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Chapter 1242 - The Heavenly Law Trembles (1)

“What is that?”

Shouts started to spread across the Conferred God Stage... The spectating profound practitioners from the various star realms were already used to the sight of heavenly tribulation lightning regions, but this scarlet lightning region... No one in the entire Eastern Divine Region, the entire God Realm in all of its history, had ever witnessed such a thing, nor recalled seeing records of such a phenomenon.

“This... What is...” The Heavenly Brahma God Emperor frowned.

“Could it be... the seventh stage of tribulation lightning?” Qianye Ying'er spoke.

“What?” Qianye Ying'er's words sent waves through all the god emperors present.

At this moment the skies and the lightning region was now completely scarlet, with not a hint of purple light left. Within the scarlet lightning region hummed several flitting bolts of red lightning. They dyed the originally purple skies red and turned the entire world a shade of blood. The scarlet lightning clouds continued roiling, even more eye catching than the clouds reflecting a setting sun.

Everyone had yet to recover from the shock of the sixth stage of tribulation lightning and they were now met with another soul shocking sight. In the midst of the scarlet world, it was as if they had all descended into a dream-like illusion.

Boom boom boom boom...

The skies thundered as scarlet lights flashed. The scarlet lightning region reformed once more, changing the expressions of all the profound practitioners who had undergone their own lightning tribulations.

This was because right now they could feel the suppression from the heavenly law. It was even more fearsome than the purple lightning region, frighteningly strong and much heavier than before. Not just ten times stronger... it was several tens of times stronger!

Under this suppressive might, let alone profound practitioners in the Divine Tribulation or Divine Spirit Realm... Even Divine Kings trembled in fear at this power. They all felt as if they were but small little grains of sand... ants even, under such a suppression from the heavens. Beneath the fury of the heavenly law only an instant was needed for them to be erased from all existence.

Those below the level of Divine Sovereign were trembling uncontrollably. This type of inferiority and fear... what they were exhibiting, their state of mind... all this had nothing to do with their courage or insight. They were the most instinctive reactions that originated from their souls and body due to the might and excessive weightiness of the heavenly suppression. And these reactions showed just how fearsome and powerful the current heavenly law was.

Yet such power and fury was just for the sake of a human in the Divine Tribulation Realm.

“What in the world is happening? Why is this happening?”

Mu Huanzhi and the rest were terrified. Ever since the thick black clouds arrived, everything that had happened had surpassed their reasoning and everything they knew.

“Pah!!”

Huo Rulie gave himself a hard slap, as he continued staring blankly at the world in front of him, a world that was dyed a complete blood red... The pain from the slap could even be felt from his teeth to his tongue but he still hadn't woken up from this “dream”.

“Is it really... the seventh stage of tribulation lightning?”

The Dragon Monarch raised his head towards the sky murmuring to himself.

Crackle!!!

Under the gazes of countless thunderstruck eyes, the scarlet lightning region slowly parted. An eye piercing scarlet radiance appeared at the heart of the region. In that moment, the sky encompassing red light immediately thickened severalfold. The originally terrifying heavenly suppression also multiplied at the time, firmly locked down the entire Conferred God Stage.

Only Yun Che was there on the Conferred God Stage. This told everyone watching of an undeniable yet world shocking fact...

“It's... it's... Don't tell me it's...”

“The seventh stage of tribulation lightning after the sixth stage!?”

“What!? Is this for real? Isn't six stages the limit? Why is there still a seventh stage?”

“A never before seen red lightning region, a never before seen seventh stage of tribulation lightning... We're witnessing history in the making!”

Terror, shock, excitement, dumbfoundedness, joy, disbelief... The audience had already forgotten that they were in the Eternal Heaven God Realm, they had forgotten that this was the Conferred God Battle. Both their mental states and this current scene was immensely chaotic...

In all of the history of the Eternal Heaven's Conferred God Battles, this was the one and only time where all hell had broken loose.

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But nobody of the Eternal Heaven Realm could control the situation at hand. Even the strict and heartless head adjudicator Honorable Quhui was intently looking at the scarlet red sky, his not daring to move away, as if he was very afraid of missing out on any detail.

Because right in front of them, was a true miracle in the making.

The red light in the heart of the lightning region slowly broke away... three meters, thirty meters, sixty... a hundred fifty... until finally, three hundred meters.

This red light was no longer a bolt of lightning like before, it was very obviously a frightening lightning sword that was an extreme compression of lightning energy!

Above the lightning sword, scarlet lightning hissed, its heavenly might vast and powerful. Suddenly, it seemed as if the crowd an ancient diety's scarlet sword, one whose might threatened the mortal world.

As the three hundred meter lightning sword completely broke free from the lightning region, no longer did the skies roar with thunder and clap with lightning. The lightning sword came piercing straight down toward Yun Che.

CRACK

The lightning sword fell, piercing toward the heart of the Conferred God Stage... piercing toward Yun Che's body. Red light instantly flashed throughout the sky and thunder once again roared to life filling the entire world and Conferred God Stage. The formerly purple sea of lightning had now become a scarlet sea of lightning, so brilliant that its light struck the countless eyes that were staring wide eyed at the sight.

The spectators lost the ability to speak in the midst of their bated breaths. Only the sound of lightning and thunder could be heard roaring between the heavens and the earth.

As the lightning sword slowly sunk, the scarlet sea of lightning became even more violent with each level of descent. Once the lightning sword finished descending, it filled the entire red sea of lightning with a terrifying aura of tribulation lightning when it dissipated. The aura was so strong that the even the experts among the audience were terrified, hearts racing.

This was the lightning tribulation from the heavens, and it was a never seen before scarlet tribulation lightning.

This was the first time in all the history of the God Realm that a seven stage lightning tribulation had appeared.

From the first to the sixth, each stage of lightning tribulation signified a multiplicative increase in the number and power of tribulation lightning.

But this seventh stage of tribulation lightning was of a completely different nature, it just was a single scarlet lightning sword, but its power was both mighty and fearsome. No longer was it double the thirty-two bolts of lightning... It was literally on a completely different and unfathomable level.

If it were to be said that the former six stages of tribulation lightning were but a test for mortals who cultivated in the divine way, then this completely different seventh stage that contained the fury and terror of the heavenly law was a scary devil god which spared no effort to extinguish a misfortunate world.

The red light reflected off everyone's eyes and faces. Even after it had long dissipated, no one uttered a single sound.

Even Luo Shangchen, Jun Wuming, Shui Qianheng, and many others, their bodies were ramrod straight, as if they had lost their souls.

Six stages of lightning tribulation had sent their hearts into waves of shock.

And right now, seeing the arrival of the seven stage lightning tribulation had left them all reeling, feeling as if they were in an illusion. As the existences at the pinnacle of the Eastern Divine Region they could

not fathom just how terrifying one's talent had to be in order to cause seven stages of tribulation lightning to descend.

If he was still alive, his future... What heights would he achieve...

Yun Che, born from the lower realms, disciple of a middle star realm, whose age had not even reached thirty, what kind of a... monster was he!?

"Seven... stages... of... tribulation... lightning..." Shui Yingyue's lips gently moved, every word spoken in a dreamlike state.

Shui Yinghen gulped. His lips a shade of blue as he struggled hard to speak, "He... he... is he.. still alive?"

"..." Shui Qianheng sucked in a deep breath of air, "That lightning sword is powerful enough to instantly annihilate a Divine King..."

"Ahh..." Shui Yinghen's mouth dropped open.

"No, no... that can't be..." Shui Meiyin gently shook her head and softly said, "Big Brother Yun Che is still alive, I can feel it... He's definitely still alive!"

"...!?" Shui Qianheng fiercely turned his head. Heavenly tribulation lightning still covered the skies above the Conferred God Stage, its level of power far beyond what any normal being could bear. Even the Divine Masters present couldn't sense anything beyond the heavenly tribulation lightning.

But Shui Meiyin's Stainless Divine Soul, as well as the soul imprint that Yun Che had left deep in her soul, an imprint that she would never ever bear to erase... She would definitely be able to...

Could it be that Yun Che... was really still alive?

Yun Che was almost at death's door when the six stages of tribulation lightning arrived, yet a full sixty-three bolts of tribulation lightning hadn't blasted him to his demise. Before this heavenly lightning sword that could even wipe Divine Kings off the face of this realm... He was actually still alive!?

From the time the purple sea of lightning had transformed into that of a scarlet red one, Yun Che was not only alive, he was actually basking in, and relishing the entire experience.

As the scarlet lightning sword pierced down from up above, a thick and vast amount of heavenly spiritual energy and lightning energy more ten times that of before had crazily rushed into his entire body. Every hair and cell in his body was rejoicing and relishing that power.

The level of power contained within the purple colored tribulation lightning was already considered extremely high, but the scarlet one was of even greater level. Beneath the incomparably violent heavenly and elemental energies, Yun Che's Rage God powers were thoroughly excited. Alongside the swift rotation of the Buddha pagoda, numerous streams of energy rushed through his entire body... The tribulation lightning was completely unable to harm Yun Che, and was actually being transformed into high level heavenly spiritual energy by the Rage God power, one that completely surged through his body and profound veins.

His originally severe injuries, whether they were internal or external, had now completely recovered.

His profound veins which were previously at a deficit were now completely filled with immensely dense profound energy. The strange thing was that the profound energy didn't stay within his profound veins, but quickly dissipated just as they rushed through.

Within the depths of his profound veins, that mysterious aura still continued to struggle, struggling even more violently than before, and was gradually about to break free from its "cage".

Red clouds continued to roil up in the skies. The scarlet lightning region still had yet to disappear. Instead, it suddenly began to swell at a rapid pace.

The originally glaring scarlet light immediately became even more dense as the suppression from the might of the heavenly law also came down much heavier than before. Several breaths later, the scarlet lightning region had enlarged almost tenfold, which then caused the heavenly suppression to also increase tenfold!

The whole world had now turned into a terrifying scarlet red. It was as if a layer of almost drying blood had been splashed across the land and skies.

"This... This is..."

This was the voice of the Eternal Heaven God Emperor. His voice was now shaking.

Another brilliant scarlet light appeared at the center of the expanded lightning region, resembling a calamitous star emitting world annihilating beams of light that pierced the soul.

"Eighth... stage..." The Dragon Monarch found himself speaking in a soft whisper that even seemed foreign to himself.

The silence in the entire world was now frightening. The entire Eastern Divine Region had never been as silent as this very moment. Everyone was speechless, no longer able to think. Within the depths of their eyes and souls, the only thing they knew and saw was that scarlet beam of annihilating light in the sky up above them.

The scarlet lightning beam started to grow amidst that deathly silence, slowly descending from the lightning region, three meters... thirty meters... three hundred meters... three kilometers!!

The power of the prior six stages of tribulation lightning always doubled every next level, but this was a nightmarish growth rate.

This lightning sword was a whole ten times larger than the previous one!

Eighth stage of tribulation lightning... The words rang inside the consciousness of everyone present, like a voice traversing throughout an entire dreamlike illusory realm.

Even if they had countless experiences and witnessed many things through the passage of time, none of the supreme experts of the God Realm could believe what was occurring before their very eyes.

CRACK

In this silent world, the heavenly lightning sword fell to the center of the Conferred God Stage. In the next instant, a beam of scarlet instantaneously shot up into the sky, reaching the very peak, looking as if it had pierced the vast gap between heaven and earth.

The vast Eternal Heaven Realm was an expanse of scarlet red, as if it had been dyed in the color of blood, not disappearing for a long long time.

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The alarming and bizarre image of the dark clouds that had completely engulfed the skies of the Eastern Divine Region had also captured the attention of the Western and Southern Divine Regions, and countless gazes and intents were currently focused on the Eastern Divine Region.

But they would never have imagined that, beneath those dark clouds that had covered the entire Eastern Divine Region, a completely unprecedented and earthshaking lightning tribulation was currently pouring down from the sky.

An eight stage lightning tribulation... In the God Realm, where even a sixth stage lightning tribulation was legendary, these four words would only provoke absurd laughter and ridicule from anyone who heard it.

The notion was so absurd that no one had ever thought it existed. In fact, it was so absurd that no one had even tried to consider it before.

Yet, it had appeared, and it had appeared before their very eyes.

Under the eighth stage of tribulation lightning, the scarlet lightning, which linked the heavens and the earth like a chain, continued for no less than one hundred breaths before it finally began to slowly die down. But the sea of lightning on the Conferred God Stage continued to rage and toss in a frenzied manner, annihilating everything that was engulfed within it.

Even though the heavenly tribulation lightning was extremely terrifying, it would not harm any living creature unless someone chose to forcibly impede or interfere with it. As a result, all of the might of the tribulation lightning was focused within the perimeters of the Conferred God Stage, even though scarlet lightning was flashing all throughout the sky.

If not for this, it was likely that the entire Eternal Heaven God Realm would have dissolved into a sea of lightning by now.

Those who endured three stages were all hailed as remarkable geniuses. The ones who survived four stages would lord over a realm, the ones who withstood five stages were destined to become Divine Masters and the sixth stage was a legend that had appeared only once in history.

Eight stage lightning tribulation... There was no one who could comprehend what this entailed and there was no one who could imagine just how much talent and potential one had to have to cause the heavens to react with such fear and dread.

Even if one were to take all the talent and cultivation of the founders of the four king realms in the Eastern Divine Region and combine in it in the body of one person, it would still definitely not result in this...

Under the eight stage lightning tribulation, all of the outstanding geniuses within the history of the Eastern Divine Region who had shocked the world with both action and deed would all lose their luster, becoming equivalent to mere dust.

The red light which connected the heavens and the earth had faded, but the scarlet sea of lightning roiling about in the Conferred God Stage continued to toss and turn. The dreadful and extremely dense power of the lightning tribulation would not completely fade away even if another two hours passed.

But at this time, the blood red lightning region that hung in the sky had finally quieted down and had begun to slowly recede, just like the purple lightning region that had quickly disappeared previously.

But this time, it receded in an even more thorough fashion. Within a few short breaths, it had contracted to a tenth of its previous size and it still had not stopped shrinking... as it gradually approached the verge of complete dissolution.

The red light that had previously covered the world had also grown dimmer and dimmer following this. Finally, with a gentle whine, the lightning region completely disappeared and only boundless and vast black clouds continued to roil and toss in the blue dome of the heavens.

However the scarlet sea of lightning atop the Conferred God Stage continued to release a dense scarlet glow.

The disappearance of the lightning region should also have signaled the end of this world shocking lightning tribulation.

However, the black clouds continued to toss about in the sky and it did not look like they were going to disperse at all. The oppressive might brought about by the heavenly law which had engulfed the entire Eastern Divine Region remained firmly pressed upon everyone's heart and soul.

"Finally... it's over."

Countless people muttered those words with their mouths or in their hearts. The lightning tribulation had finally ended, but the shock and horror it had evoked in their hearts would perhaps never fully dissipate.

From the moment that the first bolt of tribulation lightning fell from the sky to the recent moment that the lightning region had disappeared. Now that they thought about it, it all seemed like a dream.

"Eight stages of tribulation lightning. If I had not witnessed it myself, I would not be able to ever bring myself to believe such a thing." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor muttered to himself softly as he gazed up at the black clouds which covered the sky, "From today onwards, the entire God Realm will react dramatically to what has happened here today. This year's Profound God Convention will also leave its mark forever in the annals of history. Furthermore, it might be a mark that never gets exceeded at that."

"..." The Dragon Monarch's gaze remained fixed upon the sea of lightning which engulfed the Conferred God Stage. It was only after a long period of time that he finally looked up and gazed towards the heavens...

After the lightning region had disappeared, the tossing and turning of those black clouds seemed to have calmed down a bit. However the aura in the air seemed to become even more oppressive.

“Eight stages of tribulation lightning... Ssss... Was this truly... brought about by Yun Che? It wasn't some sort of... natural calamity?”

“That was too... far too terrifying. It was at least a million times more terrifying than the most terrifying nightmare I have had in my life. Eight stages of tribulation lightning... If someone were to survive that... what would that person become in the future?”

“That lightning tribulation was so terrifying that even our Sect Master would not be able to endure it, so how could Yun Che still be alive!?”

“Huuu...” Shui Qianheng slowly regulated his breathing but waves still tossed about turbulently in his heart. He cast a sideways gaze at Shui Meiyin but Shui Meiyin continued to blankly stare at the Conferred God Stage, her milk-white face completely dazed.

“Meiyin, you...”

“Big Brother Yun Che is still alive...” she softly whispered.

“What?” Shui Qianheng's brows furrowed together and he had even turned his body around at the sound of those words.

“I can sense that Big Brother Yun is still alive, and... and...”

“And what?” Shui Qianheng impatiently asked.

“...” However Shui Meiyin did not respond. Instead she continued to stare dazedly at the Conferred God Stage as a light that was more shimmery and lustrous than the stars themselves shone in the depths of her eyes.

