sensed it? Not bad. Your perception is pretty sharp. Ice Snow City really isn't this big. Initially, this city could only accommodate a million people, but currently, there are more than 10 million inside. With that said, there's still room to accommodate another 10 million people. This is all thanks to Senior Void."

"Is he using some kind of Secret Technique?" Zi Xiao turned solemn as if he suddenly thought of something.

Senior Brother Xu scratched his head, "I have no idea, but Senior Void is a Master in the Dao of Space, so he might have used some kind of technique. In any case, Ice Snow City is very spacious now."

"Senior Void is indeed powerful." Zi Xiao appeared fervent.

Xiao Wu guffawed, "There will come a day when the two of us will become just as powerful!"

Senior Brother Xu said, "You two are certainly ambitious. Good, that's where you can register. Just walk over on your own as I have to lead the way for other people. I'll take my leave now."

"Many thanks, Senior Brother Xu!" They bent their backs to thank him.

Senior Brother Xu waved his hand and disappeared into the crowd.

After he was gone, the pair turned to look at the Grand Hall where many people were seen entering and leaving. Apparently, just like them, these people were here to register.

Then, they encouraged one another for a bit before going in.

They swept a glance over the Grand Hall and realised that it had been divided into several dozen areas. Every area was overseen by a cultivator who was dressed in High Heaven Palace's uniform, and many cultivators were lined up in front of every area.

The two young men chose a place with relatively fewer people and waited patiently.

Soon, it was their turn. They walked up and cupped their fists, "Greetings, Senior Brother." They sported extremely solemn expressions.

The High Heaven Palace's disciple behind the desk took a glance at them and said with a smile, "There's no need to be nervous. You'll just have to register and go through a test."

Despite that, the two young men still appeared anxious. Following the disciple's instructions, the two of them announced their names, ages, and special skills.

The disciple gazed at them in shock, "You're able to achieve such cultivation after cultivating for only 12 years, so your aptitudes are truly incredible. More importantly, you've even studied the Dao of Spirit Arrays. In that case, why don't you set up an Aura Gathering Array here?"

The two young men nodded and started working. It was just a simple test that the cultivators before them had gone through, not something targeted at them; therefore, they immediately got busy. The Aura Gathering Array was one of the simplest Spirit Arrays, so basically every Array Master could arrange one.

Those from High Heaven Palace wouldn't provide any materials, so the two of them had to come up with a solution on their own. Fortunately, they had already set up the Aura Gathering Array countless times in the past, so they were familiar with it.

While they were working, a person stepped into the Grand Hall with his hands behind his back as he looked around the various areas. All the cultivators who had registered were required to arrange an Aura Gathering Array and this man would stop and observe each test area. Sometimes, he would nod with an approving look while at others he would simply shake his head.

Soon, he reached the area where Zi Xiao and Xiao Wu were. Seeing him, the disciple in charge of this area hurriedly rose from his seat, but just when he was about to salute this newcomer, the man waved his hand to motion for him to calm himself.

The disciple smiled and took a seat again.

That person took a glance at the Aura Gathering Array that was being set up by Zi Xiao and Xiao Wu, and his gaze brightened as observed attentively.

The disciple was slightly shocked. Others might have no idea who this person was, but he was certainly aware. In the entire Star Boundary, no one could surpass him when it came to Dao of Spirit Arrays. Since his interest had been piqued, did it mean that there was something special about the Aura Gathering Array being built by these two youngsters?

In fact, the disciple knew a thing or two about the Dao of Spirit Arrays, which was why he was stationed in this registration place, so after a moment of observation, he realised that the Aura Gathering Array set up by these two young men was a little different from the other ones that he had seen.

There were many kinds of Aura Gathering Arrays, but they all followed roughly the same pattern. There were 49 optimal methods to arrange such an array in total, but to his surprise, the Aura Gathering Array before his eyes wasn't one of them.

[What kind of a set-up is this?]

While he was puzzled, Zi Xiao and Xiao Wu had stopped as they let out a breath. Zi Xiao then said, "Senior Brother, we've set up the Aura Gathering Array. Please examine it."

Looking up, the disciple gazed at the person behind them. With this person around, it wasn't his place to examine this work.

Sensing something, Zi Xiao and Xiao Wu turned their heads, only to see a person standing behind them.

The person stroked his beard and squatted down in an inelegant manner. Staring fixedly at the Aura Gathering Array, he commented, "The materials used have been reduced by 10%, and there are two array bases that can be excluded this way. However, the effectiveness has increased by 20%. This kind of technique leans more towards ancient methods and is not common to see nowadays."

Hearing that, Zi Xiao and Xiao Wu were stunned.

The person went on to say, "The way this array is set up is unique, but the execution is somewhat lacklustre. It seems you were not personally taught by a Master. If you can improve your skills, the effectiveness of this Aura Gathering Array will be increased by 10%."

At this point, the man got up and nodded, "It's not bad."

Then, he looked smilingly at the two of them, "You must have obtained the inheritance of some ancient Senior, right?"

Instantly, Zi Xiao and Xiao Wu became vigilant, for what the person in front of them had said was right. They were the sons of a common hunter, and when they were young kids, they accidentally lost their way on a certain mountain and eventually came across a cave, only to find a skeleton inside it, a skeleton they obtained something precious from.

Without any teacher, they used what they had obtained to become cultivators on their own.

This was their greatest secret, but it was exposed by some stranger they had never met before. At that instant, they felt the urge to silence him in order to keep their secret safe.

Chapter 4173 – I've Slain Them All

“Oh?” The person seemed to have noticed their murderous intent. As he looked smilingly at the two of them, his aura surged all of a sudden.

Zi Xiao and Xiao Wu felt as though they had been hit by a mountain and grunted and stepped backwards as the vitality in their chests weltered.

[He’s an Emperor Realm Master!] Both of them were horrified as this ordinary-looking man was actually in the Emperor Realm. They were only in the Origin Returning Realm, so how were they supposed to resist his pressure?

If it weren’t because this man had restricted 99% of his aura, they would’ve exploded under the pressure.

Their Souls trembled for a long time, and when they came to their senses, the man was already nowhere in sight. They traded glances and realised that both of them were drenched in cold sweat.

“Congratulations, you two.” The disciple from High Heaven Palace rose from the chair and cupped his fists.

Zi Xiao and Xiao Wu were perplexed, wondering why he congratulated them. After brushing away the cold sweat on his forehead, Zi Xiao asked, “Senior Brother, who was that man?”

The disciple replied with a smile, “You’re adept in the Dao of Spirit Arrays, but you’re not aware of who he is?”

An embarrassed Zi Xiao also asked, “We both lived in a small village all our lives and are a bit inexperienced. Senior Brother, please enlighten us.”

With a solemn expression, the disciple replied, “His surname is Nanmen...”

The pupils of Zi Xiao and Xiao Wu contracted when they heard that and the latter exclaimed, “He was Sir Nanmen Da Jun?”

“That’s right.”

The two of them became rooted to the spot.

As Array Masters, they had naturally heard of Nanmen Da Jun before. He was acknowledged as the top Array Master in the entire Star Boundary and it was said that the Sect Defending Array of High Heaven Palace was arranged by him personally. During the Two Worlds Great War, High Heaven Palace had relied on this Array to resist the invasion from the Demon Race countless times, which ensured that the last pure land in the Star Boundary could be saved.

It could be said that the reason the Star Boundary was still around was thanks to Void Great Emperor, but Nammen Da Jun had also made a significant contribution.

Even though they lived in a remote village, they had repeatedly heard of Nanmen Da Jun before.

The two of them had always looked up to this Grandmaster, imagining that they would be as powerful as he was one day. By then, they could converse with him about the Dao of Spirit Arrays freely.

It was inconceivable that such a Grandmaster had appeared beside them and commented on the Aura Gathering Array they had arranged randomly. However, they actually thought about trying to silence him to keep their secret safe.

If they were aware of his identity earlier, they would never have had this kind of thought.

At that instant, Xiao Wu was scratching his face, which was red now, "Zi Xiao..."

Zi Xiao had no idea what to say either. Suddenly, he let out a long sigh with a dejected expression. He was worried that Grandmaster Nanmen found them to be useless after what they had done.

Just then, the disciple was heard saying, "Senior Nanmen has never given anyone such high regards. Little Brothers, it seems that he's approved of your mastery in the Dao of Spirit Arrays..."

"What did you just say?" Xiao Wu gazed at him in shock, "You said Grandmaster Nanmen had given us high regards?"

[Why wasn't I aware of this?]

The disciple followed up, "He said that your array was not bad. He has looked around this place several times, but has never said so to anyone else. Little Brothers, please keep it up and don't disappoint Senior Nanmen."

The two of them were still muddle-headed as they left the Grand Hall.

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High Heaven Peak was the Main Peak of High Heaven Palace, and in the master bedroom, a number of naked bodies could be seen lying on the massive bed as an amorous smell permeated the room.

Presently, Shan Qing Luo was clinging on to Yang Kai like she was an octopus. Yang Kai raised his hand and gently pushed her away. Then, he got up and saw that the ladies were all still asleep.

The sight made him chuckle.

It had been a long time since he last bedded a woman, so he had been a little rough over the past few days. Although these ladies had all ascended to the Third-Order Emperor Realm or higher, they were unable to withstand his vigor. All of them had collapsed on the bed after begging Yang Kai to let them off earlier.

A relentless Shan Qing Luo was determined to compete against him, but she passed out in the end. Before her, Su Yan, Xia Ning Chang, and Xue Yue were already exhausted and had fallen asleep.

It was Yu Ru Meng, who had the greatest stamina and continued making love to him; after all, she was a Charm Demon Saint, so her strength was truly extraordinary. However, when it came to physical prowess and restorative powers, she was no match for Yang Kai. Presently, she had curled up in a corner of the bed as her tender body twitched every once in a while.

On the other hand, Yang Kai felt that he could still continue for another hundred rounds. After getting out of the bed, he put on his clothes and walked out of the room with dishevelled hair.

Outside the room, Head Manager Hua Qing Si was already waiting respectfully. When she caught a glimpse of the sight inside the room, she couldn't help blushing.

As Yang Kai shuffled forward, he asked, "How is it going in Ice Snow City?"

"I was about to report this to you." Hua Qing Si followed him closely, "After the news was spread, the people from all four Territories were ecstatic. Countless people have come to Ice Snow City to register. About 30 million people have registered in the last half a month."

"That's a staggering figure!" Yang Kai was shocked. He knew that many people would come to register, but the figure still stunned him.

"Sir, how many people do you intend to bring with you this time?" Hua Qing Si asked respectfully, "Please give me a number so that it'll be easier for us to filter the candidates."

"500,000 at most." After reaching the outer hall, Yang Kai adjusted his clothes and took a seat, whereupon a maidservant served him tea before leaving.

"500,000..." Hua Qing Si smiled helplessly. It was a difficult task to select 500,000 people from 30 million. Moreover, it had only been half a month since the recruitment began, and more people would come to register in the coming days.

Her Palace Master had put her in a tight spot. With that said, it wasn't the first time Yang Kai had given her such a difficult task over the years. As Head Manager of High Heaven Palace, she knew how to share his burden.

"For those from High Heaven Palace..." she hesitantly said.

