

The Gods 1391

Chapter 1391 - Nirvana of the Heart and Soul

Towards Yun Wuxin, Yun Che would always feel boundless love along with boundless guilt.

However within this guilt, there was something that had always comforted him... and that was the fact that Yun Wuxin had inherited a small part of his Evil God divine power and as a result, she possessed an innate talent towards the profound way that was extremely impressive, a talent that far outstripped anyone's understanding. At the age of twelve, she had already become an Overlord on this lowly plane and her future was undoubtedly incomparably bright. Before too long, she would definitely surpass Feng Xue'er and cause the "legend" that he had created to reappear once more.

This was not only a form of consolation, it was also something he took great pride in as her father.

But today...

The extremely fortunate thing was that even though Yun Wuxin's profound strength had completely dissipated, her profound veins did not receive any harm. Or perhaps even if they had been harmed, they had not been completely destroyed, so the current Yun Che could also repair them. Even though she had lost her profound strength, she could cultivate it once more. But... the innate talent she had that was enough to allow her to stare down at the rest of the world was gone.

It was gone forever.

His long dormant Evil God's Profound Veins had been awakened. His profound strength, divine body, divine soul, and divine sense were recovering with every second that passed... but the price for everything had been his daughter's future.

If he was able to give everything back to her, even if he would be crippled forever, he would definitely not hesitate in the slightest... Yet it just so happened that this was the one thing that he was unable to do.

His entire body was trembling as his heart convulsed and spasmed. His heart and soul had been thrown into complete and utter chaos and his gradually contorted fingers had gripped his skull until it had started to faintly change shape. Yet he did not notice anything... he did not even notice that Yun Wuxin had woken up, he did not notice her lightly opened eyes.

"Daddy..." Yun Wuxin lightly called out to her father as she looked at him. It was just that she was far too delicate and frail right now, so her voice was also as soft as cotton.

Yun Che's entire body convulsed as his head jerked up. The moment his eyes met Yun Wuxin's eyes, eyes which were as hazy as mist, he hurriedly sprang forward and using all the gentleness he could muster, he spoke in a still-hoarse voice, "Xin'er, you've woken up... You... Are you hungry right now... Are you feeling uncomfortable anywhere..."

Yun Wuxin shook her head very lightly, "Daddy, why are you crying?"

"Eh?" It was only when he heard Yun Wuxin's words that Yun Che felt the icy-cold traces of wetness on his face. He hurriedly extended a hand and wiped those traces of wetness away in a fluster as a faint

smile appeared on his face, "I'm not, I'm not. How can it be possible for your Daddy to cry. It's just that... It's just that..."

Before he could even finish speaking, he had actually started choking up... No matter how hard he tried to control it or suppress it, he could not stop himself from choking up in tears.

"..." He turned his head away, his body and voice still trembling. He tried his hardest to regulate his emotions, yet he was simply unable to force himself to calm down. He could only speak in a pained voice, "Xin'er, you... Why did you... have to..."

"Daddy," Yun Wuxin cut off the words that he had just said, an incomparably pure and beautiful smile spreading out on her pale white face, "you were so weak before, you didn't make me feel secure at all. But from now on, I can finally be protected by Daddy as much as I want... Hee hee."

"..." His heart and even his entire soul had been filled up with something that was far too warm. It was only after a long while that he could speak with much difficulty, "Daddy will... protect you for the rest of his life... If anyone dares to harm you... I... will definitely..."

He did not continue speaking nor could he continue even if he wanted to.

"Mnn!" Yun Wuxin responded with a lot of vigour. She had clearly just lost all of her profound strength and innate talent, yet her face was filled with happiness and satisfaction, "Then Daddy needs to first protect himself well... Wuuu, I've clearly just woken up... but I'm already feeling a little tired. Daddy looks really tired as well... Why don't you also go to sleep, okay?"

Yun Che's face was extremely pale and haggard... only, Yun Wuxin did not know that the level of her father's power was very high, so he no longer needed to sleep.

"Alright..." Yun Che gave a soft nod of his head.

Yun Wuxin's lips curved up softly and her eyes closed heavily. She tried to fight the feeling but her overly weak and frail body was unable to resist the sleepiness she felt. With a slight tremble of her eyelashes, she once again fell asleep.