When she had engaged in a soul battle with Yun Che, she had been utterly crushed by Yun Che's despicable actions. As she suffered from the backlash of this, her soul had been invaded by Yun Che and his soul imprint had been stamped into her soul.

Perhaps the sudden feelings of love and infatuation she had toward Yun Che were in large part because of what had happened during their soul battle. And this was something that she herself had noticed as well, or perhaps it would be better to say that she was extremely clear that this was the case. Moreover, her Divine Stainless Soul was so strong that wiping away the soul imprint Yun Che had left inside of her would be as easy as waving her hand, yet she had not chosen to do so.

Because she liked and very much enjoyed the feeling of suddenly pining for someone, she enjoyed feeling her heart fill up with joy just at the sight of him.

This was especially true when she witnessed him defeating Jun Xilei, defeating her own sister, and ultimately defeating Luo Changsheng... The feeling of elation and pride that filled her heart was something she was willing to sink in forever. She had never ever known that admiring a man, who was carved into the center of heart, could be such a delightful and satisfying thing.

And today, he had drawn a previously unheard of eight stage lightning tribulation to himself, causing the entire Eastern Divine Region to tremble because of him....

Yun Che's soul imprint had influenced her, but her incomparably strong Divine Stainless Soul was able to use this soul imprint to sense Yun Che's existence.

So if Yun Che ever lost his life, the soul imprint he had left in her soul would dissipate as well.

But at this very moment, Yun Che's soul imprint still remained indelibly etched in the depths of her soul and not only was it not on the verge of dissipating, she actually had this vague feeling that Yun Che's soul was getting unfathomably stronger... and it also seemed like there were still other wondrous and strange changes happening to Yun Che.

The pink and tender petals that made up Shui Meiyin's lips were slightly parted as she was completely unable to comprehend what was happening to Yun Che's body.

Boom!

Boom boom boom boom———

At this moment a loud and continuous rumble boomed out of the sky which had been gradually calming down. Everyone present was just about to involuntarily lift their heads towards a sky when an earth-shaking thunderclap suddenly resounded in the sky.

CRACK!!!!!!!

This thunderclap seemed to have exploded simultaneously in the ears and the deepest parts of the souls of all those who were present. This caused their bodies to tremble violently as their faces lost all color... Moreover, the most terrifying thing was that all the higher realm kings, Star Gods, Moon Gods, their guardians, and even the god emperors themselves seemed to have been smashed by a heavenly hammer in that instant. Their bodies violently shook as expressions of shock and amazement appeared on their faces.

CRACK!!!

KAAA!!

BOOM!! CRACK!!

CRAAAAAAAAAACCKKKK....

The lightning which had already died down suddenly began to shine crazily. With just a single glance upwards, one would be able to see countless bolts of lightning chaotically crackling about in those black clouds. Half of these lightning bolts were purple, half of them were scarlet, and there seemed to be an innumerable amount of lightning bolts wreaking havoc across the sky at any given moment. As the devastation spread, it was accompanied by extremely dense thunderclaps which shook the very heavens themselves.

The black clouds that covered the sky began to violently surge like boiling water, the violent movements resembling a feral beast which had escaped its bindings as they tossed and turned in the sky.

An invisible aura, which grew more and more terrifying and oppressive with each passing moment, seemed to cover the entire Eastern Divine Region.

“This... What is happening?”

“Oh, what’s happening now... AHHH!!?”

CRACK!!!

CRAAAAAACK——

BOOM BOOM... CRACK....

Countless lightning bolts shook the sky at every instance, as the crazily flashing lightning webbed the entire sky like a dense spiderweb. The black clouds began to slowly sink amidst their violent tossing, as if they were carrying the sky with them as they collapsed towards the earth... Furthermore, it was at this moment that the very space around them started to faintly tremble.

“This... just what exactly... is....” The Eternal Heaven God Emperor raised his head to to sky. He could very clearly sense that space itself had started to shudder and tremble. But what was a million times more terrifying than this was that an oppressive might, which caused his heart and soul to shake with shock and fear, was descending from the heavens... and it was getting closer and closer, heavier and heavier.

An oppressive might that would cause even a god emperor to shake in a fear...

The Heavenly Mystery Three Elders, who had remained prostrated on the floor all this time suddenly shot up as if they were struck by lightning. Three ancient faces had gone completely white from extreme shock and fear, and the pupils in their eyes were so wide that they looked close to rupturing.

“The heavenly law... is trembling...”

“How could such... a thing happen...”

As the people who were most able to sense the power of the heavenly law, at this moment, they were actually able to feel terror and fear emanating from it!

It was just as if mere mortals were facing an ancient devil god, they would shake with fear as they lost all rationality, they would not hesitate to forever perish from this world...

The power of the heavenly law, which monitored and maintained the laws and order that governed the mortal world, which no one could defy, which everyone feared, were actually trembling fear at this very moment...

This was something that they would not ever be able to believe or accept even if they destroyed all of the knowledge in their heads.

BOOOOM——

CRAAAAAAACCCCKKK!!

Amidst the aura and sounds which seemed to signal the end of days, the sky suddenly ruptured open and a beam of lustrous white light shone down from the crack as it shot toward the Conferred God Stage and landed in the area where Yun Che was supposed to be.

Even though this beam of white light seemed very gentle and was not glaring to the eyes at all, it had blanketed the entire world in deathly white the very instant it had appeared. The area which was illuminated by the white light gradually began to increase and slowly formed a luminous pale white region amidst the roiling black clouds. Streaks of white lightning flashed within it as it quickly began to grow denser and denser.

Astonishingly enough, this was a white lightning region!

The moment this incomparably bizarre and wondrous white lightning region formed, all of the expressions of the Divine Sovereigns and Divine Masters present greatly changed. Moreover, most of the people who were below the level of Divine Sovereign shook uncontrollably as sweat drenched their bodies like rain.

Because following the appearance of this white lightning region, an oppressive might that originated from the heavenly law had appeared. It was an oppressive might that was so huge that it exceeded their imagination and all of their knowledge. It was an oppressive might that was so overbearing that it far exceeded their endurance by countless times.

Underneath this oppressive might that had originated from the heavenly law itself, these divine profound practitioners felt their bodies go limp and soft as their very souls trembled and shuddered. It was as if they were tiny bugs facing the boundless sky, as they could barely resist the urge to prostrate themselves in worship.

A lightning region... A pale white lightning region!

In the middle of that lightning region, amidst the dense lightning, a white figure seemed to be weaving through it. As that white figure slowly grew clearer and clearer... the audience could, to their astonishment, make out that it was a white lightning dragon.

Extreme reverence, extreme terror, and extreme shock... It felt as if their souls were being directly wrenched from their bodies, but even their souls, which were shocked to the point where everything felt fleeting, also noticed an extremely terrifying reality.

The lightning tribulation had not stopped...

That bizarre pale white lightning region was clearly... the ninth stage of tribulation lightning!!

“Qu Hui... Withdraw!” the Eternal Heaven God Emperor roared.

Honorable Qu Hui had always been the closest person to the Conferred God Stage and even when the scarlet lightning sword fell from the sky, he had not moved an inch. Furthermore, with his formidable cultivation, that scarlet lightning sword would indeed pose no harm to him.

But the lightning region that was congealing contained an absolute heavenly might which caused the souls of all the Divine Masters and even the god emperors to tremble!

After the Eternal Heaven God Emperor had let out that ferocious roar, Honorable Qu Hui did not hesitate to make a quick escape, but his pupils continued to tremble uncontrollably.

In the center of the Conferred God Stage, Yun Che slowly raised his head within the sea of scarlet lightning as the white lightning dragon that swam within the pale white lightning region reflected in his eyes.

A voice that came out of nowhere informed him that this was the incarnation of the heavenly law itself.

Chapter 1243 - Nine Tribulations of Heavenly Wrath

Black clouds covered the sky and alarming lightning filled the air. It was as if the entire Eastern Divine Region was being covered in a big wok, the atmosphere had become extremely oppressive and suffocating. Furthermore, gigantic tidal waves were surging and churning in countless ocean regions despite the complete absence of wind and all four corners of the Eastern Divine Region were blanketed with a terrifying aura which seemed to signal the coming of the end of days.

Moreover, beneath the white lightning domain, the space around the Conferred God Stage continued to violently shudder. That was the violent trembling of the very heavenly law itself.

Within the lightning domain, the indistinct image of the pale white lightning dragon was gradually becoming more and more solid as it stopped its coiling motion. Slowly, a lustrous white dragon head stretched out from the depths of the lightning domain.

In that instance, countless bolts of lightning shook the sky. Most of the profound practitioners were so shaken by this that they numbly sank to the ground. Every fiber of their being caused them to curl up and tremble weakly, and no matter how much effort they mustered, they could not force their limp bodies back to their feet.

“How could this be possible?” The eyes of the Eternal Heaven God Emperor swept over the chaos that had engulfed the Conferred God Stage as his heart grew more and more alarmed.

The power that belonged to the heavenly law was a power of law and governance that was placed above all beings. It was an existence that was everywhere, but at the same time, it was also an existence that was impossible to fathom. But the most observable phenomenon of the heavenly law was the lightning tribulations that were sent down.

The lightning tribulations sent by the heavenly law were originally only used to punish and test those profound practitioners which had broken through to the Divine Tribulation Realm. It was classified as a kind of principle and governance that was under the purview of the heavenly law. This was something that was regarded as the most basic knowledge among all profound practitioners of the divine way.

But the current power, which came from the heavenly law, and was flowing out had already exceeded the category of “lightning tribulation” countless times over. In fact, it had already gone beyond the limit of what a human could possibly bear.

Just the oppressive might alone was enough to shock and terrify a whole bunch of divine profound practitioners to the extent that they wished for death instead.

This definitely was not merely just a “test”. It was definitely the might of the heavenly law displayed to its extreme limit. This was a complete and thorough “punishment”, one which left no room for interpretation!

If the heavenly law had not felt the most extreme fear, then this would not have happened!

The so-called “jealousy of the heavens” had always merely been words used to express great regret, because how could there really be an existence in this world that would provoke the envy of the heavenly law.

But right now, everyone present could clearly feel that they were witnessing the true “jealousy of the heavens”!

“Nine tribulations... nine tribulations...” the head of the Heavenly Mystery Three Elders, Mo Yu, muttered to himself in a dazed and dispirited manner.

“Is it truly... nine tribulations?” Mo Wen’s current mental state mirrored that of Mo Yu’s.

“Nine tribulations... the predictions of our ancestor...” Mo Yu mumbled with a dazed expression on his face, it was as if he had entered a dream world.

But at this moment, Mo Yu’s body suddenly seized up and shook. He turned towards the Eternal Heaven God Emperor and shouted, “God emperor! Quickly raise up the barrier! The power of the heavenly law has already gone berserk, it is possible... that the others may get swept up in this as well!”

Unless there was someone who was willing to court death and forcibly interfere, a lightning tribulation would definitely never harm other people. The might of the previous eight stages of tribulation lightning had already been vast, but all of it had been solely focused within the confines of the Conferred God Stage and not a single bit of it had leaked out.

But right now the power of the heavenly law was shaking and going out of control, and even the great Divine Masters and god emperors in this place could feel it perfectly clearly, much less the Heavenly Mystery Three Elders.

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor did not hesitate in the slightest. He let out a loud roar that traversed across the entire Eternal Heaven Realm, “Everyone immediately leave this region, flee as far away as you possibly can! Protect the young generation! There is something strange going on with the power that originates from the heavenly law! The moment this lightning tribulation descends upon us, it will have enough power to obliterate a Divine Master... Flee at once!”

Enough power to obliterate a Divine Master...

Those words were like thunderbolts that dropped from the highest of heavens, especially since the words had been uttered by the Eternal Heaven God Emperor himself.

The Conferred God Stage was immediately thrown into complete disarray. But just as the audience was about to flee, a loud explosion rang out in the sky. Within the pale white lightning domain, the white lightning dragon released a roar that sounded part dragon roar, part cry of heavenly wrath. After that it descended from the sky and entered the world of man.

Space ripped apart like silk whenever it came into contact with the body of the dragon. It was as if the entire world was being chiseled into two halves from within.

The might of heaven exploded forth and everyone immediately felt as if countless mountains had been dropped on their backs. Fleeing was no longer an option and maybe it had already been too late to even

try by then. The Eternal Heaven God Emperor took to the sky and let out a sharp yell, "Gathered profound practitioners, listen to my orders! Focus all your power on sealing the Conferred God Stage!"

After the Eternal Heaven God Emperor had given his order, the seven Eternal Heaven guardians who were present immediately moved. Their bodies flickered as they arrived at the borders of the Conferred God Stage. They looked like twinkling stars streaking across the sky as blazing light radiated from their bodies. Profound energy that surged like the ocean was being released without hesitation. This profound energy soon formed an extremely strong sealing barrier.

The Eternal Heaven guardians were, along with the Star Gods of the Star God Realm and the Moon Gods of the Moon God Realm, supreme existences which were second only to the four great god emperors within the Eastern Divine Region. Every single one of them possessed the earth-shaking strength of a Divine Master.

So one could well imagine just how strong a barrier forged by the combined power of all seven of them was.

Outside of the guardians themselves, all of the adjudicators in the area surged forward after receiving orders from Honorable Qu Hui as they also sent their power into the barrier.

"Qianze, I'll be entrusting Meiyin and Yingyue to you! Everyone else, follow me!"

Shui Qianheng took to the skies as soon as he could, the gathered Divine Sovereigns of the Glazed Light Realm following closely behind him.

"Gathered elders, to me! The rest of you, protect the younger disciples!" Luo Shangchen bellowed in a deep voice as he led the gathered Divine Sovereigns and rushed forward.

Luo Guxie did not follow after Luo Shangchen. Instead, she gave a toss of her robe as an invisible barrier formed around Luo Changsheng.

The stronger you were as a profound practitioner, the better you would be able to feel the dreadfulness of this heavenly might. The strength of the seven guardians was extremely terrifying, but compared to the heavenly power before them, everyone present could clearly feel a sense of powerlessness, and they knew that it was extremely possible that the seven guardians would not be able to seal this pale white tribulation lightning. As a result, all of the gathered Divine Masters and Divine Sovereigns took action instead of retreating, as they poured all of the profound energy they could muster into the barrier.

The isolation barrier, which was originally transparent, began to glow brightly with profound light as it squarely kept the area of Conferred God Stage tightly sealed within. Furthermore, this barrier contained the all the profound energy of more than half the Divine Masters in the Eastern Divine Region, as well as all the profound energy of countless Divine Sovereigns. What was forged from this was perhaps the strongest wall of despair ever formed in the history of the Eastern Divine Region.

The space which Yun Che was confined in had become a world of calamity that was completely isolated from the outside.

He raised his head up high and looked at the heavenly law lightning dragon that was descending from the heavens... This was the most dreadful oppressive might he had ever endured in his entire life and it

far exceeded anything that he recognized. It was to the extent that he did not have the slightest doubt that this power was enough to annihilate all the living creatures in existence.

Yet, he did not feel the slightest bit of fear.

On the contrary, a strange longing began to throb in the depths of his profound veins.

In that single unblinking moment, the white lightning dragon reflected in his eyes had grown closer and closer. It inched closer and closer until it was practically within reach, its enormous mouth yawning open, revealing countless teeth made of pale white lightning, before it violently bit down on Yun Che's whole body.

BOOOOOM—

The lightning dragon descended to the earth, white light brilliantly filling the air. A pillar of white light rushed towards the heavens, piercing through space and the blue sky as it shot towards distant star regions that were yet unknown to man.

Pale white lightning ruptured and exploded all across the confines of the Conferred God Stage. The barrier which was sealing the Conferred God Stage violently shook amidst explosive wails, and this alarmed all the Divine Masters such that they went pale with shock.

This barrier concentrated all the strength of more than half the Divine Masters in the Eastern Divine Region, yet it was actually shaking!

CHA—

The pale white tribulation lightning wailed explosively as it shook the sky. The might of the heavenly law continued to explode outwards, causing the space within the Conferred God Stage to become completely distorted before it started to rip and twist into countless fragments.

The completely frenzied heavenly might was basically unable to keep itself confined within the Conferred God Stage as it violently lashed out at its surroundings. Its attacks smashed against the barrier that was sealing the Conferred God Stage, causing the barrier to emit noises which sounded like wails of laments as it continued to shudder violently.

"This... This is...." Shrouding Sky Realm King Lu Zhou firmly pressed both his hands into the barrier as the greatest expression of shock and alarm he had ever worn in his life appeared on his face.

"So this is truly... the real might of the heavenly law? To think that it was actually so dreadful!"