"They'll be selected fairly just like everyone else." Yang Kai took a sip of the tea, "Other than the Third-Order Emperor Realm Masters that must come with me, everyone else has to demonstrate enough ability if they want to head to the Outer Universe. Cultivation is just one of the criteria. More importantly, we have to look at their moldability and potential for growth. Besides that, the Outer Universe is unlike the Star Boundary as it's paved with danger, so you have to make this clear to them as well."

"Yes," Hua Qing Si replied, "I'll make the arrangements now. Everything will be ready in 2 months, so Sir, please get ready as well."

Then, she prepared to leave.

Yang Kai raised his hand, "Head Manager, wait a moment!"

"Sir, is there anything else?"

An embarrassed Yang Kai scratched his head and spoke up, "Please help me comb my hair... I have to meet my parents."

Hua Qing Si burst into a fit of giggles as she said, "I can't help you with that... but I know someone who can. I'll summon her now as she's been waiting for you for some time now."

Without waiting for Yang Kai to agree to it, Hua Qing Si immediately fished out a communication artifact and contacted someone. A moment later, a figure walked into the hall in an elegant manner.

"I'll take my leave now." Hua Qing Si laughed meaningfully before calmly leaving.

While Yang Kai was staring at this newcomer, she was also gazing at him with a reddened face. After saluting him, she greeted, "Senior Brother."

"Junior Sister Yao..." Yang Kai burst into laughter.

The person was none other than Ji Yao.

Pressing her lips together, Ji Yao said in a soft voice, "Head Manager told me that you need someone to comb your hair... Ah!"

Before she could finish her words, she felt an immense force pulling her as she uncontrollably fell forward and crashed into Yang Kai's embrace. Feeling the familiar aura and smelling the familiar scent, she was extremely nervous.

Looking up, she saw Yang Kai gazing smilingly at her, "We haven't met for years. Junior Sister, why are you acting so polite to me now?"

Her lashes fluttered, and her breathing became rapid. She repeatedly parted her lips, but she was unable to say a single word.

"If you remain silent, I'll just do whatever I want!" Yang Kai grinned and carried Ji Yao up before shuffling towards the inner hall.

Feeling that something was off, Ji Yao asked anxiously, "Senior Brother, w-w-what are you trying to do?"

Yang Kai grinned and replied with a determined gaze, "I'm making a confession."

"W-What do you mean by that?" Ji Yao became more flustered.

Yang Kai had already reached a room and kicked the door open. Upon seeing the sight in the room, Ji Yao widened her eyes in disbelief.

She could see a few naked 'corpses' in the room, their clothes scattered everywhere. The entire room looked just like a battlefield, and the scent of intimacy still lingered in the air. The women lying on the bed and the ground were convulsing and subconsciously mumbling.

Ji Yao had never seen such a brutal sight before. At that moment, she wouldn't even dare to breathe a little louder.

It wasn't until Yang Kai gently set her down on the bed that she almost burst into tears. With her eyes trembling, she exclaimed, "Senior Brother!" She pressed her hands against the man's chest as though she was trying to resist a huge mountain.

"They've all been slain by me, and now it's your turn." Yang Kai laughed.

Was this the kind of confession he was talking about? Ji Yao was torn between tears and laughter. At the same time, she felt conflicted deep down inside.

Looking up, she saw Yang Kai gazing lovingly at her. Even though his expression appeared determined, and there didn't seem to be any room for rejection, he didn't make a move.

She knew that as long as she appeared to be reluctant, he would never force himself upon her. Then, she asked herself whether she still wanted to hide this secret from everyone.

Did she still want to stand in a faraway place and look on as the other women surrounded and smiled with him? Did she still have to come up with excuses to approach him even though she was extremely worried and missed him dearly?

The sense of fluster behind her gaze dissipated as she gently closed her eyes and wrapped her hands around the man's neck. Despite the fact that a single tear rolled down from the corner of her eye, she sported a joyful smile.

Yang Kai raised his hand and wiped away the teardrop before kissing her long smooth hair. Then, he slowly stripped off her robes and for the first time bonded with her in a true sense.

Unlike how rough he was with his other wives earlier, Yang Kai was as gentle as a spring breeze this time. Two became one and enjoyed the moment together.

Yu Ru Meng slightly opened her eyes and faintly saw something, but she dozed off again due to exhaustion and subconsciously muttered, "Enemy of all women..."

Hearing that, Ji Yao stiffened and shuddered while Yang Kai's lips curved into an evil smile, which made her flush.

A long time later, Ji Yao slipped off into dreamland, and when she awakened, she realised that some people were staring at her in the room.

As she regained her senses, she recalled what had happened and exclaimed. Then, she grabbed the quilt and covered herself up.

She was too embarrassed to face anyone!

Chapter 4174 – Parents' Decision

"Greetings, Father, Mother!" Yang Kai adjusted his clothes and fell on his knees before saluting his parents.

"Get up, quickly!" Dong Su Zhu hurriedly helped him up and looked up at him with slightly reddened eyes. After tucking his hair behind his ear, she complained, "You're a Great Emperor now, so you shouldn't fall to your knees so easily. It'll be embarrassing if others see you doing this."

"So what if he's a Great Emperor? Does he not have parents?" Yang Ying Feng snorted on the side, "I gave him life and raised him. So what if he kne..."

Feeling a murderous intent, he turned his head and saw Dong Su Zhu glaring at him with gritted teeth. Hurriedly, he took a sip of the tea and gulped down what he was about to say.

After shooting him one more glare to warn him, Dong Su Zhu turned her head and looked smilingly at Yang Kai. Then, she made him sit beside her and sized him up. She could not stop looking at him, and there was a proud and happy smile on her face.

[He's my son!] She had never expected that the little one she could carry in her arms in the past would grow up to be such a powerful man one day. She felt proud that he had achieved great things in life.

Moreover, she was now a greatly respected lady thanks to her son. Even though her cultivation wasn't very powerful, no one in the Star Boundary would dare to look down on her. When the Pseudo-Great Emperors visited High Heaven Palace, they would always give their respects to her and her Husband.

Hence, she was satisfied with what she had. As a mother, she didn't expect her son to be wealthy and powerful, she just wanted him to be safe for all his life. Now that Yang Kai was healthy and doing well, she was more than happy.

She went on to have a chat with Yang Kai. Most of the time, she was the one asking all sorts of questions while Yang Kai replied to her accordingly. She didn't ask about the Outer Universe because she knew that he must have encountered a lot of danger in the past 15 or so years, so she was worried that she couldn't bear it if she became aware of it all.

Presently, Yang Kai was a Great Emperor, and every move he made would affect the trillions of lives in the Star Boundary; therefore, she couldn't influence him in whatever he did like she used to in the past. Otherwise, she would be harming the interest of the Star Boundary.

On the side, Yang Ying Feng was seated calmly. Although he appeared dispassionate, he was actually all ears so he wouldn't miss out on any details in their conversation.

One hour later, Yang Kai raised his head and asked, "Father, are you suffering from any internal injury?"

He already noticed it when he entered this place earlier. Most of the time, his father's aura was stable, but there were times when it became unsteady for a moment. Apparently, he was suffering from an internal injury. Yang Kai was aware of that because he was a Great Emperor who had incredibly sharp eyesight. Any other Pseudo-Great Emperors wouldn't have noticed had they not been paying special attention.

Yang Ying Feng became startled for a moment before waving his hand, "It doesn't matter. Don't worry."

With a frown, Yang Kai asked, "How long has it been?"

Before Yang Ying Feng could say anything, Dong Su Zhu answered it for him, "It's been more than 30 years."

[More than 30 years!] That meant that the incident took place after the Two Worlds War and during the period of time when he was refining his Wood Element Power. After the war, Yang Kai spent 50 years refining the essence of the Immortal Tree and stabilizing his cultivation before he left the Star Boundary.

However, when he left, he informed no one and did so in a secretive manner.

“Let me have a look.” Then, he got up and approached Yang Ying Feng before placing his fingers on his father’s wrist.

Yang Ying Feng parted his lips, but in the end, he let Yang Kai check on him without saying a word.

As Yang Kai used his Divine Sense, he examined his father for a moment before frowning, “Was the internal injury formed when you broke through to the Emperor Realm?”

Yang Ying Feng and Dong Su Zhu were pretty weak, as they were only in the First-Order Emperor Realm; after all, their aptitudes were not outstanding. It was only thanks to the near unlimited support from High Heaven Palace that they had such achievements.

His father’s injury was not serious, but it also couldn’t be dismissed either. If left untreated, it would be troublesome when Yang Ying Feng cultivated in the future.

“The injury... seems to have been caused due to an unstable foundation. Father, why did you try to rush your cultivation?” Yang Kai was torn between tears and laughter. The injury was not caused by an external force. Instead, it was Yang Ying Feng who had cultivated without any restraint, beyond what his body could tolerate.

Yang Ying Feng snorted, “You’re now a Great Emperor. Even though I don’t expect to be as powerful as you are, a father cannot be too weak and embarrass his son.”

At that, Yang Kai was lost for words.

“Can it be treated?” Dong Su Zhu asked nervously. The couple didn’t talk to anyone about his injury. That was because after the great war, the Star Boundary was in the midst of rebuilding, so they didn’t want to burden the resources of High Heaven Palace.

“It’s not very serious. I’ll ask Ning Chang to make some pills later. You should consume the pills every day, and I’ll come over to help you clear your meridians every five days. In just one month, you’ll fully recover.”

In the past, he wouldn’t have any solution to this problem; however, given his capabilities and knowledge now, it was easy for Yang Kai to treat this kind of injury.

“Wonderful!” Dong Su Zhu breathed a sigh of relief. Yang Ying Feng, who sported a grim expression, seemed to be relieved as well.

Yang Kai stressed, “But Father, you can’t cultivate too hard again in the future. In the past, you taught me to exercise moderation in whatever I did. After you two enter the Outer Universe, there will be greater and better resources for you, so I’m sure your cultivation will improve steadily then.”

The couple traded glances, before Dong Su Zhu hesitantly said, “We were about to discuss this with you. We... don’t intend to head to the Outer Universe for now.”

“Why?” Yang Kai was stunned.

With a smile, Dong Su Zhu explained, “We love this place; moreover, after all of you are gone, someone must remain here and take care of this place for you. Your Father and I will stay here to help you

manage your home. If you face any difficulties in the outside world, you can always come back here and have a place to stay.”

Yang Kai burst into laughter, “Some other people will take care of this place, so you two...”

Before he could finish his words, Yang Ying Feng raised his hand to stop him, “We know you are filial, but your Mother and I are only in the First-Order Emperor Realm, and we’re not ambitious people. Even if we follow you to the Outer Universe, we won’t be able to help you in any way; instead, we might even hold you back. In that case, we’d rather stay here... Furthermore, I can feel that there has been some kind of transformation in the Star Boundary recently, as though it is in the process of being reborn. It must have something to do with you, right?”

In response, Yang Kai nodded his head. Even though the World Tree had absorbed a lot of World Energy from the Star Boundary, which depleted it significantly, it had saved the Universe World from shattering. The world had been strengthened, and the Principles had been repaired. In the long term, it would be greatly beneficial to the Star Boundary. In the short term, it was safe to say that the Star Boundary had been reborn.

Yang Ying Feng was an Emperor Realm Master, so it wasn’t odd that he could vaguely sense this change.