"..." Yun Che breathed a sigh of relief but his chest heaved in an incomparably violent fashion.

As he silently stared at Yun Wuxin, he slowly stretched out a hand towards her sleeping face... just when he was about to touch it, however, his hand froze before suddenly jerking backwards.

This hand of his had been stained with countless sins, had touched an endless amount of darkness, had been dyed by an ocean of blood... and it had even personally robbed the innate talent of his very own daughter.

He withdrew his arm before soundlessly standing up and walking out of the room.

His eyes were murky and muddled.

Upon opening the door of the room, he realized that the sky had already gone dark at some unspecified point in time. Feng Xian'er stood in the corner of the courtyard, tears filled her beautiful eyes and the rims of those eyes were completely red. Upon seeing Yun Che, she hurriedly wiped the tears from her face and moved towards him, but her steps were extremely timid and overcautious...

“Young Master, I...” Feng Xian’er’s head dipped, she did not dare look Yun Che in the eye.

“There’s no need to say anything,” Yun Che did not even look at her, his eyes were dazed and his voice was powerless, “it wasn’t your fault.”

“I... I...” Yun Che’s emotionless voice threw Feng Xian’er’s heart into an even greater panic, “I really did not know the Lord Phoenix God would... I...”

“You should leave,” Yun Che’s face was expressionless and he did not even spare her a look from beginning to end, “Return to the place where you belong.”

“...” Feng Xian’er was stunned by those words and the tears she had been bitterly holding back now fell from her face like drops of rain, “Young Master... Do not chase me away... Let me take care of Xin’er please... I...”

“Go,” Yun Che closed his eyes.

“...” Feng Xian’er’s body swayed and tears gushed out of her eyes. She pressed a hand forcefully against her mouth so that her sobs would not spill out. With eyes that had been completely blurred by her tears, she dazedly stared at Yun Che’s back for a long while before she finally turned around and left...

Under the night sky, sparkling and translucent tears sprinkled down like little stars.

“...” Yun Che raised his head and looked towards the full moon in the sky.

The moonlight today was exceptionally dim and it was as if the moon had been covered up by a layer of gray clouds. The night wind was also unusually cold and even though it was clearly only a light and gentle breeze, it sank right into the marrow of his bones.

He stared at the night sky without moving for a very long time, as if he had turned into a statue.

A figure strode over and silently stood by his side. She was dressed in snowy robes and under the moonlight, she looked like a celestial maiden descending upon the mortal world, causing the entire night sky to seem a lot brighter.

“Little Fairy...” Yun Che spoke in a dazed voice but he did not turn his head, “Tell me... Am I the most useless father in this world... Am I the biggest failure of a father in this world...”

Chu Yuechan looked at him as she softly nodded her head and said, “Yes.”

Yun Che slowly closed his eyes.

“All those years ago, when Xin’er was still in my womb, I was viciously ambushed and I nearly lost my life,” Chu Yuechan softly said. “At that time, you did not protect her nor were you by our side... In fact, you were not even aware of what had happened.”

“When she was born, I nearly lost my life. Not only did you not witness her birth, you also very nearly allowed her to become an orphan from the very start of her life.”

“...” Yun Che’s body shuddered fiercely.

“For eleven years, she and I lived in a place secluded from the rest of the world. She accompanied me and protected me. Meanwhile, her father’s power and status grew day by day, yet he had never accompanied her or protected her for a single moment. You made her life more lonely and incomplete than any other girl.”

“But after you reunited with her, she never felt any of the resentment or dissatisfaction that she should have felt towards you. On the contrary, she only grew closer to you. When you were heavily injured, she was willing to sacrifice her innate talent for you without any hesitation whatsoever... even if she would be reduced to someone ordinary for the rest of her life.”

“...” Yun Che’s body swayed in the night breeze.

The light in Chu Yuechan’s eyes turned exceptionally soft and tender, “Xin’er is a good daughter, she is our pride and joy. But you... have not been a good father. Perhaps it is just as you said, you are the most useless father in this world, the biggest failure of a father in this world.”

She turned around to look at him and the light in her eyes was even more lustrous than bright moonlight, “So, are you going to use self-recrimination and guilt to console yourself? Or are you going to be an even better and stronger father than before so that you can protect her and make it up to her?”