"How could this be possible!?" Shui Qianheng's pupils dilated as the vibrations and power that was transmitted to him caused both his arms to grow sore and numb. Fear and alarm raced around in his heart and even when he mustered all his strength to regain his composure, he could not suppress that mounting sense of dread.

BOOOM—BOOOM!!

The power of the tribulation lightning exploded in waves and the impacts caused by these explosions shook the barrier violently. It was at this moment that a crack exploded on the barrier which contained the might of more than half the Divine Masters in the Eastern Divine Region. This crack was

accompanied by an explosion which sounded like the very heavens themselves had ruptured. After that, the crack in the barrier began to spread with extreme speed.

“Wha... What!?” This scene was so alarming that it caused everyone’s hearts to clench in fear.

All the Divine Masters and Divine Sovereigns who were gathered in front of the barrier had looks of tense concentration on their faces. Vast and mighty profound energy surged forth once again and no one held anything back this time around... But the crack still continued to swiftly spread and the shaking that rocked the entire barrier was clearly getting more and more violent.

CRACK!!

With another huge explosion, a second crack that was shaped like a thunderbolt ruptured open.

Shouts of alarm and fear filled the air to such an extent that they nearly suppressed the wailing of the thunder. The Divine Masters at the scene were so shocked that all color drained from their faces. They did not dare to look down on this berserking heavenly might in the slightest, even if the guardians were in front of them, they still all took action again... But even though they all moved in unison, they were still unable to completely suppress this heavenly might.

What was even more terrifying was that this core of the power that originated from the heavenly law was focused on the Conferred God Stage itself. The heavenly might that they were struggling with was only the excess power that radiated outwards!

The heavenly law was not to be defied, and the might of heaven was not to be touched... But the heavenly law was, after all, indistinct and distant, so it was not until this very moment that they had personally experienced and gained a true understanding of just how terrifying the might of the heavenly law was.

If the barrier collapsed, this heavenly might, which even the gathered Divine Masters and Divine Sovereigns could not contain, would truly be let loose into the world... and the results would be so disastrous it would not bear thinking about.

“Let’s take action,” the Dragon Monarch said softly.

At that moment, the Dragon Monarch, Eternal Heaven Divine Emperor, Brahma Heaven God Emperor, Star God Emperor, Moon God Emperor, and the four Star Gods and four Moon Gods who were present, all moved in unison as they took to the skies. A might which hid the sky and covered the earth descended down from the dome of heaven before it covered up the barrier.

In an instant, the wind and clouds started to change.

In the next instant, God Emperor Shitian had also appeared beside them, in front of the barrier. He brought his vast power to bear, injecting boundless divine power into the barrier.

Among the king realms, only Qianye Ying’er had not taken any action.

Even the gathered god emperors had been so shocked that their faces had lost color, but not a single trace of shock or fear could be seen on her own. She floated in the sky, high above, as she steadily fixed her gaze on the center of the Conferred God Stage. Her golden hair danced in the air and the soft armor that she wore hugged bewitching curves which were even more alluring than that of a devil. However,

the golden mask that she wore concealed her eyes and did not allow anyone to observe the light that was currently rippling in her beautiful eyes.

The Dragon Monarch, the four god emperors of the Eastern Divine Region, God Emperor Shitian of the Southern Divine Region, the four Star Gods, and the four Moon Gods all moved at the same time. The power they exerted together was so dreadful that it could completely flip the Eastern Divine Region on its head.

Under this power, which normal folk could not even imagine, the cracks in the barrier finally stopped spreading.

The spirits of the gathered Divine Masters and Divine Sovereigns were greatly lifted and they felt their hearts relax slightly. Gradually, the cracks began to slowly mend and the shaking of the barrier had clearly grown much gentler than before.

Just as everyone was about to breathe a great sigh of relief and completely regain their composure, an earthshaking explosion suddenly rang out in the space between heaven and earth.

BOOOOOOOOOM— — — — —

The tribulation lightning within the Conferred God Stage completely exploded outwards as a white light, countless times more dense than the previous one, pierced through the heavens. In an instant, uncountable fine cracks appeared on the barrier which had just been made whole.

Before the gathered Divine Masters and Divine Sovereigns even had time to panic, the barrier had ruptured and burst open. All of them flew backwards from the impact, it was as if they had been smashed by a heavy mallet.

“Ahhhh!!”

“Shi... Shit!!”

The collapse of the barrier meant that this entire Eternal Heaven God Realm would be buried by tribulation lightning. Everyone’s hearts plunged into a deep abyss, but... in the very next instant, that absolutely dreadful heavenly might had actually disappeared.

In fact, it had completely disappeared!

The berserking white tribulation lightning had broken through the barrier, but it had not dissipated. Instead, it seemed to have been devoured by the very air itself, as it disappeared without a trace. Light and warmth, that had not been felt in a long time, radiated from the skies above. Everyone instinctively raised their heads to look, but what they saw was miles and miles of clear sky. The black clouds, which had just been blanketing the skies a moment before, had astonishingly, completely disappeared.

Everything that had just happened had seemed like an illusion that had just been shattered.

Everyone was rooted in place and it was a long time before anyone came to their senses.

The Conferred God Stage had vanished.

In the area where the Conferred God Stage had previously been now lay an empty hole that was one hundred and fifty kilometers wide. One could not see to the end of the pitch-black darkness of that empty hole.

This bottomless abyss, that seemed to run through the entire Eternal Heaven God Realm, was irrefutable proof that everything that had just happened was indeed not a dream.

In the air above that empty hole, there remained the last bits of pale white lightning.

The pale white lightning whinnied as it slowly receded and the figure of a person could soon be clearly seen within that pale white lightning. The lightning receded until a face could clearly be seen by everyone who was present.

“Yun... Che...”

Countless jaws dropped to the ground as they stuttered words that came from the depths of their souls.

Yun Che’s body was completely bare and only that layer of white lightning, which seemed to be unwilling to dissipate fully, acted as clothes as it covered his entire body. Furthermore, there was not a single wound that could be seen on his entire body. His black hair had grown several times longer, and those long locks chaotically danced as they were illuminated by the lightning that played about his body.

A deathly silence settled across the entire Conferred God Stage.

Zzzt... zzzzt... zzzt zzzt!!

Yun Che’s eyes shifted and to everyone’s astonishment, they could see pale white lightning flash and crackle in his pupils. He slowly lifted an arm as he pointed a finger wrapped in white lightning towards a pale white face:

“Luo... Chang... sheng...”

“Let’s... go... again!!”

Chapter 1244 - Rematch

The entire place was dead silent and no one responded to what had just happened.

Everyone’s eyes were filled with a deep fear, it was as if they were looking at a monster that should not even be able to exist in this world.

Luo Changsheng’s face was as white as a sheet as he stared dazedly at Yun Che. He barely responded to the words that were said to him.

That dreadful heavenly might had even broken the courage of all the gathered Divine Masters and Divine Sovereigns, much less Luo Changsheng who had just stepped into the Divine King Realm.

Furthermore, Yun Che had actually survived despite being beset by this heavenly might. In fact, he was standing there, right before them, in the flesh.... Not a single person could bring themselves to believe what they were seeing. It was much easier for them to believe that the Yun Che currently in their vision was no more than a transient illusion.

“Luo Changsheng...” Yun Che’s voice boomed like muffled thunder, shaking the souls of countless trembling individuals, “the fight between us still hasn’t ended... So let’s go!!”

Luo Changsheng’s pupils contracted and his lips faintly trembled. It looked as if he wanted to say something but he could not make a single sound.

“Big Brother Yun, put on some clothes first! It’s so embarrassing I could die!”

The free-spirited and beautiful voice of a young girl clearly rang out in the air at this moment. This voice had an instantaneous effect as it roused the souls of all who were present. In fact, it was as if a stream of clear and clean spring water had been poured into the chaotic and suffocated space.

Shui Meiyin’s coquettish shout stunned Yun Che, because it was only now that he realized that he was actually standing there buck naked while facing every living being in the entire Eastern Divine Region. His arm moved with lightning speed and a new ice phoenix snow robe garbed his body immediately, the sleeves of his new robe were wildly fluttering in the air as pale white lightning continued to play around them.

Even though Yun Che’s skin was as thick as a city wall and his soul had just gone through a transformation as well, he could not help but feel his face flush with heat.

Shui Meiyin had not let out any ordinary shout. In fact, what she had released was the Stainless Soul Sound that could cleanse one’s heart and soul. This allowed everyone present to quickly recover from the fear and shock that had been evoked by both the tribulation lightning and seeing Yun Che emerge alive respectively.

The muscles on the Eternal Heaven God Emperor’s face were clearly twitching as he extended a hand towards where Yun Che was standing. But before he had completely extended his arm, he withdrew it and instead spoke with deeply furrowed eyebrows, “Yun Che, you... How are you still alive? How exactly did you survive that?”

They had just personally experienced the true might of that white-colored tribulation lightning. The barrier that had been forged from the combined power of the gathered god emperors, Divine Masters, and Divine Sovereigns had been shattered by a single blow from that heavenly might... and that was just from the excess power that had spilled over.

If one was located in the eye of the storm, the point at which all of that heavenly might was focused, the Eternal Heaven God Emperor did not doubt in the least that even a Divine Master would have been instantly reduced to nothingness under that kind of power.

As for Yun Che, he was only a Divine Tribulation Realm profound practitioner. Furthermore, he had just been beaten within an inch of his life by Luo Changsheng... He had suffered such a terrible defeat at the hands of Luo Changsheng that he could not even retaliate, so just how then could he have survived that dreadful lightning tribulation!?

He was unable to bring himself to believe this. He was simply unable to believe that such a thing had happened, no matter how much he tried.

But what was even greater than his disbelief was his inability to understand or reason out what had just transpired.

Not only was Yun Che alive and kicking, he actually did not look the least bit hurt!

The peerlessly dreadful nine stage lightning tribulation was far too frenzied and not more than fifteen minutes had passed since the first stage of tribulation lightning had started until now.

But before these fifteen minutes had passed, it would have been hard-pressed to find a single uninjured part on his body... Within the short span of fifteen minutes, even the Divine Water of Absolute Beginning or the Great Firmament Golden Pellet would not be able to heal a person to this extent.

Also, that pale white lightning that played across his body... That was lightning that belong the ninth stage of tribulation lightning and the dreadfulness of that lightning still left a profound fear in the Eternal Heaven God Emperor's heart.

This pale white lightning which had yet to dissipate represented the highest level of heavenly might in this universe, yet it had actually wrapped itself around Yun Che's body in an incomparably docile and meek fashion. Without even mentioning his actual body itself, even the snowy robes he had just donned had not suffered the slightest bit of damage—In fact, the lightning that played around his body only looked like ordinary light without any ability to kill or injure, but the moment the Eternal Heaven God Emperor's eyes made contact with that white light, his heart and soul could not help but violently shake as fear and dread overtook him.

"..." Yun Che did not reply, and in fact, he was unable to reply.

The Dragon Monarch gave Yun Che a deep look before suddenly speaking, "Yun Che and Luo Changsheng's battle was interrupted due to the lightning tribulation and even though Luo Changsheng has already left the confines of the Conferred God Stage, that was due to an unavoidable and dare I say, irresistible, interference, so it cannot count as his defeat. Which is also to say that this Conferred God Battle is not yet finished."

The eyes of the Eternal Heaven God Emperor shifted to the side as he said, "The esteemed Dragon Monarch's means to say?"

"Nine tribulations descending from the heavens, that is something that has not happened even in ancient times. This proves that Yun Che's talent and potential is unique and unmatched. But compared to him alone, the final battle of this Profound God Convention is doubtlessly far more important. As for the rest of the details, let's leave them until later!" the Dragon Monarch said in an incomparably calm and unperturbed voice.

Every single one of the Dragon Monarch's words were as heavy as a boulder.

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor was briefly startled by those words, but after that, he gave a nod of understanding and assent before declaring in a deep voice, "Qu Hui!"

Honorable Qu Hui was ultimately still Honorable Qu Hui. No matter what the circumstances were, he was a person that would follow the rules and regulations to their utmost limit. In a flash, he arrived before the area where the Conferred God Stage should have been. His hand pulsed with profound light and a pure white barrier immediately formed under his feet. The barrier started to spread until it covered the one hundred and fifty kilometer area that had made up the Conferred God Stage, covering up the empty space that had been created by the lightning tribulation.

Just like that, an entirely new one hundred and fifty kilometer “Conferred God Stage” had been created!

Under the power of the Honorable Qu Hui, this arena, that had been formed by a profound energy barrier, was far more sturdy than even the actual Conferred God Stage.

“Luo Changsheng, the battle between you and Yun Che has not yet ended. Just now, the two of you were interrupted by that lightning tribulation. But now that the lightning tribulation has finished, both of you should continue from where you left off. Make haste and enter the arena. However, you can also choose to reject this suggestion, and if that is the case, it will be viewed as you abandoning the fight and admitting your defeat.”

The sonorous voice of Honorable Qu Hui remained the same as ever, as he pronounced those words with a cold detachment.

The shock that nine stages of tribulation lightning had brought about was still fresh in everyone’s mind and still left them reeling from its impact. But before they could even catch a break and rouse themselves, their attention was now suddenly redirected back to the Conferred God Battle.

However, these were the words and the decision of the Dragon Monarch and the Eternal Heaven God Emperor respectively. Moreover, all that had been said and done were within reason.

At that moment, they remembered how Luo Changsheng had Yun Che completely ground under his heel just a moment ago. To all who were present, that very real scenario now seemed much like a dream.

Countless gazes turned toward where Luo Changsheng was, but he still stood there unmoving.

“Luo Changsheng,” Yun Che said with narrowed eyes, his deep voice booming in the air, “it can’t be that you... don’t dare to fight me, right!?”

These words had undoubtedly fiercely agitated Luo Changsheng. His blankly staring eyes fiercely regained their focus and his chest rose and fell as his lips hooked up with the trace of a smile, “Me.... Afraid... of... you!?”

“Changsheng!” Luo Guxie grabbed him anxiously as she said in a low voice, “The lightning aura around Yun Che is extremely bizarre, let’s not make any hasty....”

Before Luo Guxie could even finish her statement, Luo Changsheng had already shrugged her off abruptly, and taken to the skies. He flew across the distance and landed in front of Yun Che.

Both participants stared at each other, their gazes colliding. But, unlike before, this time Luo Changsheng’s eyes were involuntarily quivering, whereas Yun Che’s eyes were a sea of icy indifference.

Zzzt... zzzt... zzzzt...

The sound of the crackling lightning was exceptionally jarring to the ear. Luo Changsheng stood only thirty meters distant from Yun Che but the moment his eyes made contact with that pale white lightning, a sensation that felt as if a thousand iron needles were stabbing into his soul ran through his body. What was even more bizarre than this was the fact that he actually could not sense Yun Che’s aura at all... Not only could he not sense his profound energy, he could not even sense the aura of his life force.

Furthermore, it was not only him, even his master Luo Guxie and the gathered god emperors themselves could not sense Yun Che's aura... The layer of pale white lightning that covered his body had completely sealed off Yun Che's profound energy and life force from detection and even the spiritual perception of a Divine Master was unable to penetrate it.

"..." The rising and falling of Luo Changsheng's chest become more and more violent. His heart could not stop its frantic rhythm, it was beating so fast that it threatened to leap out of his chest.

Not more than fifteen minutes ago, he had completely dominated Yun Che and had forced him to the edge of despair and desperation. Yun Che had been his chew toy but right now, his body and soul were being invaded by a dread he could not control... A gigantic difference in ability had naturally given birth to enormous humiliation.

He was the Luo Changsheng who had become a Divine King, the youngest Divine King in the history of the entire Eastern Divine Region, the best and most incredible genius! So how could he display fear in front of a person who had just survived a lightning tribulation, someone he had been wantonly trampling all over just a moment ago!?

It was even more impossible for him to retreat or lose to this person!

No matter what, he could not... there was no reason for him to retreat or to lose!

He steeled his nerves as he fiercely bit down on the tip of his tongue and forcefully straightened his back. He wore a bland smile on his face, the kind of smile that the strong showed in front of the weak, "Ah, Yun Che, you have once more given me an enormous and delightful surprise. Heh, nine stage lightning tribulation, magnificent... truly magnificent!"

Yun Che, "..."

"I have no choice but to confess that you will very possibly be my superior in the future. But that's too bad, because that will be in the future." Luo Changsheng's lips drew back slightly to form the trace of a twisted grin... It was as if to tell Yun Che that it was a mystery whether he would even have a future.

"But the current you... Let's not even talk about the nine stage lightning tribulation, even if it was ten stages, no, one hundred stages, you are still someone who has just survived his lightning tribulation and stepped into the Divine Spirit Realm. So you surely can't be so naive as to think that the current you has the qualifications to be my opponent, correct?"

Yun Che did not say a word, but a cold light that pierced one's marrow flashed in the depths of his cold eyes.