“There are resources in the Outer Universe that are unavailable in the Star Boundary, and perhaps your Mother and I will improve faster if we follow you, but I have a feeling that we’ll obtain greater benefits if we remain here.” Yang Ying Feng stared at him, “So, stop trying to change our mind. We’ve already made our decision.”

At that, Yang Kai fell silent. Others might not know what was going on, but he was fully aware of it.

His Father was right to say that there would be better resources if they followed him to the Outer Universe, and their cultivation would improve faster as a result, but there were also benefits to be gained if they stayed in the Star Boundary.

The Star Boundary had practically been reborn, and the World Principles were in the process of being rebuilt; therefore, cultivators who stayed here would grow alongside the Star Boundary as it recovered and improved. It would be easier for them to comprehend Principle Strength and even World Principles, and they would be closely connected to the Star Boundary. One day, they might be able to comprehend deeper mysteries of the Heavenly Way by studying this unique process. Strengthening one’s foundation was more important than any resource could ever be.

All in all, it would be wonderful if they left the Star Boundary, but there were also benefits to be gained if they chose to stay. The two options couldn’t be compared fairly.

Otherwise, Yang Kai would’ve taken all Emperor Realm Masters away instead of making some of them stay. However, it was a different case for Third-Order Emperor Realm Masters. They had already reached the peak of the Star Boundary’s Martial Dao, so it was pointless for them to stay. What they needed to do was comprehend their own Grand Dao and condense their Dao Seals.

The Star Boundary, a reborn world, was unable to help them with that; therefore, all Third-Order Emperor Realm Masters and above had to leave.

Yang Kai had never mentioned this to anyone before, but his Father was able to sense it, which could possibly be a kind of opportunity. If Yang Kai forced his Father to leave with him, he might actually harm his future.

Furthermore, since his Father could sense it, other Emperor Realm Masters might also be aware of this change.

At the thought of this, Yang Kai nodded, "Since you two have made a decision, I'll not say anything else. Don't worry. I'll come back to see you whenever I'm free."

Yang Ying Feng chided with a smile, "Work hard in the outside world as the future of the Star Boundary hinges on you. Don't think about those unnecessary things. Your Mother and I are deeply in love, after all of you are gone, we'll live a happy life together, so we don't need you to come back and disturb us."

Hearing that, Yang Kai felt embarrassed.

While they were speaking, two people dashed into the hall. They were none other than Yang Xue and Yang Xiao, who were known to be the Twins of Time.

"Big Brother!" Yang Xue called out in a clear voice as the hairpin in her hair glistened. It was one of the accessories Yang Kai purchased in the Universe Temple on his way here.

"Greetings, Grandpa, Grandma!" Yang Xiao appeared obedient. After saluting Yang Ying Feng and Dong Su Zhu, he called out respectfully, "Adoptive Father!"

Yang Kai nodded and patted the younger man's shoulder, "You've done a great job over the years." In the past, the World Principles of the Star Boundary were broken, and disasters would befall the people from time to time. Over the years, the Twins of Time had saved many people and resisted many calamities.

With a serious expression, Yang Xiao said, "It is a son's duty to share his father's burden." Then, he darted his eyes around for a moment, "Father... is the Outer Universe fun?"

"Do you want to go?" Yang Kai looked smilingly at him.

Yang Xiao repeatedly nodded his head as his eyes seemed to be glowing, "Of course I want to!" When Yang Kai secretly left the Star Boundary in the past, he wanted to follow him, but he was captured by Yang Xue before he could. Then, he went on to wait for Yang Kai to return for a long time. Now that Yang Kai was back, and he intended to bring some people to the Outer Universe, Yang Xiao certainly wouldn't miss this chance.

"Bring you to the Outer Universe?" Yang Kai stroked his own chin, "I can do that, but the Outer Universe is full of danger, so you need to prove to me that you're able to protect yourself. Show me the result of your years of cultivation. If I think it's good enough, you can come with me. If not, you'll have to stay in the Star Boundary."

Both shocked and surprised, Yang Xiao became enthusiastic and proclaimed, "Please observe and advise me, then!"

Chapter 4175 – Three Moves

The Flowing Time Temple hovered in the sky while at its front steps stood Yang Xiao and Yang Xue with solemn expressions.

In the past, they had obtained the inheritance from Flowing Time Great Emperor, and went on to live and cultivate together for several centuries. Over the years, they had become so close they could read each other's minds. Therefore, they would also fight against their enemies together.

Since Yang Kai wanted to test their abilities, they naturally had to join forces.

They had grown tremendously over the years as they now had the strength of Second-Order Emperors. If they activated the Flowing Time Temple together, most Third-Order Emperor Realm Masters wouldn't be a match for them. Despite that, they still felt immensely pressured when facing Yang Kai.

Yang Kai was just standing there, and he didn't seem to exude any aura. Yet, he was like an insurmountable mountain that had appeared in their way. Although they had looked up, they still couldn't see its peak.

"Little Aunt, we have to give it our all." Yang Xiao's palms were drenched in sweat, but his eyes appeared fervent as though he was determined to turn the world upside down.

Yue Xue nodded and gently took a breath, her amber eyes seemingly glowing with light.

With his hands behind his back, Yang Kai stood a thousand metres away from them. Appearing to be calm and collected, he said with a smile, "I'll not bully the two of you. Whatever you do, I'll not activate the World Force of the Star Boundary. Furthermore, I'll suppress my cultivation and make it equivalent to yours. If you can hit me within three moves, you'll be considered the winner."

Yang Xiao bellowed, "Father, stop looking down on us! Over these years, I haven't wasted my time. I'm much stronger than I was in the past."

"It's pointless to boast. Make your move." Yang Kai crooked a finger at him.

While Yang Xiao was gritting his teeth, Yang Xue yelled, "In that case, meet our first move!"

As soon as she finished speaking, they started performing a set of hand seals together. There wasn't a discussion, nor did they exchange glances, yet their movements were identical, as though they were done by the same person.

Seeing that, Yang Kai nodded lightly. The two of them were able to read each other's thoughts and intentions after cultivating together for so many years. Even twins couldn't be so in sync, but the two of them could easily achieve this. It went to show that they had really cultivated hard.

Seeing the hand seals they were forming, Yang Kai broke into a laugh and commented, "Time Flies Seal? I can do that as well."

Then, he formed a seal with both hands.

Time Flies Seal was the signature Divine Ability of Flowing Time Great Emperor that Yang Kai had learned a long time ago, which allowed him to gain a slight understanding of the Dao of Time. Then, he made use of his Small Sealed World to devour the continents in Demon Realm and found an ancient battlefield, where Flowing Time Great Emperor had once fought a life-and-death battle against Great Demon God.

Traces of the battle were left behind in that ancient battlefield. Yang Kai had been mesmerised by it as though he could see the fight between the Flowing Time Great Temple and Mo Sheng. That was how he mastered the Time Flies Seal; therefore, it was almost as if Flowing Time Great Emperor had personally taught him this Divine Ability.

Unlike Yang Kai, Yang Xiao and Yang Xue had obtained the Flowing Time Temple and the true inheritance of Flowing Time Great Emperor, which they had cultivated diligently for many years, so it could be considered that they had been personally taught by the Flowing Time Great Emperor as well.

As Time Principles undulated, both parties used different hand seals and the energy around them surged. Despite the fact that Yang Kai began forming seals later, he was actually the first to activate technique.

A rumbling sound spread across the place.

Time Flows on Infinitely, Like a Mighty Stream, Like an Unending Dream!

He pushed out his palm!

Yang Xiao and Yang Xue extended their palms at the same time from the Flowing Time Temple.

The Time Principles from both parties clashed in mid-air and fought against one another. Thousands of years seemed to have passed in the void at that moment.

Yang Kai arched his brow as he could feel a different kind of fluctuation coming from Flowing Time Temple. They were equally matched at first, but the situation was soon tipped. The Time Principles used by the duo solidified and suppressed Yang Kai's Time Flies Seal.

"Is that one of the uses of the Flowing Time Temple?" Yang Kai was shocked.

The fluctuation coming from Flowing Time Temple seemed to have strengthened the Divine Ability of Yang Xiao and Yang Xue.

Yang Xiao guffawed, "Little Aunt and I have obtained the inheritance of our Honoured Teacher, and this temple was his residence; therefore, when we activate Time Principles in this temple, it will be strengthened. Father, are you surprised?"

As they spoke, Yang Kai's Time Flies Seal was defeated while the Time Principles from the duo became more ferocious even though its power had been reduced.

Following that, Yang Xue bellowed, "The second move!"

As soon as she finished speaking, a petite hourglass suddenly appeared in front of her. Divine sand could be seen flowing out of the hourglass, exactly 10,008 grains in total.

This was the Flowing Time Divine Sand that Flowing Time Great Emperor had expended a great deal of resources and effort to refine.

The Flowing Time Divine Sand soared and streamed into the Time Flies Seal. As the two Divine Abilities blessed one another, they became horrendously powerful.

With a solemn expression, Yang Kai hurriedly retreated.

“Four seasons have passed, and you’re now extremely sleepy.” Yang Xiao gently waved his hand, whereupon an invisible power gushed out of his palm and mingled with the Flowing Time Divine Sand. Then, he looked smilingly at Yang Kai, “Father, you’re exhausted now. Have a rest.”

Three moves had been combined into one, which further enhanced its power.

Yang Kai’s vision seemed to have been filled by 10,008 grains of sand. Before the attack even reached him, a sense of exhaustion was rising within him. Even his eyelids had become leaden.

“A Soul Technique?” Yang Kai arched his brow and smacked his lips, “Interesting.”

If it were any other kind of Soul Attack, he wouldn’t have had any regard for it; however, this Soul Attack carried Time Principles with it, so while it might appear simple, it could make a person feel as if countless years had passed. If eons seemed to pass by, one would feel lethargic. No one was able to resist this.

All of a sudden, Yang Kai stopped in his tracks and let the 10,008 grains of sand come at him. While Yang Xiao appeared elated, Yang Xue balled up her fists.

The sand was about to engulf Yang Kai, and when that happened, he would be defeated.

Just then, Yang Kai gently raised a finger and pointed forward. At that instant, he used Near Distant Horizon.

The smile on Yang Xiao’s face froze while Yang Xue was stunned. That was because they could sense that even though Yang Kai was just a couple thousand metres away from them, it also felt as if there was several thousand kilometres between them.

All 10,008 grains of sand also became frozen in mid-air. In truth, they were not frozen and were still moving forward, but so slowly it appeared as if they weren’t. It was apparent that there was only a short distance between them, but it was also as if they were as far apart as the Heavens and Earth. Following Yang Kai’s move, the distance between them seemed to have extended infinitely.

That was the power of Near Distant Horizon.

“We lost!” Yang Xiao said through clenched teeth.

Yang Xue gently sighed and broke her hand seal. As her Flowing Time Divine Sand had been restricted by Yang Kai’s Space Secret Technique, she couldn’t even retract it now.

Yang Kai smiled and waved his hand to disperse his Divine Ability, whereupon the 10,008 grains of sand returned to the hourglass. The two Divine Abilities contained in the sand were also shattered.