His disordered and confused soul was struck by a gentle yet heavy blow... Yun Che’s trembling and swaying body went rigid.

After withdrawing her gaze, Chu Yuechan turned around and slowly left. But after she had taken a few steps, her feet suddenly ground to a halt and she softly said, “Just now, I saw Xian’er leave and she was weeping... You should understand that she was the most helpless and innocent person in this entire affair.”

“In the past year or so, all of us have seen the sincere feelings that she has had for you. Yet she’s never once expressed them and she has never once hoped to get a reply from you. She put all of the responsibility of what happened to Xin’er on herself so she was already in unbearable agony. But not only did you not comfort her, you even vented all of your sorrow and resentment on this most innocent girl, a girl who was already filled with boundless self-recrimination...”

“You are also a father, but have you ever thought of this? How would her father feel if he knew that his daughter had been treated in such a manner?”

Yun Che, “...”

Chu Yuechan left but Yun Che still stood rooted there in a daze. He did not speak or move for a very long time and even his expression did not change at all from start to finish... The only things that were moving were his eyes, eyes that were flashing with incomparable chaos under the moonlight.

The parting words that Jasmine had said to him in the Star God Realm.

The decision that Xia Qingyue had made to leave and sever all ties with him after sending him to the Forbidden Land of Samsara

The words that Shen Xi had told him time and again...

Were now all floating up in his head and interweaving chaotically.

“You possess the only Creation God divine power in this universe and you possess an innate talent and luck that they would not even dare to dream of in ten lifetimes. You are the person who is most qualified to have ambition in this universe... Yet why is your very first reaction to return to the lower realms?”

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Time soundlessly flowed by and before he knew it, the layer of dark clouds that had obscured the bright moon had quietly disappeared.

As the chaos in his heart was gradually quelled, his gaze slowly became clear and bright. Gradually, even the night wind was no longer cold and the moonlight that splayed down from the night sky was warm and tranquil.

“Thank you, Little Fairy,” Yun Che softly muttered under his breath, the corner of his mouth hooking up into a very small smile.

He raised his hand and stared at his palm. Following the automatic recovery of his divine body, he could already once again begin to sense the intimacy between his body and the spiritual energy of heaven and earth. This also meant that the power of the Rage God was also beginning to gradually awaken.

His fist clenched and his grip grew tighter and tighter. His body overflowed not only with new power but it also with an everlasting responsibility and new lease on life.

Xin'er... He softly muttered in his heart... My current power was born because of you, so this is not only my power, it is also your power.

For you, for all the people important to us, in order to never lose anything else or have any more regrets, I will tightly hold onto the power that I have right now. I will make it stronger, I will make myself into the strongest man in the universe, so that no one in this universe can mistreat any of you in the slightest.

No matter how hard it will be, no matter how long it takes.

Whether it be the lower realms or the God Realm!

Chapter 1392 - He Ling Awakens

The determination that arose in his heart did not burden it. On the contrary, he felt as if he had suddenly seen the light. It was a strange and wonderful feeling.

There had been countless times in his life where he had been tripped up by his emotions. Every step he took brought along with it many attachments and these attachments just kept on growing. At first, his world had only consisted of the Profound Sky Continent... but after that, he went to the Illusory Demon Realm and the Azure Cloud Continent. Then, in order to chase after Jasmine, he had entered the God Realm. To this, he had no choice but to leave behind all of the people at his side... and while he was in the God Realm, he had very nearly been unable to return.

During this entire process, he had been hesitant, perplexed, restrained, lost, and at his wit's end far too many times...

This was because there were far too many people who could easily take hold of his destiny. He had no choice but to constantly adapt and obey, had no choice but to play by the rules that they had created, had no choice but to tiptoe around those forces which he could not even begin to resist while trembling in fear... It was just like that one year he had spent in the Forbidden Land of Samsara. He had no choice but to hide in that place. He could not enter the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm, he could not return to the Snow Song Realm, and it was even less of a possibility for him to return to the lower realms.

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If that is the case, then why can't I... be the one who determines the laws of this universe!?

Instead, shouldn't everyone else adapt to the rules that I create!?