Honorable Qu Hui furrowed his brows before giving a wave of his hands, "The final battle of the Conferred God Battle hereby continues! The rules are the same as before! Begin!"

It was very clear that Luo Changsheng had managed to convince himself with what he had just said. The fact that "Yun Che had just entered the Divine Spirit Realm" was a fact that became prominent and deeply embedded in Luo Changsheng's psyche. His gaze started to grow confident as he dismissively extended his hand towards Yun Che, "As a Divine King, it's beneath my dignity to take the initiative to attack someone who has just entered the Divine Spirit Realm. Come, attack me with all your power. Let me take a good look at just how much improvement you've made just now."

Yun Che still did not say anything in response to Luo Changsheng. Instead, he slowly raised his hand and pointed a finger at him.

Zzzt!

A soft whinny of crackling lightning rang out in the air. A bolt of white lightning swiftly shot out of the tip of his finger...

And in the next instant, that bolt of lightning pierced through Luo Changsheng's body.

Luo Changsheng did not even react in time to that attack, he only felt a part of his chest grow cold. After that, an intense pain assaulted him. He involuntarily looked down, and to his surprise, he found a bloody hole in his chest

A bloody hole that ran all the way through his body.

Luo Changsheng's pupils instantly contracted into pinpricks and all the profound practitioners surrounding the Conferred God Stage were completely stunned by what had just happened.

There had been no movement or surging of profound energy in the air, it had merely been a flash of lightning, yet Luo Changsheng's body had been pierced through... This was a Divine King's spiritual perception and body we were talking about, yet Luo Changsheng did not even react, and the profound energy that protected his body seemed practically non-existent to that attack. In fact, it had not even made any sort of sound or struggle when it had been pierced.

Fresh blood finally gushed out of that wound as Luo Changsheng gave a low moan and pressed with his hand... The bloody hole was not very big, and to a Divine King, it was not even considered a serious wound. But this wound dealt a devastating blow to Luo Changsheng's heart and soul.

Yun Che's finger made a slight movement as lightning flashed on the tips of fingers.

BANG!!

Yet another bloody hole appeared on Luo Changsheng's body, this time piercing through the right side of his chest. Luo Changsheng let out a pained moan as he stumbled backwards. He once more felt the intense pain and the cold sensation of being pierced through, and his heart violently clenched in his chest...

His spiritual perception still did not react to this attack and the protective profound energy still seemed to put up no resistance whatsoever.

"You..." He stared at Yun Che, his body actually involuntarily shivering. But his fear soon turned into humiliation before turning into an incomparably intense rage. He gave a low bellow as a gray light flashed. The Dragon Compassion Blade appeared in his hand as the power of a Divine King violently surged up in his entire body, and he sent a ferocious slash at Yun Che.

In the previous bout against Yun Che, Luo Changsheng was afraid that he would accidentally inflict a fatal slash on Yun Che, so from the beginning to the end, he never used more than thirty percent of his power. But this particular slash was an attack that had been provoked by the formless dread, so it carried all of his explosive power as a Divine King. The Dragon Compassion Blade left chaotic dimensional ripples in its wake as it whistled through the air.

If this was the Yun Che of fifteen minutes ago, this attack would definitely kill him.

But despite facing the all out attack of Luo Changsheng, Yun Che did not move from where he was standing. Instead, he merely raised his right arm up slowly as he lightly opened his fingers to welcome the Dragon Compassion Blade, that was hurtling towards him, as it slashed through the empty air.

This scene was so shocking it caused everyone's heart to leap in their chests.

"Yun Che, he... Could it be that he wants to..."

Yun Che's actions caused Luo Changsheng's pupils to widen. With a low roar, the blade which was full of the power of a Divine King actually grew fiercer by yet another degree, "You're looking for death!!"

Chapter 1245 - Abuse

Zzzt!!

The Dragon Compassion Blade hit Yun Che's palm, but there was no profound energy explosion, collapsed space, or blood. All the impact produced was a hiss of lightning, and the blade came to a stop—or more accurately, Yun Che held it with three fingers—just like that. The devastating power of a Divine King had vanished like it had been devoured by a dimensional black hole.

The Conferred God Stage was completely silent.

Luo Changsheng looked deathly pale as his pupils trembled with confusion and fear. His weapon arm felt numb, but he couldn't feel any power inside it... in fact, he couldn't even feel the Dragon Compassion Blade itself.

The Dragon Compassion Blade had been injected with all of his power, but Yun Che had stopped his attack barehanded—no, with just three fingers!

Impossible...

Im... po... ssi... ble...

Yun Che remained expressionless, almost as if he had caught a tiny insect and not a blade. Then, he squeezed the Dragon Compassion Blade a bit.

Ding!

There was a soft noise, and pale white cracks instantly spread throughout the blade.

Luo Changsheng's pupils dilated until they couldn't possibly get any wider.

Creak creak creak creak creak...

Aooo— wooh—

The Dragon Compassion Blade struggled and trembled intensely in Yun Che's grip, all the while roaring fearfully and in pain. However, its futile struggles and sorrowful roars lasted for only a brief instant before it stilled and crumbled into countless gray white pieces in Luo Changsheng's hand. The fragments fell to the light screen beneath their feet, shining with despair during its final moments before everything finally turned silent.

“You... You...” Luo Changsheng staggered back a few steps while feeling numb all over. He felt as if someone had sucked the soul from his very body.

“Yun Che... took Luo Changsheng’s Dragon Compassion Blade... with his bare hand...”

“Not his hand, his fingers... he even crushed it... was the Dragon Compassion Blade such a fragile weapon?”

“The Dragon Compassion Blade was a primordial divine blade Fairy Guxie brought back from the God Realm of Absolute Beginning! There’s no way it’d be fragile... not to mention that it was injected with Luo Changsheng’s powers; a Divine King’s powers! Yun Che’s the reason... Yun Che... he... he... Ssss...”

Gasps could be heard all across the spectators stands.

“Im... impossible... Impossible...” Luo Guxie looked completely stunned. If she was numb from the shocking event that was the lightning tribulation earlier, then she couldn’t even believe her eyes right now.

She had personally brought the Dragon Compassion Blade back from the God Realm of Absolute Beginning, and she had spent a tremendous amount of effort to retrieve the blade. Admittedly, it wasn’t nearly as strong as it was during the Primordial Era, but the blade itself was still made using the back of an actual dragon. Not even she could have destroyed it so easily... How in the world had Yun Che done it when he had just survived his tribulation lightning...

Wait, that white tribulation lightning surrounding him!

“Changsheng!” Luo Guxie suddenly shouted, “If a lightning tribulation hadn’t interfered with this battle, you would’ve been victorious a long time ago. This so-called rematch is unfair and completely meaningless to you, so you may as well just give up this fight!”

Luo Guxie was obviously giving Luo Changsheng a reason to surrender the match, but the words she used—“unfair”, “completely meaningless”—made Honorable Qu Hui frown deeply... if she wasn’t Luo Guxie, he would’ve shown his anger already.

“Give up...” Luo Changsheng’s lips were trembling, but no one knew if it was out of fear or humiliation. As he stared at the Dragon Compassion Blade’s broken fragments with a distorted expression, he said, “Are you kidding me... I’ve become a Divine King! I thrashed him like a dog just moments ago! Do you think I’m afraid of him!?”

Luo Changsheng was the first thirty year old Divine King in the history of the Eastern Divine Region. Not only did this shock the entire Eastern Divine Region, it even won the admiration of the Divine Masters as well. It was such a proud and impressive achievement! Three days ago, Yun Che had handed him his very first defeat and shame of his entire life. He had ascended to a Divine King so he could vent all of his hatred and fury on Yun Che to achieve peace of mind. Before the lightning tribulation had occurred, Yun Che had seemed like a tiny worm that he could crush however he wished. Although he could’ve defeated Yun Che easily, he had chosen to torture and trample all over his body and pride right at the Conferred God Stage before everyone’s eyes.

After all that he had done to Yun Che, what would become of his reputation if he ran away now? He would become the biggest laughingstock of the entire Eastern Divine Region! How could he possibly accept this?

“Heh.” Yun Che finally said something, but it was only a sneer that had escaped his lips.

The deeply ridiculing sneer seemed to pierce Luo Changsheng’s already taut nerves deeply, because he suddenly roared and charged Yun Che like a frightened animal. His movement were as quick as lightning, as his hands were encircled by a devastating tempest.

Yun Che remained still in the face of Luo Changsheng’s renewed attack. Not even the curl on his face had changed in the slightest.

“Don’t touch the lightning surrounding his body!!”

A panicked shout rang from the distance. It came from none other than Luo Guxie herself.

Bang!!

Luo Changsheng’s tempestuous powers slammed directly into Yun Che’s chest, and the terrific power of a Divine King exploded without reservation. However... it once again vanished into nothingness in the next instant.

It was like a beautiful bubble that was popped easily with a single touch.

Yun Che didn’t move at all, despite taking the full brunt of Luo Changsheng’s attack head on. His sleeves were the only thing that moved a little due to the shockwave.

Both of Luo Changsheng’s arms froze in front of Yun Che’s chest. His pupils were dilating, and his entire body was shaking badly. “Im... impossible... impossible... Waahh!”

Before Luo Changsheng could retrieve his soul from the abyss, a bloodcurdling scream abruptly escaped his lips. Due to the physical contact, the white lightning surrounding Yun Che’s body had abruptly crawled through his arms and spread across his entire body.

He felt as if he had suddenly sunk into a terrible, invisible cage. Every part of his body was bound firmly by an irresistible power. As lightning continued to hiss beside his ears, a numbness so terrible that it was cruel spread to his organs, his veins, his profound veins, his cells, his pores...

White light flashed repeatedly on Luo Changsheng’s body. The lightning had not only robbed him of his strength and the ability to control his own body, but had also made him spasm violently. The only thing he could feel right now was a numbness so painful he wished he was dead.

“This is the Divine King power you pride yourself in?” Yun Che sneered disdainfully. “How disappointing.”

Yun Che slowly stretched out his hand and grabbed Luo Changsheng by the throat. His movement was very slow, but Luo Changsheng was unable to struggle or back off at all due to the lightning. Like a herd animal whose bones were completely crushed, he was easily lifted into the air by Yun Che.

“Ugh... Ah... Aaah...”

Luo Changsheng could only spasm in Yun Che's hands. Forget struggling, he couldn't even let out a normal sound. Yun Che's arm moved higher and higher as he stared at Luo Changsheng coldly, "Luo Changsheng, you are an impressive genius in the way of the profound. If a lightning tribulation hadn't suddenly descended upon me, I wouldn't have been a match for you at all."

"You could've beaten me fair and square with the power you possess, and I would've accepted this defeat without any complaints. But you just had to show me that ugly side of yours, didn't you?... It was so ugly I felt like puking just now!"

Yun Che had always been a vengeful person.

He always repaid those who treated him kindly, and he always paid back those who offended him ten times over!

The moment he said this, Yun Che tossed Luo Changsheng into the air. The latter screamed terribly.

Yun Che extended his right arm as a bolt of pale white lightning cut through the air. The moment it entangled itself around Luo Changsheng's body, Yun Che swung his arm—and by extension, Luo Changsheng—downward and watched as Luo Changsheng was smashed violently against the ground.

Bang!!

The downward momentum was unbelievably powerful. It was to the point where even the barrier was shaking a little. The rope of lightning binding Luo Changsheng had even tightened the instant he hit the floor, sinking into his flesh cruelly and drawing a hoarse, despairing roar.

"Changsheng!!!" Luo Guxie's eyes instantly widened to the point of breaking.

Yun Che raised his arm again, and the rope of lightning lifted Luo Changsheng high up into the air in response. Once again, he swung his opponent against the floor.

Bang!!

This throw was even stronger than the one before, and new bloody furrows were carved into Luo Changsheng's flesh. Yun Che's lips curled slightly as he rumbled in a low tone, "You must have had lot of fun when you threw me around earlier, didn't you Luo Changsheng? In that case, I don't mind lending you a hand and giving you an experience so pleasurable you won't forget it for the rest of your life!"

Bang!!!

The rope of lightning was swung once more, and this time Luo Changsheng landed head first on the ground. The sound of impact was as heavy as thunder, and it was accompanied by a shocking burst of blood.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang bang bang bang bang bang bang...

Right now, the son of the Holy Eaves Realm King, the strongest God Child of the Eastern Divine Region, and the first ever genius who had become Divine King at thirty years old, was tied to a rope like some

pitiful grasshopper and slammed to the ground repeatedly. Every swing was so powerful that hearts trembled, and every time Luo Changsheng hit the ground blood splattered everywhere as his flesh became mutilated. It was so cruel that most profound practitioners were looking away in shock and fear.

Nearly no one pitied Luo Changsheng, however.

Earlier, Luo Changsheng could've sent Yun Che out of bounds with a finger after Yun Che had lost all ability to resist. But he hadn't. Instead, he had started trampling, torturing, and humiliating Yun Che like he had gone completely mad... He had become a most terrifying Luo Changsheng that none of them had ever seen before.

Now that the tables were flipped, Yun Che's bloody revenge against Luo Changsheng was practically justice!

"...Bastard... fiend..."

Luo Guxie was shaking all over and gritting her teeth so hard that they threatened to break. Her hands were clenched so hard that they had started bleeding a while ago. As Luo Changsheng's master, she had trained him strictly, but also showered him with love. She could never bear to scold or hit Changsheng even when he grew lazy or had committed some terrible mistakes... But now, she was forced to watch Luo Changsheng being abused right in front of everyone's eyes and do nothing about it. The splattering blood and hoarse, blood-curdling screams felt like cruel demons who were chewing at her very heart and soul.

Luo Shangchen was also gripping his hands tightly with bloodshot eyes.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang...

Luo Changsheng hadn't taken out Yun Che because he wanted to vent his dark emotions on him, so Yun Che made sure to return the favor in an even crueler fashion. The rope of lightning both preserved Luo Changsheng's life and made sure that he wouldn't faint out of pain or humiliation. Its electrical power constantly stimulated Luo Changsheng's mind so that the latter had no choice but to suffer all the pain and humiliation that was inflicted upon him in the clearest of mind.

As the thunderous slams continued, Luo Changsheng became mutilated beyond recognition. The outer garment Luo Guxie had just changed for him personally was completely torn and drenched in blood, giving him the appearance of someone who had just emerged from a literal blood bath. His screams grew more and more hoarse and despairing. It was to the point where some people couldn't stand listening to it any longer and sealed off their hearing.

It was at this moment that something unexpected occurred.

Crack!!!

There was the sound of breaking space, and a condensed but absolutely deadly storm flew towards Yun Che while being accompanied by a rancorous and murderous growl, "Die, fiend!"

It was Luo... Gu... xie!

The unexpected attack caught everyone by surprise.

“You dare!?”

The deafening shouts came from Eternal Heaven God Emperor and Dragon Monarch respectively.

For the first time, Qianye Ying'er's expression changed drastically.

Because everyone was paying attention to the Conferred God Stage, no one had expected a famous Divine master and the strongest, most respected practitioner of the Eastern Divine Region to suddenly attack a junior during the Eastern Divine Region's most important ceremony!

At this point, the word “surprising” could hardly fit her action. It was an utterly insane action that disregarded the pride of a Divine Master, the honor of the profound way, and mocked the Eternal Heaven and the Eastern Divine Region itself!

Luo Guxie was not in the least an ordinary character! Because she was gripped by violent anger, she had used between seventy to eighty percent of her strength when she fired the attack. Needless to say, it was enough power to destroy an entire continent and not something a Yun Che, or a million Yun Ches could block at all. He would undoubtedly be destroyed until not a speck of him was left in this world.

But the storm was too swift, and Luo Guxie had attacked when everyone had least expected it. Not even the Dragon Monarch or the god emperors were able to stop her in time.

The only one who could block the attack was Honorable Qu Hui, the closest person to Yun Che.

But...

Bang!!!

There was a loud noise, and Honorable Qu Hui was knocked back by the shockwave before he could even get close. Countless cracks appeared all over his right arm.

Honorable Qu Hui let out a dull, painful grunt, but there was nothing else he could do except to watch the terrible storm fly straight towards Yun Che, about to murder the unparalleled genius whose ascension had summoned the most shocking nine tribulations of the world...

Yun Che turned around slightly. Surprisingly, there was no fear on his face at all.

The rope of lightning binding Luo Changsheng abruptly loosened, and Yun Che suddenly swung his right arm straight at the incoming storm. The pale white lightning that had entangled him all this time suddenly pulled free and charged straight towards the storm, roaring like a living lightning dragon.

Chapter 1246 - Power of the Heavenly Law

A Divine Master's power was terrifying. It was enough to suppress Divine Kings and Divine Sovereigns to the point where their bodies and souls would collapse. Forget about struggling or resisting, even lifting a finger would be extremely difficult.