“Senior Flowing Time was indeed a rare genius. Given his heritage in the past, he could’ve broken free of this Universe World’s restrictions; however, in order to shatter Mo Sheng’s plot, he took the risk of sneaking into the Demon Realm to battle against him. Although he fell in the end, he managed to bring a glimmer of hope to the Star Boundary. It could be said that the reason the Star Boundary is still around is thanks to Senior Flowing Time. If not for him, this world would’ve become the second Demon Realm long ago.” Yang Kai sighed, “Although Senior Flowing Time lost his life, he still managed to leave behind his inheritance. Since you two have had the luck to obtain such an opportunity, you should also inherit his will. If the Star Boundary falls into danger in the future, you must do whatever you can to protect this world even if it costs your lives so as not to disappoint your Honoured Teacher.”

“Father, I’ll never forget what you’ve said today,” Yang Xiao spoke with a solemn face.

“Get ready and follow me to the Outer Universe in two months.” Upon finishing his words, Yang Kai disappeared.

Yang Xiao and Yang Xue traded glances. A moment later, Yang Xiao scratched his head, “Little Aunt, are my ears playing tricks on me? I think I heard Adoptive Father tell us to follow him to the Outer Universe.”

Yang Xue smiled with her lips pressed together, “Isn’t that what you want?”

Instantly, Yang Xiao’s gaze brightened as he placed his palms on his hips and guffawed, “I knew that he’d bring me with him. Outer Universe, here I come!”

He had always been an adventurous soul, so now that his dream had been realised, he was over the moon.

When Yang Kai returned to High Heaven Peak, the ladies had awakened. Ji Yao was standing there with a red face, and she seemed to be on pins and needles. Seeing Yang Kai, she shot him an aggrieved look.

At that instant, the other women also glared at him. Yu Ru Meng’s gaze seemed to suggest that she was ready to skin him alive, while Shan Qing Luo sneered and gritted her teeth.

Yang Kai scratched nose and meekly asked, “Have you all had a good rest?”

Ji Yao’s face was already red, and it became scorching when she heard his question. It was as if some steam was going to puff out of her head.

Yu Ru Meng replied in a weird tone, “What difference does it make whether we have taken a good rest?”

In response, Yang Kai smirked.

Walking over, Yu Ru Meng pinched his waist and said through clenched teeth, “Why are you smiling so foolishly? Since this has happened, you have to take full responsibility.”

An unfazed Yang Kai asked doubtfully, “What do you mean by that?”

An infuriated Yu Ru Meng pointed at Ji Yao, who had hung her head low, and demanded, “Aren’t you supposed to give her a confession?”

“Haven’t I already given it to her?” Yang Kai was speechless at that.

Yu Ru Meng bellowed, “Is this how you’re supposed to do it? What about Bing Yun? How are you going to explain it to her?”

“Well...” Yang Kai batted his eyes, thinking that it wasn’t necessary to explain anything to her; however, after giving it a thought, he realised it was proper etiquette to do so. After all, Bing Yun was Ji Yao’s Honoured Master, so it would be inappropriate if he didn’t at least inform her about their new relationship.

If he were to head to Ice Heart Valley and tell Bing Yun about it, he believed that she’d be happy; after all, she must have noticed something long ago, so she wouldn’t object to it. However, it’d be embarrassing for him to personally explain it to her.

Then, he looked pleadingly at Yu Ru Meng, who snorted and scolded, “Why didn’t you think it through earlier before you acted? Do you feel guilty now?”

She shot him a glare, “Good. I’ll head to Ice Heart Valley tomorrow and have a talk with Bing Yun.”

Then, she turned to look at Su Yan, “You come with me.”

Su Yan nodded, “En.”

Ji Yao was Bing Yun’s Third Disciple while Su Yan was Bing Yun’s youngest disciple, so they were technically Senior Sister and Junior Sister. It would be of great help if Su Yan could go over as well.

With this, Yang Kai felt relieved.

Chapter 4176 – Six Hundred Thousand

Two months passed.

In a plaza in Ice Snow City, many people were seen gathering together. There were about 600,000 in total. Although there were a lot of people, they were neatly standing in lines and no one made any noise. It was as if all 600,000 of them were well trained soldiers.

Nevertheless, all of their gazes radiated a glow that was filled with excitement and hope.

Zi Xiao and Xiao Wu were standing among the crowd. Compared to two months ago when they first arrived at Ice Snow City, while they still looked the same, they had grown tremendously in the Dao of Spirit Arrays.

Xiao Wu secretly spoke to his friend, “It’s no wonder people always say that a cultivator shouldn’t always remain in seclusion. In the past two months, we’ve had some competitions with our fellow cultivators, which helped improve our Dao of Spirit Arrays. It seems that we have to communicate with other cultivators more often in the future.”

Zi Xiao shared his sentiment, "You're right. In the Origin Returning Realm, there are many whose mastery over the Dao of Spirit Arrays is much greater than ours. It's incredible."

Xiao Wu grinned meaningfully, "Anyway, our dream has come true as we can follow Senior Void to the Outer Universe. I wonder what the Outer Universe is like."

Over the past two months, Ice Snow City had constantly been bustling with noise as there were countless competitions and tests the registrants had to go through. The two young men had overcome many hurdles and even though there were times when they failed, they had showcased their exceptional talents in the Dao of Spirit Arrays.

Now, they were still just novices in the Dao of Spirit Arrays; however, their potential for growth was unquestionable as Nanmen Da Jun had personally given them a pass.

The filtering process lasted for about two months. Selecting 500,000 people out of several dozen million was a difficult task. In order to achieve this, all the disciples in High Heaven Palace became involved. Besides them, the disciples of Ice Heart Valley, Fire Dragon Palace, and Full Sky Sect in the Northern Territory had provided countless human and material resources.

Even the disciples from major Sects in the Eastern, Southern, and Western Territory had come over to help. That was how they managed to filter so many people and got to the figure Yang Kai required.

In the end, the number was still more than 600,000 instead of 500,000, but that didn't really matter as Yang Kai needed more people to help build Void Land.

These 600,000 people were not necessarily the most powerful cultivators in the Star Boundary, but they were the best when it came to talent and aptitude in all fields. Their presence would bring new life and development to Void Land.

At the other end of the plaza, Hua Qing Si gazed at Yang Kai and said, "Palace Master, everything is ready."

Yang Kai nodded his head, "Activate the array."

Upon receiving the order, Hua Qing Si fished out a communication artifact and passed on his word.

The next instant, Nanmen Da Jun, who was standing in the plaza, took out an array jade and infused his Emperor Qi into it.

A rumbling sound was heard coming from the ground as though a beam of lightning had flashed through it. In the plaza, patterns started glowing and soon engulfed all 600,000 people.

All of them had already received advanced warning, so they relaxed their guard and didn't resist.

The glow intensified, and there came a moment when the light exploded. When the light dissipated, all 600,000 people from the plaza disappeared as they were put inside the Small Sealed World.

Yang Kai made a grabbing gesture and took back the Sealed World Bead from the Void. Then, he extended his hand towards Nanmen Da Jun and put him inside as well before turning to Hua Qing Si, "Head Manager, I'll entrust all the matters in the Star Boundary to you, then."

Initially, he wanted to bring Hua Qing Si with him as well; after all, she had managed High Heaven Palace for many years. If she went to Void Land, she could continue developing her managerial skills, which would save Yang Kai time and energy.

However, she refused. There were still several tens of thousands of disciples in High Heaven Palace, and if she were to leave, the Sect would become leaderless; therefore, she insisted on staying here, and Yang Kai respected her wishes.

Fortunately, Second Manager Bian Yu Qing was willing to come with him. With her managing Void Land, Yang Kai could rest assured.

With a solemn expression, Hua Qing Si replied, "Palace Master, don't worry. This Mistress will take good care of High Heaven Palace and the Star Boundary."

Yang Kai said with a smile, "Don't let your duties hold up your cultivation. We'll meet again in the Outer Universe one day."

Although he had brought many people with him, he had also left behind a large amount of resources for those who would remain. Many of the resources he had obtained in the Outer Universe were not suitable for the cultivators in the Star Boundary, but that didn't mean all of them weren't. On top of that, there were already a lot of resources in the Star Boundary that hadn't been discovered.

Over the past two months when the applicants were being filtered, Yang Kai didn't sit idly in his home. He had gone out and explored all of the Star Boundary to look for cultivation resources. With the help of these resources, and with the World Tree strengthening the Star Boundary and repairing its World Principles, he believed that many powerful cultivators would emerge in the Star Boundary in the near future.

The Star Boundary was like the rear base for Void Land that could continuously provide talented people. The only shortcoming was that the two places were quite far apart.

"Palace Master, I'll not disappoint you."

"En, I'll take my leave now." Yang Kai stepped forward and leaped into the air.

On the ground, Hua Qing Si saluted him in an elegant manner, "Safe travels, Palace Master."

In Ice Snow City, countless people shouted, "Safe travels, Senior Void!"

Yang Kai turned his head and gently waved his hand at them. Following that, he took one step forward and disappeared.

This time, he hadn't only brought with him 600,000 cultivators who were experts in different areas, but also many Emperor Realm Masters.

In the Northern Territory, the top cultivators from High Heaven Palace included Yu Ru Meng, Su Yan, Xia Ning Chang, Xue Yue, Shan Qing Luo, Xiao Xiao, Liu Yan, and Qiong Qi. There were also Gui Zu, Chi Yue, Ai Ou, Bian Yu Qing, and the others who were all Emperor Realm Masters.

Top cultivators from Ice Heart Valley included Bing Yun, Ji Yao, An Ruo Yun, and Sun Yun Xiu. There were also Li Jiao from Fire Dragon Palace and Mi Qi from Full Sky Sect.

In addition, there were also top cultivators from Serene Soul Palace in the Eastern Territory as well as Star Soul Palace and Azure Sun Temple in the Southern Territory.

Besides them, there were also the three Divine Venerables and their Monster Kings from the Ancient Wild Lands as well as the Stone Spirit Clan and Wood Spirit Clan members.

It could be said that besides the Masters in the auxiliary professions, all the most powerful cultivators from the Star Boundary had also gathered together in the Small Sealed World, to say nothing of the fact that the Great Emperors were also among them.

This time, Yang Kai had practically hollowed out the heritage of the Star Boundary.

However, the World Tree was rapidly repairing the Star Boundary, so the remaining cultivators would be able to grow significantly alongside the Universe World in a short period of time as they bore witness to the rise of the reborn Star Boundary. Following the Star Boundary's vigorous growth, many new top cultivators would emerge.

A moment later, Yang Kai appeared in the periphery of the Star Boundary.

Lu Xue and the others, who had been standing guard in this place, hurriedly moved forward and cupped their fists, "Sir!"

Yang Kai nodded before turning to look at one of them, "Hei He, I have a task for you."

"Sir, please give the order." Hei He sported a solemn expression.

"Remain here and safe-guard this Universe World's safety. If you dare to slack off, the punishment will be severe!"

Despite the fact that Hei He was reluctant to take up this task, he still had to agree to it, so he nodded and declared, "I'll not disappoint you!"

Although he was much stronger than Yang Kai, he had left his name and aura on the Loyalty List; hence, he couldn't disobey this order. Otherwise, Yang Kai could just scratch his name out using Xie Zhi's horn, which would kill him on the spot.