During the time he had spent in the Forbidden Land of Samsara, Shen Xi had kept using various different methods to remind me of this very thing. She kept telling me that I was the most qualified person to speak of and do such things...

Furthermore, even if I did not want to and I was not willing to, fate kept forcing me toward this path time and again...

Since this is the case...

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Yun Che's tightly clenched left hand suddenly shone with a flash of dark green light at this very moment. Yun Che, whose mind was tossing and turning, instantly detected it. His head jerked downward as his heart started to violently shake.

Just as he was about to try to send his consciousness into the Sky Poison Pearl, an absolutely beautiful girl slowly appeared in front of him... She had long viridian hair and emerald green eyes... Eyes which were filled with the most translucent and pure tears in the world.

"He... Ling..." Yun Che softly breathed. He suddenly felt like it had been a lifetime since he last saw her.

"Master..." He Ling cried out, tears filling her eyes. She lunged forward and barreled into Yun Che's body, her arms tightly hugging him. Her slender shoulders continuously shook with overwrought emotions and a lingering fear as she said, "I finally... finally... Wuuu. I had thought that... I would never... Wuuuuu... Wuuuuuuuuu..."

He Ling sobbed uncontrollably into his chest, and for a long period of time, she wept so hard that she was unable to speak. During this past year and a half, she had spent every breath living in fear and darkness, furthermore... it seemed to be fear and darkness that would never come to an end. At this time, she had finally seen the light of day once more and it felt like a dream.

Yun Che's arms froze in the air before they softly encircled her sobbing and trembling body and drew her into a tight embrace. After that, he softly spoke, "As long as you're okay, everything is fine. I had actually thought that... I had already dragged you to your death with me... So everything is fine as long as you're okay."

He Ling's sobs continued for a very long period of time. If not for the fact that only Yun Che could hear her voice, the entire Xiao Family would have long since been startled and alarmed by it.

It was only after tears drenched her entire face that the wood spirit girl managed to vent some of her fear and emotion. She sniffled as she wiped away her tears and she did not dare to lift her head to look at Yun Che for a very long time.

“He Ling have you been asleep this whole time?” Yun Che gently asked. He had originally thought that He Ling had fallen along with him when he had died in the Star God Realm. But following the recovery of his powers, he could once again sense the existence of the Sky Poison Pearl, and now he had even met He Ling again.

To him, this was undoubtedly far too much of a pleasant surprise.

He Ling’s eyes were red as she gently shook her head, “Actually I’ve been awake this whole time and I’ve been by Master’s side, watching Master every single day.”

“Eh?” Yun Che was stunned by those words.

“But, it was as if I was trapped in an invisible cage. Even though I could see Master and see the outside world, I could not materialize myself, connect with Master’s soul or get Master to hear my voice.”

Yun Che, “...”

“I thought that... it would be like this forever and I felt so scared every single day,” once she said this, He Ling could not help but start sobbing again.

From the moment she had decided to give up everything and become Yun Che’s Sky Poison Poison Spirit, she had been destined to follow Yun Che for the rest of her existence, and she would leave and die together with him. Her world would consist of only herself and Yun Che from now on. So Yun Che’s rebirth meant that she no longer had to remain alone forever in her world.

Yun Che stretched out a hand and lightly patted her shoulder as he comforted her, “That’s all in the past, you won’t need to be afraid from now on.”

She had been fully conscious yet she had been trapped in a prison she could never escape from. This had undoubtedly been far more cruel than simply falling into a deep sleep.

As he looked at this wood spirit girl who had entrusted everything to him, this wood spirit girl who he had completely failed, a deep feeling of guilt and pain arose in Yun Che’s heart.

Wait a minute...

She could always see him and the outside world?

EHHHH...

“Mn,” He Ling nodded her head as she strove to smile through her tears, “Congratulations, Master, on your recovery.”

As she spoke, she suddenly realized that Yun Che’s expression was rather weird. After that, she realized that he must still be very worried about Yun Wuxin and she immediately said, “Master, I know that your emotions have been thrown into a great chaos today because of the young mistress. However, you no

longer need to worry. Have you forgotten the Divine Waters of Life and the Dragon Dawn Jade Nectars that Mistress Shen Xi gave to us?"