Yet Yun Che had actually made an instantaneous reaction, and that counterattack... seemed to have been made without any suppression at all.

But this was Luo Guxie's power he was dealing with, so his counter seemed to be as pathetic and powerless as a leaf caught in a tornado.

The lightning dragon's cry resounded through space as it met the tornado head on. The moment the two powers came into contact with each other, the space in that area exploded and fractured in an exaggerated fashion. Following that, an extremely shocking event was reflected in everybody's eyes... The lightning dragon had torn apart the tornado as it ripped through it in a single pass.

"Wha... What!?" This scene caused the jaws of countless profound practitioners to fiercely hit the ground.

This was a windstorm generated by the power of a Divine Master. Furthermore, this was no ordinary Divine Master, it was a late stage Divine Master who stood at the very peak of the profound way. Moreover, in order to not hurt Luo Changsheng, the radius of this attack had been compressed to its very limit, but its penetration and killing power were definitely capable of piercing straight through a small star.

Yet this attack had actually been torn apart... by the lightning dragon Yun Che had flung out!?

What was even more dreadful than that was the fact that the tornado did not split into two separate explosions and engulf the surrounding area. Instead, after it was ripped apart and passed through by that pale white lightning dragon, it had begun to dissipate and fall apart. Before the pale white lightning dragon could be torn apart, the tornado which came from Luo Guxie vanished without a trace, with not a single a shred of its power remaining.

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor and the Dragon Monarch who had been hurtling forward with all their might both came to a simultaneous halt as their faces colored with a hard to come by shock.

The pale white lightning dragon which tore apart that storm force astonishingly did not look like it had weakened at all. It was still as swift as lightning as it hurtled towards Luo Guxie... The latter had attacked in rage and she originally believed that Yun Che was already dead than dead. She could never have imagined that things would unfold the way they did and was thus caught completely unprepared by this turn of events. She simply stared at the onrushing attack with a dumbstruck look on her face, as she was struck in the chest by the white lightning dragon...

Sizzzz!

Pale lightning exploded as Luo Guxie's chest and back exploded at the same time. A Divine Master's protective profound energy was the pinnacle of defensive power in this world, but it instantly wilted away in the face of that attack. The pale white lightning dragon passed through her body and soared toward the heavens, disappearing from everyone's view in the next instant.

BOOOOOM—

In the distant sky above, an enormous lightning domain exploded, and under the white light, which filled the sky, an incomparably huge dimensional black hole appeared. The entire Eternal Heaven God Realm started to shake violently... It shook for many breaths before the white lightning and the dimensional black hole in the sky disappeared.

This scene was just like when that heavenly might had descended into this world... and that pale white lightning had also been composed of that most dreadful heavenly might.

A hole around half an inch wide appeared in Luo Guxie's chest. Her face stiffened into a mask, and her eyes were dark and gloomy as she lowered her gaze to stare fixedly at the enormous hole in her chest. It was as if her soul had left her body...

Everyone's eyes were glued to that hole as well... The entire world was cloaked in a deathly, terrifying silence.

Pffffff!!

Blood suddenly spurted out wildly from that wound like a geyser, and in the blink of an eye, Luo Guxie's upper body was dyed in blood. Luo Guxie's eyes lost their color as she plummeted to the ground below.

"Gu... Guxie!!"

It was as if Luo Shangchen had suddenly roused himself from a nightmare as he soared towards her plummeting figure... The distinguished Holy Eaves Realm King nearly stumbling in his haste to go over.

"Ah..."

"How... how... how can this be..."

"Fairy Guxie... actually... was actually..."

Luo Shangchen grabbed ahold of the falling Luo Guxie as he released all of the profound energy in his body and sent it surging into her body. At the same time, he also used his profound energy to cover up that incomparably dreadful wound in the most careful manner.

Luo Guxie's eyes held a slackness that Luo Shangchen had never seen before. It seemed like she had descended into the most absurd and dreadful nightmare as her aura flowed around her entire body in a frenzied manner...

"Chang... sheng..." She muttered in a lost and dispirited voice before her body shuddered and she fainted dead away.

"Mas... Master!" Luo Changsheng let out a painful wail as he struggled to his knees on the barrier that made up the Profound God Stage.

A dreadful silence lingered around the Conferred God Stage. The impact of all the events that had just unfolded, in front of their eyes, was nearly as great as the impact of that world-shocking nine stage lightning tribulation.

Luo Guxie, who stood at the peak of the Eastern Divine Region, had suddenly made an attack against Yun Che—a junior who had just broken into the Divine Spirit Realm, who had not even reached the age of thirty. Yet the lightning dragon counterattack Yun Che launched had actually torn apart the tornado Luo Guxie threw at him and even dealt her a severe blow afterwards...

All of the most ridiculous and inexplicable things that they had seen in their entire lives added up together still would not equal that one instance in which all of these events unfolded.

“That was the power of the heavenly law... it was the heavenly might that assailed us just now!” Head of the Heavenly Mystery Three Elders, Mo Yu, said in a trembling voice. “He actually... gained mastery over the heavenly might which appeared previously!”

The power that Yun Che had used to severely wound Luo Guxie was definitely not his own. It was actually a small remnant of the tribulation lightning sent down by the heavenly law that Yun Che had forcefully retained before it dissipated like it was supposed to.

What Master Mo Yu said was true and his words was not the least bit exaggerated. Even though it had only been for a very short span of time, Yun Che did indeed control the power of heavenly law. Furthermore, that power belonged to the highest levels produced by the heavenly law.

Just what kind of notion was controlling the power of the heavenly law? The ones who did not understand would be bewildered, but those who did understand would be deeply shaken to the very core of their being.

The various great god emperors glanced at one another as they saw the deep shock violently quivering in each other’s eyes. After that, they all seemed to recall something as they simultaneously swiveled to look at Yun Che.

Yun Che’s face was unbelievably calm and unperturbed, as if what he had just done was a minor event that was surpassingly common. The pale white lightning that covered his body had completely disappeared and the aura which had caused a formless dread to grip the hearts of the gathered god emperors vanished along with it.

Without the pale white lightning covering him, Yun Che’s profound aura was finally completely revealed.

“Divine Spirit Realm... rank five?” Mu Bingyun muttered softly in a slightly dazed voice.

“Fifth level of the Divine Spirit Realm!? This...” The brows of the Eternal Heaven God Emperor dramatically jumped as he exclaimed those words.

The surprises that Yun Che kept giving others were simply far too great, there were so many that it left those onlookers numb. At this moment, everyone present was very clear on one fact, and that was the fact that Yun Che was a freak who could not be explained using common sense. But at this moment, the profound aura that he was displaying still caused everyone present to gasp in astonishment.

When a profound practitioner survived his lightning tribulation and broke out of the Divine Tribulation Realm, his cultivation would naturally progress to the first level of the Divine Spirit... the initial starting point of a whole new realm.

But Yun Che, who had just survived his lightning tribulation, was actually giving off a profound aura that put him at the fifth level of the Divine Spirit Realm!

With a single step, he had gone from the ninth level of the Divine Tribulation Realm to the middle stages of the Divine Spirit Realm!

This was something that completely went against all common sense and logic concerning the profound way, and it was something that had definitely never happened before!

“This kid... is far more than just a monster,” Shui Qianheng murmured to himself.

As the Glazed Light Realm King, he was definitely one of the top five personages in the entire Eastern Divine Region outside the king realms. But even he did not think he would be Luo Guxie's opponent... Yet he had just personally seen that reputedly unrivalled Luo Guxie suffer a severe wound in just a single attack from Yun Che, and had witnessed her fall from the sky and lose consciousness from that attack.

He had attracted a nine stage tribulation lightning, but he wasn't dead. On the contrary, he was completely healed, and his profound energy had risen all the way to the fifth level of the Divine Spirit Realm.

Shui Qianheng muttered again and again in his head: What the f*ck is this guy? A demon? A devil? A god? A ghost?

At any rate there's no way this guy is human!!

"My god... just what is this monster Snow Song Realm came by..." Huo Rulie said with wide open eyes.

"To severely wound the strongest profound expert of the Eastern Divine Region in one strike... fifth level of the Divine Spirit Realm..." Yan Juehai shook his head powerfully, no longer able to form words.

Meanwhile, Qianye Ying'er's chest heaved as she let out a long sigh of relief. A chilly voice slipped out between her lips, "That damn woman nearly destroyed my plans!"

In the distant clouds above, color had returned to Jasmine's face, but she did not look at Yun Che anymore. Instead, she simply closed her eyes.

When that world-shocking lightning tribulation had descended from the heavens, if there had been a single person who was not the least bit worried that Yun Che would be buried in that lightning tribulation, it was Jasmine

Because she was the person who was the most clear about the secrets that Yun Che's body hid.

What was the power of the heavenly law? It was the most basic power of order and laws in the Primal Chaos Dimension. All things and living creatures which wanted to exist within this Primal Chaos Dimension had to be under the control of the power of the heavenly law.

This did not only include all the myriad creatures and spirits that existed today, but even the True Gods of the Primordial Era were also unable to go against the heavenly law.

However, there was a type of existence that sat above the heavenly law...

The Creation Gods!

Heaven Punishing Divine Emperor Mo'E, the Creation God of Order Xi Ke, the Creation Goddess of Life Li Suo and the god formerly known as the Creation God of Elements—the Evil God.

The reason why the heavenly law would shake with fear and would not hesitate to send the most extreme nine stage lightning tribulation to obliterate Yun Che was because his human body housed the power of a Creation God!

For mortal men to cultivate into gods, even touching the divine way in the most minor of ways would provoke the censure of the heavenly law, much less someone who held the true power of a Creation God!

If Yun Che's body had held the power of any of the other three Creation Gods, even if he held the power of the strongest Creation God, the Heaven Punishing Divine Emperor Mo'E, he would definitely have been buried within that lightning tribulation... But Yun Che just had to possess the power of the Evil God.

The Evil God was formerly known as the Creation God of Elements, so he had possessed the most extreme and primal elemental power.

The heavenly law was supreme and the higher levels of the lightning tribulation were things that humans should not be able to touch... But it definitely was not higher than the elemental power which belonged to the Evil God!

Forget about a nine stage lightning tribulation, even if it was pure tribulation lightning, even if it was nine hundred or nine thousand stages, it would not be able to harm a single hair on Yun Che's head.

On the contrary...

"The Great Way of the Buddha has evolved again..." Jasmine muttered, "He reached the fifth stage in less than twelve years... he has completely... surpassed you... big brother..."

She didn't know whether she should be happy for him, or afraid.

His strength might have grown drastically like he had been reborn thanks to the nine stages of tribulation lightning, but he also shone much too brightly as a result... He was so bright that the world could never forget about him.

It meant that he could not return to calm any longer... He could not return to the Blue Pole Star anymore.

Yun Che's Great Way of the Buddha had achieved a breakthrough thanks to the tribulation lightning.

Ever since the Great Way of the Buddha had entered the fourth stage back in the Primordial Profound Ark, it hadn't undergone a drastic change even though it still improved his physical strength slowly. Back at the Blue Pole Star, he had thought that its growth had been restricted by the plane he was in, but he still wasn't able to achieve a breakthrough after he came to the God Realm.

Yun Che had noticed the bottleneck that prevented him from ascending any further than the fourth stage of the Great Way of the Buddha a long time ago, but he was unable to achieve a breakthrough despite many years of hard work.

But when the heavenly tribulation lightning struck him for the first time, the bottleneck of the Great Way of the Buddha that had persisted for several years instantly cracked under pressure. It was all due to the high level heavenly laws and heavenly spirit energy.

When the seventh tribulation lightning had dropped on his head, the bottleneck was finally shattered as the Great Way of the Buddha officially entered its fifth stage.

The fifth stage of the Great Way of the Buddha didn't just absorb normal world spiritual energy. It was now capable of absorbing the energy of the heavens themselves!

Normally, heavenly spirit energy exists very thinly in this world, but it was the opposite when a heavenly tribulation lightning was involved. The final stage of the tribulation lightning, especially, was the highest level of power the heaven possessed.

His new found Rage God power madly absorbed the heavenly power and pushed his profound energy all the way from the first level of the Divine Spirit Realm to the fifth.

If the power of the heavenly law persisted as it was, then it was only a matter of time before he reached the Divine King Realm!

Yun Che raised his hands and inhaled slightly, feeling out his own power. Every time it climbed to a whole new realm, every time the Great Way of the Buddha had risen to a new level, his perception of the world would change drastically. So one might say that both of them occurring at once was a world-scale eye opener for him.

Divine Spirit Realm. He had made it through all of the foundations of the divine way—Divine Origin, Divine Soul, Divine Tribulation—and had officially taken the first step into the divine way.

Everyone felt like they were dreaming, but Yun Che had to admit that it was the same for him.

But it wasn't the time for emotions just yet. A blood drenched Luo Changsheng was slowly getting up to his feet, and the man was boiling with wrath and killing intent.

"Yun... Che..."

Luo Changsheng's voice was so hoarse that he sounded like a beast whose throat had been ripped from its body. When the pale white lightning left Yun Che's side, gone was the aura that frightened him from the bottom of his heart too. Now, all he could sense was a Divine Spirit aura.

He could no longer feel any pressure from Yun Che.

"I will make you wish you were dead!!"

Chapter 1247 - Conferred God Number One

Without the power of the heavenly law covering his body, Yun Che's aura was instantly and completely suppressed by Luo Changsheng.

Luo Changsheng's entire body was covered in blood but he virtually felt no pain. No matter whether it was his body or his soul, the only things he felt were extreme rage and humiliation which threatened to boil over. He gave a furious roar as a green light flashed across his body and a gigantic whirlwind coalesced around him. The wind energy swiftly gathered around his right arm before he sent it smashing towards Yun Che's chest.

This unrestrained blow was definitely one that sought to rob Yun Che of his life!

Yun Che's face was expressionless, but "Rumbling Heaven" instantly opened and the suddenly rampaging profound energy completely suppressed Luo Changsheng's aura as his clawlike hand shot out with lightning speed.

BANG!!

A huge explosion rang out in the air as energy waves exploded around the two, and the space around them trembled in the wake of their clash.

Luo Changsheng came to a complete halt, his entire body stiffening. The right arm, which was filled with the greatest power he could muster, had actually been grabbed by Yun Che. It was as if his power was smashing against an impregnable rock that soared towards the heavens. The aftershock left his entire body numb, but Yun Che was practically unmoved by his own attack

"You..." Luo Changsheng's pupils contracted and it seemed as if he had fallen into a deep abyss. His palm felt like it was being bound by profound steel, and even if he caused all of the profound energy in his body to surge, he still could not struggle out of that grip.

"Your strength isn't bad," Yun Che said as he looked at him through slitted eyes. "To think that you actually caused my hand to feel the slightest bit of pain. Heh... that's worthy of praise."

Those words were very familiar to Luo Changsheng, because they were clearly the mocking words he had cast at Yun Che when he had blocked the Heaven Smiting Sword with his bare hands. As those words fell, Yun Che made a light movement with his hand.

CRACK!!

The sound of bone breaking resounded clearly in everyone's ears as all the finger bones in Luo Changsheng's right hand instantly broke apart. He let out an ear splitting cry as his right knee heavily smacked against the ground and his entire body spasmed violently in agony.

Crack!!

Yun Che's gaze was cold and merciless. As his palm twitched yet again, the finger bones, which were already broken, immediately turned to powder. Even his forearm had been mercilessly shattered by that movement. Luo Changsheng's entire body shuddered and his pale white face actually turned a greenish purple. He desperately used all his might to move his energy and send it surging into his nerveless right arm.

A "bang" loudly rang out in the air as Luo Changsheng was sent flying into the distance as he finally escaped Yun Che's viselike grip. But the throbbing pain coming from his right arm caused his entire body to drench itself in sweat as it shuddered. His originally beautiful and flawless face was distorted into a demonic visage.

"Just this much strength and you want me to wish I was dead?" Yun Che gave a cold mocking laugh. Under normal circumstances, his Divine Spirit Realm aura would naturally be completely suppressed by Luo Changsheng's Divine King Realm aura. But when he was under the effects of "Rumbling Heaven", he instead completely and totally suppressed Luo Changsheng. So even if he did not rely on that heavenly might, which was only available to him for a short period of time, he still did not feel the least bit threatened by Luo Changsheng.

"It's... it's not possible..." Luo Changsheng's entire body shivered uncontrollably as his eyes, which beheld Yun Che, were filled with a deep shock and fear, "You clearly just survived a lightning tribulation and you're clearly only at the Divine Spirit Realm... This isn't possible..."