Yang Kai had swept up almost all the top Masters from the Star Boundary, so he had to leave someone here to protect the Universe World; after all, Void Land was far away from the Star Boundary, and there wasn't a way for the two places to communicate with each other quickly. If the Star Boundary fell into danger, he wouldn't be able to provide assistance.

Hei He was a powerful Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, so with him standing guard here, he should be able to deal with most of the difficulties.

With that said, Yang Kai knew that even though Hei He immediately agreed to this order, he likely wasn't sincere. The reason he took on this task was that he was restricted by the Loyalty List.

With a faint smile, Yang Kai decided to sweeten the deal, "500 years. You'll just have to stay here for Five 500 years. As long as you don't make any mistakes, I'll return your freedom to you. I swear it upon my Dao Seal."

Hearing that, Hei He was stunned before he appeared pleasantly surprised. Hurriedly, he cupped his fists and replied, "Many thanks, Sir! This Hei will definitely do everything in his power to ensure the safety of this Universe World!"

As a Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, 500 years was neither too long nor too short for him, so he could wait. Moreover, Yang Kai had sworn upon his Dao Seal, so he would surely keep his promise.

Then, Yang Kai told him to fish out his own Star Chart and marked the location of Void Land on the chart. If Hei He came across any unresolvable crisis, he should immediately head to Void Land and inform him about it. Naturally, he agreed to it respectfully.

After all the arrangements were made, Yang Kai turned his head to look at the gigantic tree in the Star Boundary for a moment before he flew off in a particular direction.

Since he had dealt with the matters in the Star Boundary, it was time he headed to the new Demon Realm.

When he left in the past, he separated the Demon Realm's territories from the Small Sealed World and formed a new Demon Realm. The Embodiment was left there to take charge of it and presently, there were still many Demons living in that place, which included the Demon Saint Bei Li Mo and Demon Dragon Chang Tian.

He didn't intend to bring the Demons to Void Land as, after the Two Worlds Great War, countless Humans and Demons had lost their lives, forging a blood feud between the two that was unresolvable. If he brought the Demons to Void Land, there might be some unwanted conflicts.

Nevertheless, he could bring Bei Li Mo and Chang Tian with him. One of them was a Demon Saint while the other had a Dragon Clan bloodline. Since both of them were already on Demon Saint level Masters, they had to jump out of their Universe World if they wanted to continue their cultivation.

The new Demon Realm and the Star Boundary were in the same Great Territory. At that time, in order to prevent the people from these two places coming into contact with each other, Yang Kai chose a place that was far from the Star Boundary before separating the territories from the Small Sealed World.

However, given his current understanding of the Outer Universe, Yang Kai realised that the two Universe Worlds were not really that far apart.

A few days later, he passed through a large area of void and looked around, then he appeared doubtful.

If he wasn't mistaken, the newly formed Demon Realm should be here, but once he reached his destination, the Demon Realm was nowhere to be seen. Yang Kai was puzzled and even doubted that he might have gotten the location wrong.

The new Demon Realm had taken the form of Gun-Gun, but it was a Universe World after all, so it wasn't supposed to move easily.

[Has something happened?] Yang Kai suddenly had a bad premonition. Then, he emptied his mind and sensed his surroundings.

Embodiment was in charge of the Demon Realm, and the two of them had an unbreakable connection. As long as they were not too far apart, they could detect one another.

A moment later, Yang Kai turned around and shot forward in a particular direction.

Chapter 4177 – Demon Realm in Crisis

A few days later, Yang Kai's trio had already crossed billions of kilometres and he could feel that he was getting closer to the Demon Realm.

All of a sudden, Lu Xue exclaimed, "Sir, there's something going on over there!"

She was more powerful than Yang Kai, so her eyesight and perception were also stronger than his. That was how she could discover things before he could.

Yang Kai turned to look at her and asked, "What's going on?"

"There's a ship chasing after a... Universe World?" Lu Xue sounded uncertain.

Having an idea, Yang Kai asked with a frown, "What kind of Universe World?"

With an awkward expression, Lu Xue illustrated, "It looks like a big fish with a rounded tummy... That's strange. Why is this Universe World able to move? It's as if it has its own sentience."

Yang Kai's face sank.

A Universe World that looked like a fat fish could only be the new Demon Realm.

When he separated the Demon Realm from the Small Sealed World in the past, the new Demon Realm took the form of Gun-Gun. That was because Gun-Gun was born as the Embodiment used the Heaven Devouring Battle Law through the Small Sealed World. Therefore, the Demon Realm retained the shape of Gun-Gun, and it was for of this reason that the Embodiment had to be in charge of this place. The relationship between the Embodiment and the Demon Realm was identical to that between Yang Kai and the Small Sealed World.

It wasn't easy for other Universe Worlds to move around, but it was a different case for the new Demon Realm. With Embodiment taking charge, he could move Gun-Gun in any direction as he pleased.

However, where did that ship come from?

"Can you find out more about the ship?" Yang Kai asked in a grim voice.

Lu Xue shook her head, "It's too far away. I can only faintly see it."

This couldn't be helped. The fact that she could discover the ship in her current location was already the best she could do. If she wanted to find out more about the ship, she would have to get closer.

After giving it a thought, Yang Kai summoned his Shadowless Veil and covered the three of them. Then, they stealthily moved forward.

Although the Demon Realm was moving, its speed wasn't high. The ship behind the Demon Realm was slowly following it. In just one day, Yang Kai's group reached a spot that was about a thousand kilometres away from the ship.

In order to not expose themselves, Yang Kai didn't dare to get any closer. Even though Shadowless Veil was not bad, it had its limits. Before finding out whether there were any Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master on the ship, he had to be careful.

They were still pretty far apart as there was a distance of a thousand kilometres, but the view was completely unobscured in the void, so they could clearly see what was going on in front of them.

After observing it for a moment, Lu Xue said in a solemn voice, "Sir, I'm worried that there's at least one Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master aboard that ship."

"Why do you say so?" Yang Kai asked.

Lu Xue explained, "This is a pretty extraordinary ship. Even if a Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master could drive it, it would be a huge burden, one they couldn't shoulder for long. Only a Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master could operate such a ship with ease."

Yang Kai's heart sank. The people in the ship must be ill-intentioned to be chasing after the Demon Realm. Now, it seemed there was at least one Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master inside the ship. It wouldn't matter if he was in the Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm or below as Lu Xue was now a Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master as well, so she could deal with him. But what if that person was a Sixth-Order Master?

In that case, even if they summoned Hei He over, they wouldn't be able to defeat the other party. Yang Kai wasn't even sure why the ship was pursuing the Demon Realm.

While he was puzzled, Gun-Gun's gigantic figure shuddered, whereupon a crack appeared on its back. A person soaked in blood shot out through the crack as a Universe World's illusory phantom flashed across his back.

Yang Kai's expression turned gloomy.

That person was apparently an Open Heaven Realm Master, but judging from his Small Universe's illusory phantom, he was just a Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master. Other than that, the only thing that was certain was that he wasn't from the Demon Realm.

In other words, the people in the ship were attacking the Demon Realm. Now, the barrier of the Demon Realm had broken, and a Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master had passed through it and left.

"Demon Qi..." Lu Xue's expression turned serious as she could see that the person soaked in blood was engulfed in Demon Qi, "Is he from Grand Demon Heaven?"

Hearing that, Yang Kai was astounded.

Grand Demon Heaven was one of the Thirty-Six Cave-Heavens and it was highly likely that Mo Sheng was from Grand Demon Heaven. If the people in the ship were really from that great force, things would be thorny.

As they spoke, the person soaked in blood had already returned to the ship. The next instant, two figures dashed out of the ship and moved through the crack in Demon Realm before disappearing.

"I see." It appeared that Lu Xue had realised something, then she said in a hushed voice, "Sir, I guess they're trying to devour the Principles and World Force of that Universe World to strengthen their own Small Universes."

"What do you mean?" Yang Kai was flabbergasted.

Lu Xue explained, "Sir, you're still an Emperor Realm cultivator, so you're not aware of it, but after one becomes an Open Heaven Realm Master, he or she has to ascend to the next Order if he wants to become stronger. However, it's extremely difficult to do that. That will take hundreds, if not thousands, of years of accumulation under normal circumstances. Take this Mistress as an example. I ascended to the Fourth-Order 600 years ago and have been taking Open Heaven Pills regularly since then. Nonetheless, there were no signs that I'd achieve a breakthrough. I estimated that it would still take me a hundred years before I could reach the Fifth-Order."

"Such a long time!" Yang Kai already knew that it wasn't easy for an Open Heaven Realm Master to reach the next Order, but the time it took was longer than he had expected. Lu Xue's aptitude must be excellent; otherwise, she couldn't have ascended directly to the Fourth-Order. Hence, it would also take others roughly the same time.

Lu Xue went on to say, "Besides swallowing Open Heaven pills, there are other ways to strengthen one's Small Universe. To an Open Heaven Realm Master, the richer the heritage of their Small Universe, the greater a force they can wield."

Yang Kai nodded as it wasn't difficult to understand. An Open Heaven Realm Master had to make use of the World Force, the foundation of which lay in their Small Universe. The stronger their Small Universe, the greater the power that they could use.

"Therefore, after a cultivator ascends to the Open Heaven Realm, the most important thing for them is to continuously increase the heritage of their Small Universe. Consuming Open Heaven Pills is the most common way, and even though it's slow, it's pretty safe. Apart from that, there's also a more extreme method, which is to devour the Principles and World Force of a compatible Universe World and refine them."

Yang Kai narrowed his eyes, "Is it just like what we're seeing?"

"Good." Lu Xue nodded her head, "However, there's a downside to this method. That's because the Principles of every Universe World are different. If a person rashly consumes and refines them, it might have different degrees of impact on their Small Universe. It won't matter if the impact is negligible, but if the impact is large, it might even decrease a cultivator's power. Therefore, rarely anyone would use this method to increase their strength as it's too risky."

"But that doesn't mean no one will do it."

"Sir is correct. If a person can find a Universe World that perfectly matches his or her own heritage, there won't be any problems. For example, after you ascend to the Open Heaven Realm, then the best Universe World for you to consume is the world you're from. That's because your foundation was built

in that world, so that world's Principles perfectly match your heritage. Of course, if you really do that, the Principles of the world you're from will be broken. The more you swallow, the more unstable that world will become. As time passes, it'll become a dead Universe World."

A shocked Yang Kai questioned, "Has anyone done that before?"

With a solemn expression, Lu Xue nodded, "Yes, such a thing happened frequently in ancient times. However, it's pretty rare now. One of the reasons is that as long as one isn't an extremely wicked person, they won't do such a thing. After all, even if swallowing the Principles of the world they are from helps them grow strong, the amount isn't too significant. Secondly, Universe Worlds typically have their own Great Emperors. Although the Great Emperors are weak by Outer Universe standards, they have obtained the World's Will of their respective Universe World and are able to make use of its World Force. Therefore, they're like Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters in their own Universe World. So, it isn't easy to devour the Principles of such a world. Lastly, in the 3,000 Worlds, most of the Universe Worlds are protected by great forces. If a person rashly swallows the Principles of a world, it will cause a war."

Upon that realization, Yang Kai said, "So, a Universe World without the protection of a great force is always at risk."

The Great Territory that the Star Boundary was in was pretty remote, and there weren't any great forces around, so this area was not managed by anyone, which was why it was attractive to some ill-intentioned people.