He Ling's words caused Yun Che's expression to freeze on his face. After that, he instantly leapt in the air as if his backside had been pricked by a needle and his hand grabbed her shoulders with a "whooshing" sound, "Hurry... hurry! Hurry up and give it to me!"

It was only when those words were said that he remembered that all of these things were in the Sky Poison Pearl and that he could retrieve them at will. After that, he suddenly let go of He Ling's shoulders and directly retrieved a Divine Water of Life from the Sky Poison Pearl before rushing in the room.

"Ah! Master!" He Ling hurriedly stretched out a hand to grab him, "You... Right now you're going to use it on the young mistress?"

"Of course!" Yun Che said in an impatient and eager voice. Yun Wuxin had lost all of her profound strength and her vitality had been heavily wounded, so he naturally did not want to waste even half a breath more.

"But..." He Ling still held him back, "Even though the Divine Water of Life can immediately restore the young mistress' health, its effects would only be maximized if Master were to use light profound energy to bolster it at the same time, allowing the young mistress to reach the divine way in the span of a day. Furthermore, Master's strength isn't fully recovered yet, if you were to use it right away, you would waste a large portion of its spiritual strength."

Yun Che's body ground to a halt. He scratched his scalp before loudly exhaling, "Right... right, right... My powers haven't completely recovered yet... Whew, my brain really did stop working back there."

He had been alternately enraged, extremely guilty, and resentful for most of the day... he had lost his sanity several times today and his brain was practically a mess.

"I need to focus all of my effort on restoring my profound strength as soon as possible." Yun Che said as he strove to calm his emotions. After he thought about it for a while, he asked He Ling, "How many Divine Waters of Life and Dragon Dawn Jade Nectars do we have altogether?"

"We have seventeen drops of Divine Water of Life and we have ninety-one drops of Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar," He Ling answered precisely.

"Mn," Yun Che replied as he nodded his head.

The Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar would cleanse and strengthen one's body and profound veins, causing a profound practitioner to undergo a complete rebirth. It provided a huge boost to one's cultivation of the profound way, a boost that a normal person would not even be able to imagine... In simple terms, it would greatly strengthen a person's body, lifespan, and aptitude in the profound way in the span of a single day.

As for the Divine Water of Life... A single drop of it could allow the Yun Wuxin who currently no longer had any profound strength to step into the divine way in a single day.

He was not exaggerating its effects in the slightest.

To a profound practitioner from the lower realms, hearing these words would undoubtedly sound like a fairy tale. But among the countless profound spiritual medicines in the vast God Realm, just based on medicinal strength alone, how many of them were strong enough to allow a mortal to reach the divine way... Not only were there quite a few of these spiritual medicines in existence, there were even many of them whose medicinal strength was higher than that of the Divine Water of Life.

Just like the Universe Penta Jade Pellet Yun Che had swallowed back then.

But that was simply based on medicinal strength alone.

But this sort of profound spiritual medicine could never be used on a profound practitioner who had yet to enter the divine way and it could definitely not be used on a mortal who did not have any profound strength at all. Because if they swallowed these medicines, even if there was a Divine Master... No, even if the Great Firmament Golden Deity himself were present to assist, that person would still instantly explode and die.

Even given how abnormal Yun Che's physique had been, when he had forcefully swallowed the Universe Penta Jade Pellet in order to increase his power... he might have very well exploded and died if not for Mu Xuanyin.

However, the Divine Water of Life and Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar given to him by Shen Xi... The greatest advantage they had was that they did not have any side-effects whatsoever!

The medicinal strength of these two spiritual medicines was so mild and gentle that no one could understand it.

This was because this kind of spiritual liquid came from the strange flowers that grew in the Forbidden Land of Samsara. Furthermore, it was refined and created by Shen Xi, the only person in the universe who possessed light profound energy, using the "Divine Miracle of Life". Light profound energy was sacred, compassionate, redemptive, and pure... As a result, the medicines created by it would only ever bestow blessings upon the living creatures who used them, they would never ever cause any kind of harm.

Even if they were consumed by a mere mortal!

People from the lower planes of existence naturally did not have the qualifications to know about the existence of such a spiritual liquid, but the upper star realms and the king realms would naturally know that the most mystical and highest grade profound spiritual medicine would come from the Dragon God Realm's Forbidden Land of Samsara.