Yun Che let out a low laugh as he slowly extended a hand towards Luo Changsheng, but he did not even bother to take out the Heaven Smiting Sword, "Didn't you say that you wanted me to wish that I was dead? Come, use all of your tricks and methods. Like that Heart Burning Lightning of yours that will shorten your own life, use all of them. Just let me see how capable the youngest Divine King in the history of the God Realm, the grand and famous Young Master Changsheng, truly is."

Every word uttered by Yun Che cruelly mocked Luo Changsheng, every word agitated his soul which was already close to collapse.

At this moment, Luo Shangchen, who was using all his might to staunch Luo Guxie's wound, raised his head and let out a loud yell, "Changsheng, don't fight with him anymore! He's completely different than he was before, you won't be able to beat him!"

Now that he was pushed to such desperate straits, how could Luo Changsheng, whose heart was filled with hatred and shame, be willing to give up? He fiercely sucked in a breath of air as he let out a loud yell, his left hand shining with bizarrely colored lightning before he resolutely thrust it towards his own chest.

He had, astonishingly enough, not hesitated to use the Heart Burning Lightning which burned one's lifespan in order to increase one's profound strength!

But it was at this moment that a mocking cold light flashed in the depths of Yun Che's eyes.

BOOM———

Yun Che's figure suddenly disappeared and he instantly appeared like a ghost in front of Luo Changsheng as a cluster of golden flames fiercely exploded against his chest.

Under the explosive flames, Luo Changsheng spat out an arrow of blood and was once more sent flying into the distance. When he finally landed on the ground, the wound, which had already been sliced apart by lightning previously, completely ruptured as a cloud of blood slowly spread around his body.

Luo Changsheng knelt to the ground limply, his face a ghastly white and his entire body was spouting blood. The Heart Burning Lightning that he had used his blood essence to evoke had completely dissipated as well.

"I seem to have suddenly changed my mind," Yun Che said in a relaxed tone as he walked towards Luo Changsheng at a leisurely pace, "but please do not misunderstand. It's not that I'm afraid of your Heart Burning Lightning, it's just that I want you to understand something."

Yun Che's finger drew an arc in the air as he pointed his right hand at Luo Changsheng and coldly declared, "Luo Changsheng, the current you that stands before me is nothing more than a pitiful toy that I can toss around at my own leisure. If I want you to use a power, then you can use that power. If I do not want you to use that power, then you can forget about ever using it, understand?"

“Or perhaps, you could immediately admit your defeat and surrender right now in front of me. After all, even though a defeated dog is ugly to look at, at least you can save yourself a lot of pain. Don’t you think?”

A large mouthful of fresh blood fiercely sprayed from Luo Changsheng’s mouth as his body continued to shudder.

His previous mocking, insulting, and humiliating words were all thrown back, unchanged, into his teeth by Yun Che. Even though he was facing the same methods and the same words, to Luo Changsheng, this was undoubtedly many times, no, even tens of times more humiliating than it had been for Yun Che!

“Uk...” It seemed as if a frenzied and vicious beast had entered Luo Changsheng’s chest as it rose and fell with such intensity that it looked like it would explode at any moment. His eyes were filled with confusion and disorder but there finally came a moment when his eyes completely lost all focus, and Luo Changsheng himself had lost all reason. All of the wounds on his body split open, and his entire person seemed like a desperate and hopeless wild beast, as he rushed towards Yun Che with an ear splitting cry.

If it was before today’s events, no one would be able to believe that Luo Changsheng could be reduced to his present state. He was, after all, Luo Changsheng... the Young Master Changsheng who stood at the head of the Four God Children of the Eastern Region.

All of the humiliation he had inflicted previously had been returned to him ten times over. His strength as a Divine King had been trampled over in the blink of an eye. The master that he was most proud of had not hesitated to throw away her dignity as a Divine Master to protect him, but she was wounded by the counterattack... His body, his strength, his pride, his glory, all of his dignity... all of this had been trampled under Yun Che’s feet and kicked into a deep abyss.

He had finally collapsed.

The onrushing Luo Changsheng had seemed to completely morph into a vicious man-eating beast, even his profound energy had been thrown into complete chaos. This Luo Changsheng was not even fit to be Yun Che’s opponent.

If there was one thing more dreadful than striking one’s life, it was striking one’s heart.

Yun Che deliberately looked away, so he would not need to look at the current Luo Changsheng any further. He waved his hand, and all of a sudden, the crackle of electricity was emitted from his hand as deep purple lightning flashed from his palm to explode towards Luo Changsheng.

“Lightning!?” The purple light in Yun Che’s hand caused countless profound practitioners present to widen their eyes in astonishment.

As a wail ripped through the air, Luo Changsheng was wrapped up by a couple dozen lightning bolts and heavily thrown to the ground.

At this moment, Yun Che flew into the air before making a sudden descent, his right foot smashing viciously into Luo Changsheng’s left arm.

CRACK!!!

“UWAAAAAAAAAAHHHHH!!”

The sound of bones fracturing was practically as harsh as the wail of lightning, as all of the bones in Luo Changsheng’s left arm were instantly reduced to dust. Following that, he let out a wail of despair which seemed to come from the depths of hell itself.

“Chang... Changsheng!” Luo Shangchen’s body violently shook as his pupils widened so much that they threatened to rupture.

“Lightning... To think Yun Che can actually use the power of lightning as well,” the Eternal Heaven God Emperor said. “Ice, fire, lightning... To think that he was actually the same as Luo Changsheng, someone able to cultivate three different kinds of elemental profound powers!”

“That isn’t any ordinary lightning either,” the Dragon Monarch said in a soft voice. “Could it be that you haven’t noticed that the lightning that he is using... carries the aura of tribulation lightning.”

“What?” The Eternal Heaven God Emperor was absolutely stunned by that declaration. After that, his gaze grew tightly focused, and a deep shock suddenly appeared on his face, “This...”

“Perhaps, he was able to comprehend some of the principles of the tribulation lightning sent down by the heavenly law while he was trapped inside the lightning tribulation,” the Dragon Monarch said contemplatively. “Due to the limitations of his profound strength, he should only be able to use the lowest grade purple tribulation lightning. But if... he is able to fully comprehend the principles of the tribulation lightning sent down by the heavenly law, and his profound strength reaches a sufficient level, perhaps, he may be able to release that... white tribulation lightning.”

“...” The Eternal Heaven God Emperor was rendered speechless by those words for a good long while.

The white colored tribulation lightning, which could shatter the barrier that had been forged by the profound strength of all of the Divine Masters present...

The white colored tribulation lightning which severely wounded Luo Guxie in a single instant...

If such a day truly came, then who under the heavens could be Yun Che’s opponent!?

Wait just a minute...

The tribulation lightning that was sent down by the heavenly law... this was the principles of the very heavenly law itself!

How could any human be able to comprehend such a thing!? How could any human be able to understand it completely!?

Yun Che’s right foot was firmly planted on Luo Changsheng’s shattered left arm, but his gaze was directed into the distant white skies above. He did not even bother to give Luo Changsheng’s pale and distorted face a single look as he coldly declared, “Luo Changsheng, we were originally no more than simple opponents. Yet you just had to force me to become your enemy. Heh, that’s right, you are the scion of the Holy Eaves Realm King and the disciple of Luo Guxie. There is no one that you need fear, and all along, it has only been the other way around. Whether you wanted to trample over anyone was up to your whims and fancy, but it’s a pity that I just happen to be someone who is fearless!”

“The moment I get offended, I’ll need a long time to forgive the person who offended me. So, no matter where I appear in the future, I don’t care if you’re Young Master Long Life or Young Master Short Life, you better tuck in your tail and behave in front of me!”

With that, Yun Che lifted up his leg and viciously stomped on Luo Changsheng’s head.

Bang!!

As the barrier violently shook and sunk in slightly, Luo Changsheng’s entire head had been stomped into the barrier.

Luo Changsheng’s entire body spasmed as his four limbs furiously twitched before they went completely limp. There was no movement after that.

At practically the same instant, Honorable Qu Hui let out a roar which shook the air, “Luo Changsheng has fainted! Yun Che is the victor of this battle!!”

As Honorable Qu Hui’s voice fell, the Profound God Stage broke out into an uproar but there was no one cheering for Yun Che.

At this moment in time, everyone present had nearly forgotten that this was not simply a duel between Yun Che and Luo Changsheng. This was also the final battle of the Conferred God Battle.

Yun Che’s leg flew up and kicked Luo Changsheng far in the direction of where the Holy Eaves Realm was sitting. After that, he turned around and said, “As such, I can assume that I have taken the first place in this Profound God Convention, correct?”

“Of course!” Honorable Qu Hui slowly nodded his head, “And it’s not only this Profound God Convention either. In any of the Profound God Conventions held by our Eastern Divine Region, you would still undoubtedly and most deservedly have taken first place as well!”

These extremely flattering words were actually said by Honorable Qu Hui with a resolute sureness.

On the other side, Luo Shangchen had taken to the skies as well as he caught the unconscious Luo Changsheng in his arms.

This Profound God Convention should have been the tournament where Luo Changsheng lorded over the young generation of the Eastern Divine Region. Before the Conferred God Battle had begun, he was recognized by all as the Profound God number one and no one could truly vie with him for the top.

Yet, he had lost to Yun Che.

In order to recover from his setback and the loss of dignity, he had lifted his restrictions and become a Divine King, shocking the entire Eastern Divine Region. So this time, no one had believed that he could lose, there had not been even a dint of possibility that he would lose....

Yet, he had lost yet again...

Not only had he lost, he had been completely destroyed.

Not only did he lose in a contest of profound strength, but all of the fame, prestige, and dignity he had accrued to his name had been completely trampled.

Luo Shangchen breathed in a deep breath as his entire body tightened up, and for the first time in his life, he felt a dense killing intent surge up in his heart against a junior... He did not dare give Yun Che a single glance, because he was afraid he would lose control of his killing intent in front of all who were present.

Even though he understood very clearly that Luo Changsheng had originally lost, and losing to a freak who could invoke a nine stage lightning tribulation was clearly no shame... The reason why he had been “destroyed” was mainly due to his own actions, but as Luo Changsheng’s father, as the Holy Eaves Realm King, how could he not feel hatred towards Yun Che.

As he picked up Luo Changsheng and the unconscious and severely wounded Luo Guxie, a gloomy darkness, that had never appeared before, floated up in Luo Shangchen’s eyes... Furthermore, all of these things were actually caused by a junior born from the lower realms, and whose master was only the ruler of a middle star realm.

In his sorrow, he truly recognized one thing. He recognized that perhaps Luo Guxie was right and he had never truly understood the son that he had been most proud of. The Luo Changsheng he had known and understood was merely the Luo Changsheng that his son had wanted him to see and understand.

At this moment, Honorable Qu Hui suddenly turned around, his cold eyes furiously staring at Luo Shangchen, “Holy Eaves Realm King, as someone who has already reached the pinnacle of the profound realm, Luo Guxie actually dared to attack a junior in front of us all. Not only was her action despicable, it completely shamed the entire profound way while offending my Eternal Heaven Realm and this Profound God Convention. So how will your Holy Eaves Realm account for this matter?”

Chapter 1248 - Dangerous Person

Luo Shangchen knew that this would happen the moment Luo Guxie had lost her mind and attacked Yun Che.

Luo Guxie had been reclusive since she was young, and she bore a deep hatred towards her biological father. Although she had left the Holy Eaves Realm a long time ago, her talent and profound perception were extraordinarily high. She had never relied on the Holy Eaves Realm during her passage to become the number one profound practitioner of the Eastern Divine Region.

Shockingly, no one knew who her master was to this day, not even Luo Shangchen.

“Fairy Guxie” was famous throughout the Eastern Divine Region. Her profound status alone gave her power over all lower, middle and higher realm kings of Eastern Divine Region. Of course, the fact that she had top tier cultivation meant that her cultivation of the heart was just as great. A strange and reclusive person she might be, but she would never—had never, lost control over herself... until now.

No one could believe that Luo Guxie would do such a thing, but Luo Shangchen knew full well that Luo Changsheng was his sister’s darling. She would’ve been sad for a long time if Changsheng suffered even the tiniest scratch on his skin, much less being trampled on in public like this.

Luo Shangchen inhaled deeply before answering in a calm voice, “Guxie has always thought it beneath her to admit her roots, but that doesn’t change the fact that she’s my younger sister and my son’s master. Holy Eaves Realm is definitely at fault here.”

“Guxie’s blunder may be hard to forgive, but fortunately Yun Che is safe and sound, and Guxie herself is seriously wounded. One might say that she has received the punishment she deserves. Therefore, I’d like to request a favor from Eternal Heaven Realm. Please, allow me to take Guxie and Changsheng away for treatment. Once they are both healed, I will personally bring Guxie over to receive her punishment no matter what that may be.”

Luo Shangchen’s reply caught Honorable Qu Hui by surprise. Not only had he phrased his appeal in absolute humility, not trying to fight Eternal Heaven Realm’s judgment whatsoever, he could sense a deep sense of disappointment—even despair!—behind every word he spoke.

“My lord?” Honorable Qu Hui turned away and looked at the Eternal Heaven God Emperor for guidance.

But his emperor’s mind was clearly not on this matter, because he raised a hand and said simply, “Leave, Holy Eaves Realm King. You don’t need to bring Guxie back for punishment, but tell her that she may not put even half a foot past Holy Eaves Realm’s borders for the next one thousand years.”

It sounded like the god emperor had given Luo Shangchen permission to take Luo Guxie and Luo Changsheng away for treatment, but in reality he was exiling her from his realm.

Luo Shangchen didn’t say anything. Bringing Luo Changsheng and Luo Guxie with him, he floated into the air and flew away soundlessly. Everyone from the Holy Eaves Realm followed behind him.

They had come to the Eternal Heaven Realm as the strongest star realm of the Eastern Divine Region, but they had left like a dog with its tail between its legs.

The punishment the Eternal Heaven God Emperor gave wasn’t exactly severe, but no one raised any objections regarding the matter. The Holy Eaves Realm was still a king realm, and Luo Guxie was still the strongest profound practitioner of the Eastern Divine Region. Not even the Eternal Heaven Realm could claim that they were completely immune to the threat presented by such as Luo Guxie and Luo Shangchen themselves—especially Luo Guxie.

Also, Luo Guxie was without a doubt the victimizer of this matter, but Yun Che wasn’t really the victim—the Holy Eaves Realm was. After today, everyone from Luo Changan, to Luo Changsheng, to Luo Guxie had lost practically all of their honor and pride.

Since they had already suffered the consequences of their own actions, the Eternal Heaven God Emperor found no need to add salt to injury and earn even more spite than there already was.

A loser was ultimately just the loser. The people quickly shifted their attention onto the winner after the moment had passed.

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor stood up and declared loudly, “With this, this term’s Profound God Convention officially draws to a close. The three preliminary battles found us one thousand Conferred God candidates, and the Conferred God Battle was exciting to say the least, and displayed the splendor of Eastern Divine Region’s juniors to the utmost. Yun Che and Luo Changsheng’s battle for first place especially was astounding even for us, and it deserves to be recorded in our history.”

“Luo Changsheng is the youngest Divine King in history, and Yun Che drew nine stages of tribulation lightning. They are both born in the Eastern Divine Region, so they are undoubtedly a blessing and a gift

the heaven itself has granted us. The Eastern Divine Region will undoubtedly shine brighter than ever before...”

This Profound God Convention was held because of a coming calamity, and the strength of the Conferred God Children who participated in this term’s Conferred God Battle far exceeded all other participants in the past. This also added to the impression that they were born to fight the coming calamity.

The Profound God Convention officially drew to an end after the Eternal Heaven God Emperor had given his ending speech. Thirty one names—the ranking of the Conferred God Children—quickly appeared on the screen.

There were no qualifiers in a God Conferred Battle; only elimination rounds. Therefore, the participants’ rankings were completely determined by the god emperors based on their strength and overall performance.

First place: Yun Che.

Second place: Luo Changsheng. Third place: Shui Yingyue.

Fourth place: Jun Xilei.

The first four names on the ranking list represented the new God Children of the Eastern Divine Region. Having beaten all four former God Children, Yun Che proudly sat in first place and became the rightful representative of all of the Eastern Divine Region’s young generation.

Surprisingly, Shui Meiyin showed up at fifth place on the ranking board. She was by far the youngest cultivator to ever participate in the Conferred God Battle and the Profound God Convention.

Meanwhile, the denizens of the Snow Song Realm were sitting primly in their seats with red faces. Contrary to what others might expect, they hadn’t turned red due to excitement. Rather, they were sunk in a deep sense of disbelief. They had just ascended from a middling existence to the center of attention of the whole Eastern Divine Region, and it was an honor they hadn’t even dreamed of, much less possessed before.

That was why they were bathed in a strong sense of unreality even now.

Mu Huanzhi grabbed his long, white beard and pulled so hard that his face became distorted. Even then, he refused to let go as if it was the only way he could confirm that he wasn’t living a dream of the most illusory kind.