Lu Xue nodded her head, "If I'm not mistaken, the Principles of that Universe World must match well with the Small Universe of the ship's owner, which is why he's been relentlessly sending his subordinates to invade the Universe World. He wants to take control of it."

"Since he's a Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master, why doesn't he personally make a move?" Yang Kai was puzzled.

The most powerful people in the Demon Realm were Embodiment, Chang Tian, and Bei Li Mo. Two of them had received the blessings of the World's Will in the Demon Realm and the other could display similar power, so they were only as strong as Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters while their enemy was a Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master. If the ship's owner made a move, those in the Demon Realm wouldn't be able to resist.

Lu Xue explained, "If he makes a move, he's bound to be involved in a desperate battle. By then, the Principles of the Universe World might be broken, which won't benefit him."

She paused for a moment, then asked, "Sir, what does this Universe World have to do with you?"

It was apparent that Yang Kai had come all the way here to look for this Universe World. She wasn't a fool, so she had somewhat figured it out.

Yang Kai replied bluntly, "That Universe World is mine."

A glint flashed through Lu Xue's eyes, "In that case, we can't sit back and do nothing. Now, we have to find out how powerful the ship's owner is."

That was a difficult task. Unless they proactively revealed their whereabouts, they couldn't find out the true power of the ship's owner.

Guo Zi Yan asked, "Sir, do you want to summon Hei He?"

Faced with a formidable enemy, it was better to have two Fifth-Order cultivators than only one.

"It's too late." Yang Kai shook his head. It wasn't certain how long this battle had lasted, and the Demon Realm was in a perilous situation. Even if they summoned Hei He, it would take him ten days to arrive.

"I'll go over," Lu Xue suggested.

Yang Kai shook his head, "No. What if the ship's owner is a Sixth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master? If that is the case, you're basically courting death. Judging from what he's been doing here, whoever this ship's owner is must be a vicious person, one who won't be easy to deal with."

Lu Xue however replied with a smile, "He's focused on that Universe World now, so even if he's a Sixth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, he won't be willing to be held up by me. Furthermore, even if I can't defeat him, I can still run. Sir, you gave me a World Fruit, which saved me hundreds of years of cultivation and gave me hope of experiencing the wonders of the High-Rank Open Heaven Realm in my lifetime. The favour I owe you is too great to ever be repaid. Now that you're facing a problem, this Mistress is willing to do whatever she can to help."

Chapter 4178 – Sneak Attack

After giving it a long thought, Yang Kai advised, "You can go, but you have to bring this with you."

Then, he gave Lu Xue two Space Beacons and told her how to use them. After a nod, she took them. With these Space Beacons in possession, even if she came across any danger, it was highly likely that she could flee.

Certainly, the prerequisite was that she would use them well. Space Beacons were made by Yang Kai, and they could only work in pairs. One Space Beacon was for positioning, and when the other was activated, the user could ignore the restriction of space and pass through the Void in an instant.

After keeping the Space Beacons, Lu Xue took the initiative to leave the Shadowless Veil.

Although there was a distance of 1,000 kilometres between both parties, such a distance was nothing for Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters. Therefore, as soon as Lu Xue exposed herself, she felt a formidable Divine Sense sweeping over her from the ship that was 1,000 kilometres away.

World Force undulated around her and it was apparent that she was revealing her power to attract the attention of the ship's owner.

Seizing the chance, Yang Kai gritted his teeth and stealthily shot towards the Demon Realm with Guo Zi Yan.

In just a stick worth of incense, they reached the crack in the Demon Realm's World Barrier. Turning their heads, they saw Lu Xue calmly landing on the ship.

Even though she was a Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, she had no idea about the true power of her opponent. By rashly entering another person's ship, she was exposing herself to great risk. If that person wanted to harm her, she would fall into a perilous situation.

Knowing that she was trying to help him distract the enemy, Yang Kai stopped hesitating and plunged into the Demon Realm.

From the outside, the Demon Realm looked like a strange-looking fish, but the space inside it was expansive. Upon entering it, Yang Kai could feel that World Force was fluctuating violently, and the entire Demon Realm seemed to be trembling.

At the same time, a familiar aura connected with him. It was none other than Embodiment's aura.

Embodiment was born after Yang Kai infused his Soul Clone into a Stone Spirit, so it could be said that Embodiment was his Soul Clone. Just like how Yang Kai was able to detect Embodiment within a certain range, Embodiment could do the same.

Upon sensing Yang Kai's presence, Embodiment hurriedly activated his Divine Sense and sent him some messages.

Yang Kai went through them and immediately understood what was going on.

After Yang Kai left behind the newly born Demon Realm, Embodiment took charge of it, assisted by Bei Li Mo and Chang Tian. Afterwards, the Demon Realm went through a rapid development.

Initially, everything was going well; however, just half a year ago, an unwelcome guest arrived at the periphery of the Demon Realm. The unwelcome guest was the ship Yang Kai had seen earlier.

After some probing, the people from the ship started attacking the Demon Realm. Certainly, Embodiment wouldn't sit back and wait for death, so he joined forces with Bei Li Mo and Chang Tian to oppose these enemies. At the same time, he had Gun-Gun flee.

The pursuit went on for several months.

Embodiment, Chang Tian, and Bei Li Mo were far weaker than the Open Heaven Realm Master invaders; however, their status in the Demon Realm was equivalent to that of the Great Emperors in the Star Boundary. With the territorial advantage, they could mobilise the World Force of the Demon Realm and match the prowess of Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters.

By relying on the heritage of the Demon Realm, Embodiment and the others were able to resist their enemies. Nevertheless, their enemies were difficult to deal with as there were many people on their side. Although Embodiment and the Demon Realm Masters had injured many of the other party, they were not able to kill even a single person. On the other hand, their enemies were taking turns to wear them down. As soon as someone was injured, they would immediately flee and let their companions replace them.

That was the reason Yang Kai saw a blood-soaked Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master fleeing from the Demon Realm earlier.

After all, Embodiment and the others were too weak to stop a Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master from leaving.

There were three people in the Demon Realm who had power on par with Demon Saints, so their enemies would always make sure there were five Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters to suppress them.

Presently, Embodiment was still able to fight; after all, he was a Stone Spirit who did not know fatigue. On the other hand, Chang Tian and Bei Li Mo were exhausted and were already on their last legs. If Yang Kai hadn't come, they would only have lasted for another month at best. By then, the Demon Realm would be occupied, and their lives would be at the mercy of their enemies.

It only took Yang Kai a short moment to go through all this information and upon learning about the current situation in the Demon Realm, he grinned.

After the Shadowless Veil was put away, he and Guo Zi Yan were revealed. Following that, he waved his hand, whereupon a figure appeared before his eyes.

The person was none other than Yu Ru Meng.

She still appeared to be in a groggy state as she wondered why Yang Kai let her out so soon, but she quickly realised that she was now in the Demon Realm. After all, she was a Demon Saint born in the Demon Realm who had obtained the World's Will of this place, so she was closely connected to this world.

Upon realising that something was off, she furrowed her brows.

Yang Kai briefly told her what was going on in the Demon Realm and her eyes began burning with rage as her murderous intent surged.

After appeasing her, Yang Kai secretly communicated with Embodiment for a bit. Then, he informed Yu Ru Meng and Guo Zi Yan about his plan, to which the two of them nodded solemnly.

The next moment, an invisible force engulfed them. As Space Principles undulated, the three of them disappeared.

At the same time, in a battlefield that was several hundred thousand kilometres away, Embodiment, Bei Li Mo, and Chang Tian were separated by five Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters as they waged a life-and-death battle.

Embodiment was now the owner of the Demon Realm, and he had mastered Wu Kuang's Heaven Devouring Battle Law. Moreover, he didn't have any flesh, so he knew no pain or tiredness; therefore, he was the strongest among the three of them. Presently, he was facing two Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters. He continuously roared and activated World Force to battle against these two Low-Rank Masters, horrifying his opponents as he seemed ready to sacrifice his life to kill them.

On the other hand, Bei Li Mo was held up by a petite woman, and she was unable to get rid of her. The woman was also a Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master, and even though they were in a one-on-one fight, the woman was still at an advantage. After all, Bei Li Mo had been fighting against the enemies for

months without rest, exhausting and injuring her greatly. Presently, her face was extremely pale, and her body was covered in blood. Her dishevelled hair made her look quite miserable.

As for her opponent, she was like a cat toying with a cornered rat, clearly intent on wearing Bei Li Mo down even further.

Compared to Bei Li Mo's relatively less dangerous battle however, Chang Tian was in a perilous situation. Just like Embodiment, he was faced with two Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters, and his enemies seemed determined to kill him as they continuously attacked with lethal moves.

Chang Tian had transformed into his true form. A ferocious and gigantic Demon Dragon was swimming through the sky, his eyes that were as big as two houses completely bloodshot. His sharp Dragon Claws were broken, and many of his Dragon Scales had fallen off. His extremely heavy Dragon Blood fell onto the ground and formed countless pits.

The three of them, who held the status of Demon Saints, were intentionally separated, making it obvious that their enemies intended to divide and kill them.

After they killed Chang Tian, these two Low-Rank cultivators could go over to help their companions. By then, both Embodiment and Bei Li Mo would be powerless to fend off their enemies.

Knowing that he was the key to the survival of the Demon Realm, Chang Tian went all out as he madly burned his Blood Essence.

The world seemed to have paled as the auras of World Force clashed with one another. The battlefield was surrounded by Void Cracks, and with the battlefield as the centre, the World Principles within a radius of several hundred thousand kilometres were broken.

Despite the fact that Chang Tian had done his best, there didn't seem to be any hope of winning. His eyelids became increasingly heavy, and he was running out of energy.

He was already in the twilight of his life before this battle happened. Before the Demon Realm was devoured in the past, he already had his eyes on Yang Kai, who was forced to go to Hundred Spirits Continent, wanting to make him his successor.

If he still had a long life to enjoy, he wouldn't have had this kind of idea.

He was basically burning his own vitality to sustain himself in this battle, and once it was over, regardless of the outcome, he would lose his life within a short period of time.

A moment of distraction revealed an opening in Chang Tian's defence and the two Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters had sharp eyesight, so they would never let this chance slip through their fingers. One of them ran his hand across his blade and seemed to merge with it. After turning into a ray of light, he charged towards Chang Tian's chest.

The sword light flashed and disappeared the next instant while Chang Tian's Dragon Scales flew off and Dragon Blood splattered everywhere as a sword pierced right into his chest.

Chang Tian widened his eyes and clenched his chest muscles. Eventually, he managed to stop the sword before it reached his heart. He grunted in pain and raised his Dragon Claws in order to rip at his own chest.

Just then, the other Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master shouted and wielded his halberd, intercepting the huge Dragon Claws.

Time seemed to have frozen at this moment. Two Humans and one Dragon were locked in a life-or-death struggle. Chang Tian's whiskers flapped in the air as he roared and madly drew upon the World Force of the Demon Realm.

Knowing that they were at the most critical moment, the two Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters focused all their strength into their attacks.

Chang Tian was unable to move his Dragon Claws, but the sword in his flesh was slowly advancing towards his heart. As the sword moved forward, the piercing sound of a weapon squeezing through flesh was heard.

All of a sudden, Chang Tian widened his eyes and looked over his enemies in shock, as though he was seeing something inconceivable. His originally listless gaze beamed with a glow.

At the same time, the two Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters, who were in a deadlock with Chang Tian, were terrified as they felt chills running down their spines.

The sword-holding Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master hurriedly turned his head, only to see a burly man appearing behind him with a huge axe. Following a grin, the man directly hacked at him with his weapon.

The Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master was horrified. The attack was menacing, and judging from the aura of the man's World Force, he was clearly a Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Master.

The one being attacked was also a Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Master.

[Where did this guy come from?]

Engulfed in the aura of death, the sword wielding man quickly attempted to withdraw his blade in to defend himself; however, his sword was stuck in Chang Tian's flesh, so it was difficult for him to withdraw it swiftly.

Left with no choice, he abandoned his sword and performed a hand seal before raising both of his palms. The Small Universe's illusory phantom flashed across his back as the World Force surged out.

Following a loud boom, he was struck by the axe and immediately turned pale and sprayed out a blood mist. He could feel that his Small Universe was trembling violently and the weltering vitality in his chest made him feel like throwing up.

Normally, he wouldn't have ended up in such a pitiful state after just one attack; after all, he was just as powerful as Guo Zi Yan. However, he was unable to use his full strength or primary weapon as he was struck with a sneak attack. Given the fact that he could only hastily parry the attack, he was extremely lucky that he hadn't been killed on the spot.

After getting struck by an immense force coming from the front, he was sent flying backwards and crashed into Chang Tian, bouncing away before falling to the ground like a leaf blown about by a storm

Chapter 4179 – I've Killed One Before

Hou!

Following a Dragon Roar, Chang Tian opened his great maw, which was full of fangs that were as sharp as blades. As endless darkness descended as he bit into the fallen man's head.

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His skull broke apart as the headless corpse fell from mid-air and blood started spurting out of the wound on his neck.

In the blink of an eye, a Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Master had lost his life. The turn of events was so sudden that before his companion could come to his senses, he was already killed.

Chang Tian didn't know who Guo Zi Yan was, but since he had saved him at the most critical moment, he naturally wasn't a foe. After killing one person, Chang Tian relentlessly spat out a Dragon Breath at the other Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master.

The Dragon Breath contained a power that could destroy the Heavens and shatter the Earth. Usually, this man wouldn't have cared about it; however, while he was being attacked by the Dragon Breath, Guo Zi Yan also hacked at him with his axe.

World Force rumbled.

This person's expression changed slightly as he hurriedly swung his halberd to fend off Chang Tian's breath. Then, he surged his own World Force and filled his weapon with it before parrying the attack from Guo Zi Yan.

Following a loud clang, the World trembled and appeared to be on the brink of falling apart.

Both were Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Masters, so neither of them could defeat the other party in a frontal exchange. Guo Zi Yan shuddered slightly as his face flushed. On the other hand, the other Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Master did a backflip and turned around in mid-air before shooting towards the sky.

He was clever as he knew that he wasn't a match for Chang Tian and Guo Zi Yan since the two of them had joined forces. If this battle dragged on, he would also lose his life; therefore, he decided to leave and inform the others on the ship.

As for his three other companions, he was unable to lend them a hand.

However, after he turned around, he saw an alluring woman looking smilingly at him. As their eyes met, the woman's gaze radiated a shocking glow as though it had turned into a huge swirl that seemed able to suck his Soul into the endless abyss.

At that moment, he began hallucinating, but he could still hear the noises coming from the battlefield.

[Such a powerful Illusion Technique!] This man was stunned. He could sense that this woman was just an Emperor Realm cultivator, but the Illusion Secret Technique she used far exceeded what an ordinary Emperor could execute, which was why he, a Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, accidentally fell into it.

[She must be a cultivator who focuses on cultivating her Soul!]

“Break!” He bellowed as his Divine Sense surged out, whereupon the illusion collapsed.

Yu Ru Meng grunted upon impact. Having her Illusion Secret Technique forcefully broken, she naturally suffered backlash. Her face instantly turned ashen, and she started staggering. Furthermore, blood started dripping from the corner of her eyes.

Given her strength, even though she had the blessing of the Demon Realm, it was extremely difficult for her to deal with a Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Master using an Illusion Technique.

Nevertheless, this brief moment was enough. Although she couldn't stop the enemy from fleeing, she managed to hold him up for a breath's time, and in battle, a breath's time could determine whether a person would live or die.

All of a sudden, a gigantic Dragon Claw descended and grabbed the man. As the grip became increasingly tighter, this person appeared to be in excruciating pain as cracking sounds were heard coming from his body.

Turning his head, he saw that Chang Tian, who was sent flying away earlier by his halberd sweep, came back with a blood-soaked figure and restricted him with all his might.

On the other hand, Guo Zi Yan descended from the sky like a falling meteorite and hacked at him with his axe. Feeling the rich murderous intent, the person felt as though he had fallen into an ice cave.

He wielded his halberd and slashed at Chang Tian's arm. The attack was so forceful that it almost broke Chang Tian's arm, but he stubbornly refused to let his opponent go as he allowed his Dragon Blood to spurt out. Some of his bones seemed to have broken but he still clasped both of his claws together to fully restrict the enemy's movements.

There was no way this person could flee. In despondence, he stared at the axe that was about to reach him. As the weapon flashed across his eyes, he could no longer feel anything.

Since Guo Zi Yan's appearance, two Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Masters had lost their lives in just over ten breaths' time; however, Chang Tian felt as if ten million years had passed. After the second enemy was killed before his eyes, his gigantic figure fell to the ground and shrunk as he turned back into Human form, his aura withering rapidly.

In fact, when the first Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Master was killed, the others on the battlefield also became aware of it.

The expression of the woman who was holding Bei Li Mo up changed drastically, but before she could find out what had happened, she saw a figure mysteriously appearing before her eyes.

Astounded, she quickly examined that person, but upon realising that he was just an Emperor Realm Junior, she breathed a sigh of relief.

However, the dishevelled Bei Li Mo exclaimed in surprise, “Yang Kai?”

The person who had come to lend her a hand was none other than Yang Kai. This was the plan he had come up with after a discussion with Embodiment. The reason was that Bei Li Mo’s opponent wasn’t powerful as she was only in the Second-Order Open Heaven Realm. Given Yang Kai’s current abilities, he could deal with her.

Bei Li Mo was pleasantly surprised at first, but soon the colour drained from her face as she shouted, “Leave now! This person is as powerful as Great Demon God. We’re unable to defeat her!”

As though he hadn’t heard her, Yang Kai extended his hand and summoned the Azure Dragon Spear. Following a Dragon Roar, he impassively said, “So what if she’s as powerful as Great Demon God? It’s not like I haven’t killed him before.”

As soon as he finished speaking, a Golden Crow was heard cawing as a Great Sun suddenly leaped out from his back.

At that instant, the world seemed to be trembling.

Initially, the Second-Order Open Heaven Realm Master didn’t have any regard for Yang Kai and after he appeared, she nonchalantly tossed an artifact that looked like a handkerchief to cover him, expecting that to be enough to deal with this annoyance.

However, as soon as she saw the Great Sun, she began shuddering and exclaimed, “I-Is that... a Divine Manifestation!?”

Without hesitation, she flew backwards for several dozen kilometres.

Yang Kai had already thrust out his spear. The Sun merged with the tip of the spear and struck the handkerchief artifact. In an instant, a huge hole was blown through it and without losing any momentum, Yang Kai flew across several dozen kilometres in an instant.

At that moment, the woman’s vision was filled by the Golden Sun. With a great yell, she madly drew upon her Small Universe and protected herself with her World Force.

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The Sun disappeared as Yang Kai turned pale while the Second-Order woman was sent flying away like a sack.

Bei Li Mo was dumbfounded as she couldn’t believe her eyes.

Yang Kai, an Emperor Realm Master, was able to send an enemy she could only look up to flying away, which went to show how insanely powerful he had become. It had to be noted that Yang Kai was a Great Emperor in the Star Boundary, so he couldn’t receive any of its blessings in the Demon Realm. The reason he was able to knock his opponent flying was purely thanks to his own power.

[Has he also reached the realm Great Demon God was in?]

While Bei Li Mo was in a dazed state, she heard Yang Kai yelling at her, “What are you doing standing around!? Kill her now while she’s injured!”

Then, she could see that Yang Kai had already reached the woman in one stride. As he wielded his Dragon spear, he sent out innumerable spear shadows that seemed to engulf the woman.

An excited Bei Li Mo dragged her figure forward and shot towards the battlefield. After she joined forces with Yang Kai, they put the woman in a tight spot and forced her to keep retreating.

When Yang Kai showcased his Golden Crow Casts the Sun Divine Manifestation for the first time in the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary, Zhao Bai Chuan commented that with it he could already battle against a Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master even though he was just an Emperor Realm cultivator.

Although Zhao Bai Chuan was just a Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, he had an acute eyesight, and his remark was spot on.

‘Golden Crow Casts the Sun’ was incredibly powerful and even a Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Master wouldn’t be able to withstand it without taking serious damage, not to mention that the woman was just in the Second-Order. Upon impact, she became severely injured.

However, it took a lot of energy for Yang Kai to use his Divine Manifestation, so it didn’t last long. After the Great Sun disappeared, Yang Kai’s power also shrank significantly.

The woman dragged her injured figure and dealt with it with difficulty, but upon realising that Yang Kai wasn’t as powerful as he appeared to be, she set her mind at ease and said through clenched teeth, “Damn brat, I’ll kill you!”

Her resentful eyes seemed to suggest that she was eager to skin Yang Kai alive and drink his blood.

The fact that she had been wounded by an Emperor Realm Junior was humiliating. After sending Bei Li Mo flying away, she extended her claw towards Yang Kai.

With a pale face, Yang Kai staggered backwards, but he wasn’t able to get rid of her attack. Just as her claw was about to reach him though, Yang Kai suddenly flashed a wicked smile at the woman.

His smile was so eerie that the woman felt her chest tightening as she instinctively felt that something terrible was about to happen. The next instant, she saw the spear in Yang Kai’s hand disappear and be replaced by a bottle gourd.

After the lid was opened, a stream of multi-coloured light streamed out of the bottle gourd and came at her in all directions. The aura coming from the light made her feel horrified.

As though her neck had been clenched by an invisible hand, the woman exclaimed in horror, “Yuan Magnetic Divine Light! A Sixth-Order Yuan Magnetic Divine Light!”

No longer having the guts to fight Yang Kai, all she wanted to do was flee; however, she had just closed the distance with him, and they were now only a couple dozen metres apart, so how was she supposed to flee in time?

Moreover, as soon as Yang Kai summoned the Yuan Magnetic Divine Bottle Gourd, he pushed his Space Principles madly.

Near Distant Horizon!

In an instant, the local space warped as the Yuan Magnetic Divine Light engulfed the woman in the blink of an eye.

A shriek was immediately heard as the Divine Light slashed across the woman, flaying her skin like a million invisible knives, revealing her red flesh.

The Small Universe's illusory phantom appeared behind her and the woman madly surged her World Force to protect herself and fend off the attack.

Unfortunately, she was just a Second-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, so how was she supposed to resist the Sixth-Order Yuan Magnetic Divine Light? Even though the Divine Light was of a single Element, its Order was vastly superior to the woman's Elements.