Mu Bingyun stared at Yun Che with blurry eyes for a very long time... He had finally become champion of the Conferred God Battle. He actually succeeded in accomplishing his wish.

He had created too many miracles to come this far.

Behind all those miracles were his obsession, conviction, struggles, blood... and even his own life.

This was the outcome he rightfully deserved!

Right now, the only thing she wanted for was for all his troubles to finally come to an end, now that his wish had finally been fulfilled.

But...

Deep worry suddenly entered Mu Bingyun's icy eyes even though she was still soaked in deep relief.

It was because Yun Che's light was too bright right now...

He had defeated a Divine Spirit as a Divine Tribulation.

And he had defeated a Divine King as a Divine Spirit.

Besides having three types of divine power similar to the three elements Luo Changsheng possessed, he also had an incredibly powerful dragon soul.

He had drawn a never-seen-before nine stage lightning tribulation to the God Realm...

He had commanded the power of the heavens themselves to wound Luo Guxie severely...

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Any one of these achievements could've astounded the entire profound cultivating world, but when they were all gathered onto just one person... the kind of commotion it would trigger, the kind of consequences and attention it would bring...

Mu Bingyun could neither imagine nor predict what was going to happen next because Yun Che's light was so bright that it would dazzle even in a king realm.

"...The Four Conferred God Children of this session's Profound God Convention, Yun Che, Luo Changsheng, Shui Yingyue, and Jun Xilei, will be granted a Celestial Time Jade as a reward."

"Celestial Time Jade? What's that?" Huo Poyun asked in a low tone.

"It's one of the greatest profound jades in the entire God Realm," Huo Rulie explained. "It's nickname is the 'Stone of Eternity', and it's even better than the Jade of the Nine Suns."

"Better than the Jade of the Nine Suns?" Huo Poyun was shocked.

"The Celestial Time Jade only exists in the God Realm of Absolute Beginning, and every single one contains enough energy to rival a small star. That's also how its name came to be. It can be used to forge the absolute best profound artifacts and profound formations, and it can be used as an energy source for profound ships. A single Celestial Time Jade can power even that Divine Martial Heavenly Palace you saw at Divine Martial Realm for at least dozens of years!"

Huo Poyun's mouth was wide open by the time he was done explaining.

"Yun Che," the Eternal Heaven God Emperor continued, "as the champion of the Conferred God Battle, you'll be granted an unprecedented prize. You may choose to cultivate any one profound art or profound technique from any one of the four king realms, namely the Brahma Heaven Monarch Realm, Star God Realm, Moon God Realm, or the Eternal Heaven God Realm. As long as it doesn't touch the taboo, we will teach you everything there is behind your choice."

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor smiled, "If you have a choice in your mind already, you may voice it right now. If not, you may consider this for several days."

But before Yun Che could answer, the Brahma Heaven God Emperor suddenly spoke up. "Wait. There's something I'd like to say first."

"Oh?" the Eternal Heaven God Emperor looked sideways.

A smile spread across the Brahma Heaven God Emperor's face, but his eyes were staring straight at Yun Che. "Yun Che, there is something that confounds me quite deeply. Of course, no one denies that you're an extraordinarily talented profound practitioner, considering that you've attracted a nine stage lightning tribulation that would've been rare during the dawn of time, much less now. Even I am incredibly impressed by your feat. But here's my question: the power of that nine stage lightning tribulation is terrifying even to me, because I would've crumbled into dust already had I been in your place. Yet you, you are clearly unharmed. Can you tell us why?"

Yun Che, "..."

Every eye was set on Yun Che, hoping to catch the slightest change in expression or gaze. What the Brahma Heaven God Emperor asked was the elephant in the room everyone wanted to know.

"That is a great question!" God Emperor Shitian said smilingly, "Tsk, tsk, to think that the Brahma Heaven God Emperor himself would lose his cool before me. Well, I can't blame you for that, it isn't everyday you find something that confounds even the great Brahma Heaven God Emperor himself, not at all."

He then shifted his gaze to the Dragon Monarch and asked, "Yun Che is a human of the Eastern Divine Region, but he also a high level dragon soul... one that may very well be the soul of a Master Dragon. I'm sure you want to know why a being of the highest level in this plane would willingly grant its soul to a young human, don't you, lord Dragon Monarch?"

But the Dragon Monarch didn't change his expression in the slightest. He answered indifferently, "Yun Che's dragon soul is a Master Dragon's soul."

The Dragon Monarch's answer caused a commotion among the crowd... a Master Dragon was a title that was granted only to dragons who had reached Divine Master Realm. A dragon was the pinnacle of all living beings, and a Divine Master dragon was the strongest existence there was in the entire God Realm. All living beings must bow before a Master Dragon.

Yun Che, "..."

"But," Dragon Monarch continued, "a dragon's soul can only be gifted willingly, not robbed. Since the Master Dragon was willing to grant part of their dragon soul to Yun Che, it may be that Yun Che has done them a great favor, or that Yun Che possesses extraordinary talent. Whatever their reason may be, it is a fact that they have willingly granted Yun Che their soul."

"In that case, it doesn't matter how Yun Che came by his dragon soul, or who gave it to him in the first place, does it?"

Shitian God Emperor was immediately stumped for words. The Brahma Heaven God Emperor's eyebrows moved a bit as well.

The Dragon Monarch was also clearly implying: how Yun Che survived his nine stage lightning tribulation has nothing to do with any of you.

"Ying'er very much agrees with you, Senior Dragon Monarch."

A female voice suddenly brushed past everyone's hearts like a celestial chord. It caused their souls to tremble a little.

It was Qianye Ying'er.

Qianye Ying'er had attended the grand final out of nowhere, but she had also remained perfectly silent throughout the fight, making next to no remarks at all. That was why she had instantly attracted everyone's attention and gazes the moment she spoke up. Even the Brahma Heaven God Emperor himself had frowned a little in doubt... He knew full well that his daughter was no kind and understanding person.

Unless...

"If you don't want to explain you survived a nine stage lightning tribulation safely, you can keep silent, Yun Che. No one has the right to force an answer out of you," Qianye Ying'er said slowly. "A secret is a secret only if it isn't known, after all."

She was surrounded by a group of god emperors, but she spoke as if she was declaring a heavenly decree, as if she was above all of them.

The god emperors frowned at her declaration. The Brahma Heaven God Emperor looked puzzled, but didn't attempt to pursue the matter further or refute Qianye Ying'er's words.

But Yun Che's heart abruptly jolted in fear.

Qianye Ying'er was clearly helping him out of an awkward situation, but for some reason her words only made him felt chilled from head to toe.

Her mysterious golden mask covered half her face and her eyes, so he couldn't truly meet her gaze. But Yun Che had the distinct feeling that she had seen through him all the way down to his soul.

He had always had this feeling when he met experts far stronger than he was, but it had never been as profound as today.

Brahma Monarch Goddess... Qianye Ying'er...

He carved her name deeply into his heart.

She might have made herself known for only a few seconds, but he still labeled her as the most dangerous person he had ever met in his life... bar none!

Chapter 1249 - Heavenly Prophecy

Contrary to everyone's expectations, Yun Che neither looked anxious nor afraid, despite facing the Brahma Heaven God Emperor's question and everyone's gazes. Puzzled, he frowned a little before asking, "Your Highness, that lightning tribulation... it's not a secret really. To tell the truth, I have no idea what is going on here."

"Oh? You don't know?" the Brahma Heaven God Emperor narrowed his eyes slightly.

Yun Che nodded. "When I was fighting against Luo Changsheng just now, I was grievously injured and barely conscious. I have no idea why I would suddenly achieve a breakthrough and trigger a lightning tribulation. To tell you the truth, my consciousness was already blurry by the time the lightning tribulation descended on me, and I have no idea what was going on at the time. When I finally awoke, I discovered that my wounds were healed, my profound energy and mental strength had been restored, and my cultivation level had ascended all the way to the middle stage of the Divine Spirit Realm. After that, the lightning tribulation went away completely... Even now, I have no idea what happened after I passed out. I was just about to check with all of you too."

Yun Che asked in a surprised tone while frowning deeply, "I've never undergone a lightning tribulation before. I've only heard a little about it while I was under my master's tutelage, but that lightning tribulation just now was largely different from what has been described to me by my master. I am young and inexperienced, so I'm not surprised by my lack of understanding of the matter. But... one of you has to know what's going on, right? My seniors?"

Yun Che casually threw the question right back into the god emperor's laps.

Everything he said just now could be summed up in one line: if even you god emperors have no idea what's going on here, then how would a junior like me know anything about it?

Yun Che's words made the experts of the Eastern Divine Region frown. Some of them looked doubtful, but the majority wore thoughtful looks on their faces.

Yun Che wasn't even thirty years old yet, so he definitely was as inexperienced as he claimed to be. Moreover, everyone here had borne witness to how he was crushed and driven to the brink of death by Luo Changsheng just now. If he really was hiding a great secret that could resist even the likes of heavenly tribulation lightning, then why had he failed to protect himself against Luo Changsheng's Divine King powers?

This was the first nine stage lightning tribulation to ever happen in the history of the God Realm, so of course Yun Che couldn't have experienced this before. Therefore, Yun Che's insistence that he knew nothing was... perfectly reasonable, especially now that they had time to think things through. Forget Yun Che, not even the god emperors could figure out how he stayed unharmed under the nine stage lightning tribulation, got healed to peak health, and even ascended all the way to the middle stage of the Divine Spirit Realm...

"Do you... really have no idea at all?" the Brahma Heaven God Emperor stared straight into Yun Che's eyes while asking in a calm tone. The ghost of a smile flitted across his face.

A god emperor's stare was something a realm king would've found difficult to endure, much less a profound practitioner as young as Yun Che was. It was obvious that Yun Che was feeling the pressure judging from the fearful expression on his face, but he didn't hesitate in the slightest when he said, "Yes,

senior. I am young and foolish, I have no idea what happened even now. It'd be great if any of you can enlighten me."

Mu Xuanyin once warned him strictly not to ascend to the Divine Spirit Realm by himself. It was because she was certain that the lightning tribulation he attracted would be an extraordinary one.

He had never imagined that he would achieve a breakthrough all of a sudden while he was fighting against Luo Changsheng. He definitely hadn't thought that he would attract an unprecedented nine stage lightning tribulation during his ascension...

Back at the Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley, when the Golden Crow's Soul had gifted him the Evil God's Lightning Seed, it had told him that not even a heavenly tribulation lightning could harm his body. It was a fact. Not only did the nine stage lightning tribulation fail to do him harm, it even elevated both his cultivation and his Great Way of the Buddha. Unfortunately, this outcome also came with a huge side effect...

And that was a level of shock that no one was immune to.

So after he mulled over his options again and again while he was struck by lightning, he decided that his best way out was to insist that he had absolutely no idea what was going on here.

"..." Qianye Ying'er's lips curled slightly as she let out a soft hmph, but she chose not to say anything.

Suddenly, an old, excited voice rang, "Why Yun Che is unhurt despite being struck by tribulation lightning... I believe I may know the reason!"

The old voice instantly attracted everyone's attention... it was none other than the head of the Heavenly Mystery Three Elders himself, Moyu!

The Heavenly Mystery Three Elders rarely said anything because they spoke in the language of the heavens. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that their words carried weight beyond imagination. If the same line had come out of another person's mouth, the god emperors might have chosen to ignore it completely. But since it was the word of Moyu, no one dared to underestimate or treat it carelessly.

"Are you sure!?" the Eternal Heaven God Emperor exclaimed.

"..." Yun Che frowned slightly as his heart skipped a beat.

The Heavenly Mystery Realm was just an upper star realm, but its status was equal to that of a king realm. This showed just how important it was in the Eastern Divine Region. Yun Che had heard some stories about the Heavenly Mystery Realm, and they almost sounded like myths to him...

It couldn't be... Did they really know something?

Moyu slowly nodded in response. The excitement on his face was so intense that it shocked even the god emperors themselves. In fact, Moyu wasn't the only one who was looking excited. Mozhi and Mowen had the same expression as well.

The Heavenly Mystery Three Elders had spied on heavenly mysteries for their whole lives, and it was to the point where life and death didn't weigh heavily on them. As a result, the secular world normally

wouldn't stir even a ripple in their hearts. Right now though, they looked so excited that it was almost as if they had witnessed a True God.

The Heavenly Mystery Three Elders stared at Yun Che with shaky eyes. Slowly, Moyu began. "This boy... may very well be... a child of the heavens!"

"Yun Che, "...?"

"What?!" the Eternal Heaven God Emperor's face turned stiff.

"Child... Child of the heavens?" They were such shocking words that left every profound practitioner flabbergasted.

"It makes sense, doesn't it? Why would a child of the heavens be hurt by heavenly powers!?" Moyu continued, "The dark clouds that covered the world, the nine stage lightning tribulation; it was nothing like we have ever seen before! It was the heaven itself declaring the birth of a child of the heavens!"

Everything he said sounded absolutely ridiculous, but since he was one of the Heavenly Mystery Three Elders, it gave his words a completely different meaning.

"Hahahaha!" Cang Shitian looked up and laughed loudly, "What utter nonsense. I've lived for tens of thousands of years, and I've never heard of a so-called 'child of the heavens'. I can't believe that someone like you would spout such hilarious nonsense."

The Eastern Divine Region might respect the Heavenly Mystery Realm deeply, but that didn't mean the Southern Divine Region was the same.

"I've never heard of this 'child of the heavens' either," Dragon Monarch said indifferently. "However, I'm also aware that the Heavenly Mystery Realm has never told lies. If you are willing, can you tell us what a 'child of the heavens' is? And why are you so sure that Yun Che is a 'child of the heavens'?"

But Moyu shook his head, "We don't know what a 'child of the heavens' truly is."

"Heh," Cang Shitian curled his lips disdainfully, "Don't tell me you're making a fool out of us then?"

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor raised his hand to stop him before speaking seriously, "Please continue, Master Moyu."

Moyu closed his eyes for a short while before exhaling deeply. Then, he began, "The words 'child of the heavens' has been a prophecy from our ancestor dating many years ago. It is also... the last heaven mystery my Great Ancestor, Haotian, deciphered before his passing."

"What? Great Ancestor Haotian!?" the Eternal Heaven God Emperor clearly trembled when he heard this. The other god emperors looked moved as well.

"Great Ancestor Haotian? Who's that?" Huo Poyun asked in a quiet voice.

"He is the great ancestor who founded the Heavenly Mystery Sect, and the first extraordinary talent who had the ability to decipher heavenly mysteries in the God Realm." Huo Rulie explained in a low tone, "Many years ago, he was great friends with the Eternal Heaven's Great Ancestor. The very first prediction he made was that Eternal Heaven would become a king realm one day."

“Ah!” Huo Poyun exclaimed softly.

A look of great respect appeared on the Eternal Heaven God Emperor’s face when Great Ancestor Haotian was mentioned. Even his voice had grown a little gentler, “What is the meaning of the ‘child of the heavens’ mentioned by Great Ancestor Haotian in his final prophecy? Why are you all so certain that this ‘child of the heavens’ is none other than Yun Che?”

“The Great Ancestor prophesied that a ‘child of the heavens’ would be born in the Eastern Divine Region one day. He said that the ‘child of the heavens’ would be reborn from a nine stage lightning tribulation, and that he would ultimately... become...” Moyu’s chest heaved up and down as he spoke his last few words in absolute reverence, “a... True... God.”

Eternal Heaven God Emperor, “...”

Qianye Ying’er, “...”

Yun Che, “.....”

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The words “True God” resounded in everyone’s ears like a thunderbolt that shook the very world. The world turned dead silent in an instant.

Everyone’s faces had changed in this moment. It was as if they had been pushed into a fog of illusions. No one was more shocked than the god emperors, however. The Brahma Heaven God Emperor, Eternal Heaven God Emperor, Star God Emperor, and Moon God Emperor were frozen as if they had been struck by heavenly lightning—their bodies, their features, their eyes; everything had become frozen at once—even the Dragon Monarch had turned around suddenly, and God Emperor Shitian had jumped to his feet with wide eyes, his sleepy, sloppy posture completely gone in an instant.

There was nothing more impactful than the words “True God” to a profound practitioner, especially for a profound practitioner who had already reached the pinnacle of man.

The realms between the Elementary Profound Realm and the Sovereign Profound Realm were known as the Nine Realms of the Mortal Way. It was the profound way cultivated by all mortals.

The realms between the Divine Origin Realm and the Divine Master Realm were known as the Seven Realms of the Divine Way. It was the profound way of humans who had broken through their limits and ascended into godhood... But truthfully, it was ultimately just the divine way of mortals. Although it was a way beyond mortal limitations, and a way that tried its very best to get as close to godhood as possible, it ultimately failed to extend into the realm of the gods.

True Gods were beings that had completely escaped the confines of mortality. They were a dead race and a power who once possessed infinite power during the ancient times.

The age of True Gods had ended a long time ago. It was common knowledge or even the complete truth to humans, beasts, demons, and spirits; all of the races in which it was no longer possible to become true gods because the aura of Primal Chaos was growing murkier and murkier. These days, the words “True God” were just a distant myth.

However, the profound practitioners who stood at the top of the profound way couldn't help but dream about that transient "Way of the True Gods", even though they believed that a True God would never appear among them. To that end, they were willing to sacrifice everything.

After all, if the myth was actually realized once more, they would live as long as the heavens and control the very world itself. They would have power beyond all others.

Unfortunately, the myth was just a myth. Every king realm had been searching for a way, but no one had been able to truly realize it.

To think that they would hear these words again from the Heavenly Mystery Three Elders, from the Great Ancestor himself!

To think that it was about becoming a True God!

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor took a few steps forward before he finally spoke, "Is this... truly... the prophecy of Great Ancestor Haotian?"

The only ones in the world who had the right to pursue that transient way were those from king realms. Normally, they would've ridiculed anyone who spoke of becoming True Gods if they didn't hail from a king realm.

But the Heavenly Mystery Realm was different from others. The Heavenly Mystery Three Elders had never spouted a single lie or nonsense... not to mention that this was a prophecy from Great Ancestor Haotian, founder of the Heavenly Mystery Sect himself.

"Hmph, what a joke." Cang Shitian looked disdainful, "Just now it was 'child of the heavens', and now it's 'True Gods'? Is this really the 'heavenly mysteries' the Eastern Divine Region regard so highly? The Era of Gods has long since perished, and it is neither possible for a mortal to become a god, nor is it possible for a True God to be born into this world. This is something even a three year old knows."

"I have once sought for the divine way myself, but I have failed to find anything despite countless centuries of searching. How dare you mere divine kings make such a bold claim, how dare you speak of becoming True Gods... I've never heard such a ridiculous joke in my life. Hahahahaha!"

Cang Shitian might be laughing loudly with scorn, but there was clear passion dancing behind his pupils.

He might not believe that it was real—in fact, no one present truly believed that it was real—but if there was even a sliver of possibility... it was more than enough to drive them mad.

Moyu inhaled deeply before continuing, "It is true that I have no right to speak of the way of the true gods at all. The child of the heavens, the nine stage lightning tribulation, the birth of a True God... I dare not forget or doubt the great ancestor's prophecy, but I must admit that I've never believed that it'd really happen. After all, if a six stage lightning tribulation is a dead myth already, then how can there be a nine stage lightning tribulation!?"

"But the impossible has just happened before our eyes!"

"The Great Ancestor's prophecy has come true right in front of us!"

“If you still don’t believe our words...” Moyu suddenly furrowed his eyebrows seriously before extending both hands. There was a flash of profound light, and a giant white canon suddenly winked into view.

The canon was several meters long, and it was encased inside a gentle profound light. Although it was just a canon, an air of history and holiness surrounded it.

“The Heavenly Mystery God Canon!” the Eternal Heaven God Emperor exclaimed softly.

Moyu said slowly, “This is the Heavenly Mystery God Canon, and it is the supreme holy object of the our realm. It records all of the heavenly mysteries our ancestors have deciphered, and the prophecies they left behind throughout history. You’ve all read this Heavenly Mystery God Canon before, Your Highnesses. You’ve all asked the same question as well: why is the first page of the Heavenly Mystery God Canon blank?”

The Dragon Monarch, God Emperor Shitian, Eternal Heaven God Emperor, Brahma Heaven God Emperor, Star God Emperor, and Moon God Emperor all concentrated their gazes on the canon in an instant. Their heartstrings were wound up like a clock.

“The prophecy has manifested itself. It is time I unveil the answer to your question.”

Moyu waved his hand, and the first page of the Heavenly Mystery God Canon flipped open before everyone’s eyes.

As mentioned earlier, it was completely blank. Not a single pattern or mark could be seen on its surface.

The Heavenly Mystery Three Elders met each other’s eyes and nodded in unison. They stretched out their right arms, concentrated and summoned a profound light unique only to the Heavenly Mystery Realm around their palms.

Two lines of golden inscription appeared clearly under the profound light:

When the nine stage heavenly tribulation appears,
the True God will return.

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The golden words with the mysterious and distant power of heavenly mysteries slipped into the eyes and souls of everyone present.

Waaah—

The silence held for a moment before a storm of human noises suddenly tore it apart.

Even if the Heavenly Mystery God Canon hadn’t made an appearance, the fact that the Heavenly Mystery Three Elders had spoken up was shocking enough, much less being shown the ancient prophecy that was etched on the first page of the Heavenly Mystery God Canon.

No one present could fail to recognize that the golden words in the canon were ancient and distant. It had to have been engraved at least a couple hundred thousand years ago.

It also meant that the Heavenly Mystery Three Elders weren’t lying at all!

The Heavenly Mystery Realm was weak in terms of strength, but their ability to decipher heavenly mysteries had won them considerable status in the Eastern Divine Region. On this Conferred God Stage, it was also the only star realm that had the right to call themselves the equal of a king realm. It showed just how powerful heavenly mysteries were.

The Heavenly Mystery Realm spoke only the truth, and their ability to decipher heavenly mysteries and make accurate prophecies was next to fantastical. This was something everyone in the Eastern Divine Region knew, or they would never be as respected as they were by the four king realms. It was also a fact that plenty of experts from the Western Divine Region or Southern Divine Region often crossed the boundaries between star realms just to visit the Heavenly Mystery Realm.

Some of the Heavenly Mystery Realm's most important prophecies were made just before their masters' passing. It was said that one could peek behind the veil like never before when their soul finally departed their bodies...

This prophecy was also a prophecy made during one's passing... it was made right before Great Ancestor Haotian had passed away!

It was only natural that everyone was shocked.

"The prophecy of Heavenly Mystery Realm's great ancestor... Yun Che may become a True God in the future... a True God!"

"That's... impossible, isn't it? A True God is a thing from ancient times, but there's no way a True God can appear in our world right now. It's just common sense!"

"On really? Did your common sense also tell you that a nine stage lightning tribulation existed in this world!?"

"To think that the Heavenly Mystery Great Ancestor would predict the coming of a nine stage lightning tribulation so many years ago... does that mean... that the coming of a True God... is real as well?..."

"If a True God really does appear in this world, then... does that mean they'll rule over the world and stand even above the king realms!?"

"That's not all. In ancient times, it is said that True Gods were powerful enough to move celestial bodies and create life with a single thought. I doubt that a True God would be threatened even if all of the king realms in the God Realm were to work together."

"Sss... is this real? Will anyone truly believe a prophecy like this?"

"You know you're talking about the Heavenly Mystery Realm, right? Sure, none of us have known the Heavenly Mystery Great Ancestor personally, but... just look at the god emperors' expressions..."

The commotion on the Conferred God Stage didn't look like it would end anytime soon, but the god emperors' attention was completely fixed on the Heavenly Mystery God Canon. No matter how noisy their surroundings were, they never looked away for even an instant. It was almost as if they could see through the golden prophecy and figure out some deeper meaning if they tried hard enough.

Godhood...

It was something they had pursued for their entire lives. It was something that shook their souls like never before.

Even God Emperor Shitian, for all his contempt was staring at the canon with bulging eyes and was frozen like someone had cast a spell on him.

Meanwhile, Yun Che lips curled after the initial shock had passed.

This Heavenly Mystery Realm... is utter bullshit!

The reason I'm not afraid of any lightning tribulation, or any form of lightning at all is because I have the Evil God's Profound Veins! Like hell I'm a "child of the heavens"! Also, that nine stage lightning tribulation earlier was filled with extreme violence, anger, and hate. It's clear that all it wanted to do is to annihilate me utterly, so how could it possibly be "declaring to the world the birth of the child of the heavens"!

That being said...

What a wonderful tale that was!

I had to feign ignorance because I had no idea how to explain myself... but I never thought that that three old men would cover for me!

Even better, it seems that everyone, including the god emperors, is falling for it!?

The Heavenly Mystery Great Ancestor, huh...

The first page of the Heavenly Mystery God Canon, huh...

The perfect prediction of the nine stage heavenly tribulation, huh...

I would've believed it myself if I didn't know the truth!

Meanwhile, the Snow Song Realm was busy fighting their own demons. The fact that Yun Che had attracted a nine stage lightning tribulation and became champion was dreamy enough, but this prophecy from the Heavenly Mystery Great Ancestor himself had kicked them all the way to lala land.

"Bingyun..." Mu Huanzhi barely squeezed the words out of his lips. "Are you sure... this is the same person... you brought back from the lower realms?"

"..." Mu Bingyun couldn't say anything.

He was right... this young man had shocked the entire Eastern Divine Region, God Realm, and even the god emperors themselves...

...Is he really the same person as the one she had brought to the Snow Song Realm in passing as repayment for saving her life...

And that, was just three years ago.

Three years ago, Yun Che hadn't even entered the divine way yet. She had to protect him from the dark again and again. But today, he had reached the highest peak that could possibly be attained by the

juniors of the Eastern Divine Region and stood on a level that no one in the history of the Snow Song Realm had ever reached.

He had attracted an impossible, legendary nine stage lightning tribulation. He even corresponded to a prophecy of True Gods that was destined to turn the entire God Realm upside down.

To think... that he would be someone she brought back from the lower realms...

Huo Rulie and Yan Juehai exchanged glances with each other, but they were both stumped for words.

“A nine stage heavenly tribulation, a True God prophecy...” Shui Yingyue whispered, “Father, you once said that Heavenly Mystery Realm’s main function is to spy on the heavens, not predict the future, right? But every prophecy that entered the Heavenly Mystery God Canon always comes true without exception. Is this prophecy... going to come true as well?”

Shui Qianheng didn’t answer her, however. He was completely unresponsive, and his eyes were completely blank. Anyone who paid close attention to him would realize that his lips were trembling non-stop.

The higher one’s status was, the stronger their profound cultivation, the better they understood what a prophecy from the Heavenly Mystery Realm and godhood truly meant.

“The great ancestor was the one who created the Heavenly Mystery God Canon, and he was also the one who personally wrote these twelve words onto the first page of the canon,” Moyu exclaimed somewhat emotionally. “The great ancestor made a total of seven prophecies in his life, and six of them have come true already. Today, his final prophecy regarding an absolutely ludicrous ‘nine stage heavenly tribulation’ has come true as well! I understand that the part regarding ‘the return of the True God’ is still too unbelievable for most people, but at least the three of us are absolutely unwavering in our belief!”

Moyu looked at Yun Che before raising his voice suddenly, “As I mentioned earlier, the nine stage lightning tribulation is something that not even you can defend against, my god emperors, but not only did it fail to hurt Yun Che in the slightest, it even gave him new life and the ability to command the heavenly lightning... everything matches up to the great ancestor’s prophecy regarding the ‘child of the heavens’! Since he’s a child of the heavens, he’s naturally blessed by the heavens themselves. If he really does become a True God in the future, then it will be as the heavens will!”

“For no one, can rebel against the heavens!”

Moyu’s words resounded beside everyone’s ears like thunder once more.

When he was finally done, Moyu waved his hands and summoned the Heavenly Mystery God Canon before him and the rest of the elders. Then, he slowly closed it once more.

The ten golden words vanished before everyone’s eyes, and all kinds of expressions flitted across the god emperors’ faces... but the one similarity they shared was that they were all focused on Yun Che.

Moyu was just about to withdraw the Heavenly Mystery God Canon and put it away when two new golden lines suddenly appeared beneath the original prophecy:

Virtue will lead to eternal peace.

Evil will bring the carnage of a devil god.

The Heavenly Mystery God Canon vanished, but the Heavenly Mystery Three Elders all lost their cool in an instant. Although the words had only appeared for a brief instant, they slipped into their hearts and souls like they had a mind of their own.

“We...”

But Moyu raised his hands and shook his head slowly, “If the great ancestor doesn’t wish to make it known, then we mustn’t say it! These fifteen words shall be known to no other but ourselves!”

“Plus, Yun Che has clear eyes despite his fierce temperament, and there are no signs of negativity on him whatsoever. There’s no way he’ll become a devil god.”

Mowen and Mozhi also nodded slightly.

They were the Heavenly Mystery Three Elders, so their eye for people was extremely good. Although they had no idea what the latter half of Great Ancestor Haotian’s prophecy really meant, they were at least certain that Yun Che was a resolute, upright man who had nothing to do with “the carnage of a devil god” at all.

Plus, he was the “child of the heavens”. He would be the last person to go against the heavens.

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor stood up and sighed quietly, “To think that Great Ancestor Haotian would leave behind such a shocking prophecy before his passing. What a shame. What a shame.”

“You can’t seriously believe this so-called prophecy, Eternal Heaven God Emperor?” God Emperor Shitian grinned a little, “I will admit that even I’ve heard of the Heavenly Mystery Realm despite living in the Southern Divine Region, and I may have chosen to believe some of their prophecies—for fun!—if it was about anything else. But this... ‘True God’. Tsk tsk... you sure you mortals are worthy to predict the likes of True Gods?”

The Heavenly Mystery Three Elders were completely unmoved despite being ridiculed by God Emperor Shitian.

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor said, “It is unwise to trust a heavenly mystery in full, but it is also unwise to distrust a heavenly mystery. I admit that the part of the prophecy proclaiming the return of True Gods is pretty hard to believe, but the nine stage heavenly tribulation is real, isn’t it? It is also a fact that Yun Che has beaten a Divine Spirit as a Divine Tribulation, and later a Divine King as a Divine Spirit.”

“Your point?” God Emperor Shitian narrowed his eyes.

But the Eternal Heaven God Emperor chose to ignore him before staring at Yun Che seriously, “Yun Che, a heavenly mystery cannot be trusted fully, but your talent and aptitude are definitely one of a kind. It’d be a huge loss to the Eastern Divine Region if they are wasted even a little.”

“To avoid that, I’d like to accept you into the Eternal Heaven Realm. What do you think?”

A commotion rose, once more, the second he said this...

A king realm was the highest existence in the God Realm. Power, cultivation, fame; they stood at the top of the Primal Chaos. Even the lowliest guard or servant of a king realm had the right to overlook the world as a god would towards its creation.

Entering a king realm was the biggest dream any profound practitioner from any divine region and star realm could hope for. However, it was also the most luxurious and impossible.

But right now, the Eternal Heaven Realm had openly invited Yun Che to join them!

And the invitation had been handed out by none other than the Eternal Heaven God Emperor himself!

Had Yun Che been anyone else, the entire world would've been flabbergasted... but after the initial shock had passed, the god emperor's choice suddenly felt quite natural.

He was the champion of the Conferred God Battle, a warrior who could beat a Divine King at the Divine Spirit Realm, a talent who possessed three divine powers and three elements, and a destined one who attracted a nine stage lightning tribulation and corresponded to a True God prophecy... any one of these achievements was enough to astound the entire world, much less win the favor the Eternal Heaven Realm.

At first, the members of the Snow Song Realm were astonished by this. Then, ecstasy came over them.

Yun Che was the direct disciple of the Snow Song Realm's realm king, and he had just won them unparalleled glory. If Yun Che had gone to any other star realm, it would definitely be a black stain in their history. But the Eternal Heaven Realm? That was a different story altogether.

"Yun Che, accept it... quickly!" Mu Huanzhi said.

The rest of the elders and palace masters looked just as happy, so much so that they thought that Mu Huanzhi's urge was completely pointless. This was the Eternal Heaven Realm, the Eternal Heaven God Emperor himself offering Yun Che an olive branch, so why on earth would he turn down such an offer? Literally no one would.

The leap from a middle star realm to a king realm would be the most shocking leap in the entire history of the God Realm... but Yun Che undoubtedly deserved it considering his talent and performance!

Mu Bingyun, "..."

"The Snow Song Realm no longer deserves Yun Che." Yan Juehai sighed quietly.

"Nine stage lightning tribulation, True God prophecy..." Huo Rulie let out a long sigh. He just couldn't calm down no matter how he tried.

Yun Che raised his eyebrows, but before he could reply to the Brahma Heaven God Emperor suddenly stood up with a smile. "Hehe, I strongly agree with your assessment, Eternal Heaven God Emperor. Yun Che is a cultivator who has drawn a nine stage lightning tribulation, and his talents cannot be allowed to go to waste one bit."

"However—and I apologize if I'm being too direct—no one is better than my Brahma Monarch Realm when it comes to the profound way, not even your Eternal Heaven Realm! Therefore, he should come with me instead if we truly don't want him to waste his talent."

Everyone held their breaths when they heard this.

The Brahma Heaven God Emperor... was clearly fighting the Eternal Heaven God Emperor over Yun Che!