In the past, when Yang Kai used the Divine Light in Seven Wonders Land, even Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Masters were not able to resist it for a long time, to say nothing of the fact that this woman was only in the Second-Order.

Initially, the Small Universe behind her was vibrant and full of vitality, but it soon began withering. That was because she had expended too much World Force, which damaged the foundation of her Small Universe.

An Open Heaven Realm Master's heritage lay within their Small Universe, so once it was damaged, the impact on them was incalculable.

Engulfed in the Divine Light, the woman was resisting with difficulty. Her Small Universe was trembling, and it seemed that it would break apart in a few breaths.

"Spare me!" The woman parted her lips and begged for mercy.

An unfazed Yang Kai just stared coldly at her though, determined to end her life.

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Following a pop, which sounded like a bubble bursting, the Small Universe behind the woman fell apart and dissipated.

As her Small Universe was washed out by Yuan Magnetic Divine Light, it shattered and broke apart.

Her Open Heaven Realm's aura began plummeting as her cultivation regressed from a Second-Order Master to a mere Emperor Realm cultivator.

The next instant, the woman's physique seemed to have been pared by a knife as her flesh fell off layer by layer. Even her five viscera and six organs turned into the most insignificant dust, leaving a skeleton that still seemed defiant against Yang Kai.

After Yang Kai retracted the Divine Light, the skeleton cracked and broke into pieces.

A dumbfounded Bei Li Mo stared dazedly at the bottle gourd in Yang Kai's hand, her expression transformed by horror.

Even though she wasn't sure what the mysterious light that came out of the bottle gourd was, she knew that it must be a horrifying weapon; otherwise, it couldn't have killed an opponent she could only look up to in such a short period of time.

When the Second-Order Open Heaven Realm Master lost her life, Guo Zi Yan and Yu Ru Meng had also settled their opponents. Both parties killed their respective targets at almost the same time.

Without stopping, Guo Zi Yan, Yu Ru Meng, and Yang Kai shot towards Embodiment, Bei Li Mo became startled for a moment before following them.

Presently, Embodiment was battling against two people on his own. One of them was a Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Master while the other was a Second-Order. He was in a dangerous situation as he had to deal with two people at the same time. Cracks had been formed in his figure, and the chips scraped off from his body scattered everywhere.

The relationship between Embodiment and the Demon Realm was equivalent to that between Yang Kai and the Small Sealed World. In this Universe World, he was the ruler who could use a power that far exceeded his own.

It could be said that the power Embodiment could use was much greater than that of Bei Li Mo and Chang Tian, which was why he could persevere for such a long time.

When Yang Kai and the others appeared, the two enemies noticed it and became shocked, wondering where these people had suddenly come out of.

In just over ten breaths' time, their companions had all lost their lives, which horrified them. Seeing as Yang Kai and the others were charging towards them like ferocious tigers, they wouldn't dare to remain. After trading glances, they pushed out their palms against Embodiment before shooting towards the sky.

Embodiment roared and let the attacks strike him without dodging, all so he could madly activate the World Force of the Demon Realm and use it as an invisible cage to trap them.

At that instant, the two Open Heaven Realm Masters were unable to break free immediately, and they appeared to be in a despairing state.

Before they could escape their predicament, Yang Kai and the others had reached them, thereby making them unable to flee.

The following battle tilted heavily in one party's favour. Guo Zi Yan alone was able to deal with the Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, while the other Second-Order Open Heaven Realm Master was no match for Yang Kai and his companions.

Just one hour later, the battle ended. Still reeling from shock, Bei Li Mo panted heavily. It was the first time she directly battled against Open Heaven Realm Masters and despite the fact that she could

mobilise the World Force of the Demon Realm, she still couldn't see any hope of defeating her opponent earlier.

At the outset of the Two Worlds Great War's final battle, she had been knocked out by Yang Kai, so she had never fought with Great Demon God. That was the reason she hadn't experienced the true might of an Open Heaven Realm Master before.

If weren't because her opponent wanted to toy with her without trying to kill her directly, she would've lost her life by now.

Up until this point, she still didn't understand what kind of realm these people were in and why they were so powerful.

Yu Ru Meng's face was also pale. Just now, she cast an Illusion Technique to deal with a Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, and after her technique was broken, she suffered a serious backlash.

On the other hand, Yang Kai and Guo Zi Yan were far better off. The former had an extremely firm foundation while the latter was powerful; hence, they could easily deal with this kind of situation.

However, after the war that had lasted for months, the World Principles in a radius of several hundred thousand kilometres of this place had been broken, and countless mountains had been crushed. This area had practically turned into a purgatory.

Such an epic battle had caused some serious damage to the foundation of the Demon Realm and without hundreds if not thousands of years, it would be impossible to recover.

The Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Master had been killed by Yang Kai and Guo Zi Yan, while the Second-Order Open Heaven Realm Master was on his last breath. Presently, all his strength had been restricted. With a pale face, he was kneeling on the ground. Guo Zi Yan was holding an axe that radiated a cold glint at his neck's.

Yang Kai calmly walked over and looked down at him in a condescending manner.

The person shuddered and pleaded in a shaking voice, "S-Sir, please spare my life. I was forced to do this. Please don't kill me!"

Yang Kai directly landed a kick on him, which caused him to collapse to the ground, and pressed his foot against the man's chest. Then, he exerted more force with his foot, whereupon the sounds of bones cracking were heard coming from the man's chest. Feeling an excruciating pain, the man despaired.

"Answer my questions. If you dare speak nonsense, I'll make you beg for death!" Yang Kai glared at him. His hideous expression was that of a savage thug.

Suppressing his fear and pain, the man hurriedly nodded.

A moment later, Yang Kai finally figured out what was going on.

Just like what Lu Xue had speculated, the ship's owner was indeed a Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master; however, he was only in the Fifth-Order, not the Sixth-Order. Furthermore, this Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master was severely wounded.

Yang Kai was still doubtful earlier. Since the ship's owner was a Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master, and he coveted the Principles and World Force of the Demon Realm, why didn't he personally make a move? If he did so, no one in the Demon Realm could go against him.

The reason Lu Xue gave him was that the might of the Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm was too terrifying, and if he accidentally destroyed the Principles in the Demon Realm, they wouldn't be beneficial to him. That was the reason he kept sending his subordinates to suppress those in the Demon Realm.

However, now it seemed that her speculation was off. The real reason was that the Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master was seriously injured, and it wasn't convenient for him to make a move.

The ship's owner was called Old Ancestor Mo Yu, and he was the Sect Master of Black Feather Sect which occupied a Spirit Province in a somewhat distant Great Territory, so it could be said that he was a big shot.

Mo Yu was in the Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm, which was equivalent to Qi Qiao Heavenly Monarch, and he had several Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters as his subordinates. Hence, Black Feather Sect could be considered a somewhat powerful Second Class great force.

The Sect Master was a savage person, and many of his disciples were also ferocious rogues. One year ago, one of Mo Yu's favourite's descendants was out for a walk in a certain Star City with his subordinates when he laid eyes on a woman and began tailing her. After she left the Star City, he stopped her with the intent to violate her modesty.

Certainly, the woman wouldn't let him have his way, and she had many bodyguards as well, so the two parties argued before clashing with one another.

After the battle, all of the woman's bodyguards were killed, and she was kidnaped by this Young Lord as they returned to Black Feather Sect.

It wasn't the first time this Young Lord had kidnaped women, and usually, he wasn't held accountable; unfortunately for him, this time, the woman he targeted had an extraordinary identity. She was the childhood sweetheart as well as the fiancée of a Young Pavilion Master from a Second Class great force, Rising Heavens Pavilion.

Black Feather Sect and Rising Heavens Pavilion were situated in the same Great Territory, and they were not on good terms. Their respective disciples often clashed with one another outside of the Sects, and there would be people losing their lives every year, so irresolvable grudges had been formed between the two parties.

Upon learning that his fiancée had been kidnaped by the debauched Young Lord, the Young Pavilion Master of Rising Heavens Pavilion was so incensed that his eyes turned bloodshot. Naturally, he had to storm into Black Feather Sect to get his revenge.

Not only was his son's fiancée's virtue and life at risk, Rising Heavens Pavilion's face was also at stake, which was why the Pavilion Master was infuriated as well.

Usually, there were some small conflicts between the two Sects, where not many of their disciples lost their lives, so they could still begrudgingly coexist; however, this incident could never be tolerated.

Moreover, the woman wasn't ordinary in her own right. Since she could get engaged to a Young Pavilion Master, she naturally also came from a powerful family.

In fact, she came from a neighbouring Great Territory and was the daughter of the Leader of another Second Class great force, Flying Flower Boat. This time, she had received her Mother's order to head to Rising Heavens Pavilion to discuss some matters.

It could be said that the Young Lord of Black Feather Sect's one act had managed to offend two great forces at the same time.

Upon receiving the news, the Leader of Flying Flower Boat was livid and immediately mobilized her forces to barge into the neighbouring Great Territory.

And so, a great war was ignited.

Since Rising Heavens Pavilion and Flying Flower Boat had joined forces, there was no way that Black Feather Sect could defeat them despite the fact that they had a rich heritage. If it were a normal conflict, there would've been some room for negotiation; however, this matter was deeply related to the two Sect's reputations, so there was no way to de-escalate.

The only way to settle this was with blood!

After resisting with difficulty for half a year, the Grand Array of Black Feather Sect was broken, which was followed by a horrifying close-quarters melee. Countless disciples from Black Feather Sect lost their lives, and Old Ancestor Mo Yu became battered and was forced to flee from his Sect. He was seriously wounded in that battle, and even now he hadn't recovered.

Of course, the Leaders of Rising Heavens Pavilion and Flying Flower Boat wouldn't let Mo Yu off, so the two great forces divided their troops and began pursuing their hated enemy.

Two years had passed since that epic battle. During this period of time, those from Rising Heavens Pavilion and Flying Flower Boat had been relentlessly hunting Mo Yu, giving him no time to recuperate and forcing him to choke down his anger and grievances.

Left with no choice, he could only keep running; otherwise, he wouldn't have arrived in this far-off Great Territory. The Great Territory that the Star Boundary and the Demon Realm were in was an extremely remote area in the known 3,000 Worlds. It was an area with little to no valuable resources, so rarely would anyone visit this place.

Usually, Old Ancestor Mo Yu wouldn't bother to come to such a backwater place; however, he had no other choice as he was on the run.

As he wandered around this Great Territory, he accidentally discovered the Demon Realm and became elated. That was because he could sense that the Principles and World Force of this Universe World matched almost perfectly with his own Small Universe. If he could devour this Universe World, he could heal his injuries and even strengthen himself somewhat.

Even if he couldn't get his revenge, he would stand a greater chance of fleeing.

Certainly, he didn't have any regard for a mere Universe World, so he sent his subordinates to suppress it; however, the fierce resistance from Embodiment and the others was beyond his expectation. A few months had passed, but he still couldn't seize control of it.

That was when Yang Kai and his companions appeared.

Upon hearing this man's explanation, Yang Kai frowned as he hadn't expected that there was so much going on behind the incident.

"Sir, I've told you everything I know. Please spare my life!" The Second-Order Open Heaven Realm Master clearly feared death, so after he was done with his explanation, he kept begging with a terrified expression.