Whether it was the Divine Water of Life or the Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar, they were considered true sacred objects even amongst the king realms! They were items that the god emperors yearned for even in their dreams. In the past, Shen Xi would bestow such spiritual liquids to the Dragon God Clan every once in a while. Every drop was regarded by the Dragon God Clan as their most valuable treasure and it was only when a king realm was organizing some big event or holding some big ceremony that they might occasionally bestow one of these drops upon said king realm... Of course, they would only bestow these presents upon a king realm, and if any of the king realms were fortunate enough to receive one, they would undoubtedly go wild with joy.

A single drop of Divine Water of Life could allow a supremely talented individual to start at the divine way in the matter of a single day... What sort of concept was this?

A single drop of Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar would raise all of the aptitudes of a profound practitioner in a single day. Every drop could create what was akin to a divine miracle.

Even for someone at Yun Che's level, the Divine Water of Life was still very beneficial. In fact, in regards to his feat of becoming a Divine King within a single short year during his stay in the Forbidden Land of Samsara, most of the credit for that would go to the Divine Waters of Life.

If the Dragon God Realm knew that Yun Che alone had consumed twelve whole drops of the Divine Waters of Life in the span of a single year, they would probably hate that they could not swallow Yun Che right up.

This was because Shen Xi only gave the Dragon God Clan approximately ten drops of Divine Water of Life and twenty drops of Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar every three thousand years or so.

But Yun Che was actually unaware of all of these things, and he even subconsciously thought that these were things that could be easily obtained within the Forbidden Land of Samsara.

He also did not know that the seventeen drops of Divine Water of Life and the ninety-one drops of Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar Shen Xi had given to He Ling had been all that she had... Not a single drop of it was left.

Upon realizing that he could immediately restore Yun Wuxin's profound strength and that he could raise it to hundred times higher than what it used to be... and upon realizing that she could maybe stand shoulder to shoulder or even surpass Feng Xue'er, Yun Che found it hard to suppress the excitement in his heart. Even though the lost Evil God innate talent could not be restored, at the very least, he could lessen some of the guilt in his heart.

He had to recover all of his power as quickly as possible... Those words echoed in Yun Che's heart. After that, he looked at He Ling before suddenly saying, "He Ling, after I recover my power, I will find an opportunity to return to the God Realm and I will definitely fulfill the promise that I made to you back then."

"Ah?" Yun Che's words left He Ling completely stunned. After that, she shook her head in startled fright, "Master, you... What are you saying? You want to... return to the God Realm?"

"That's right," Yun Che said with a very serious nod of his head.

"No, there's no need... There's no need, there's no need." He Ling waved her hands and she was waving them very frantically at that, "Master, it took a lot of effort for you to return here, and in this world you have your family, your friends and your wife... wives? Your daughter is also at your side and you can live very very well, without any worries or cares. You... you don't need to return for my sake... You really don't need to go back to that dangerous place for my sake."

"Haha," Yun Che gave a laugh as he looked at He Ling's appearance, but he felt deeply moved by what she had said, "I am not doing it just for you, I am also doing it for myself. Furthermore... I have no choice but to return."

As he said those words, he lifted his head and stared at the night sky.

“Wh... Why?” He Ling asked softly as she found his answer hard to understand. In this world, his life was truly perfect and now that he had begun to recover his strength, even if people from the God Realm somehow stumbled onto this place, they would not be any cause for concern. So why did he suddenly say... in such a sincere manner at that, that he wanted to return to the God Realm?

Chapter 1393 - “Mission”

“He Ling,” Yun Che started slowly. His eyes turned deep as his mind turned calm, “If you had had the opportunity to witness my whole life, you would realize that I’m like a walking disaster. No matter where I go, obstacles and disasters always trail my footsteps unendingly.”

He Ling, “Ah?”

“Even after I’d experienced a death and lost all of my powers, disaster still wouldn’t stop knocking on my door.”

“This all began when I first received the Evil God’s inheritance when I was sixteen,” Yun Che said honestly. “For the past few years, every Divine Spirit that had given me their divine powers has reminded me more than once that the Evil God’s power wasn’t the only thing I inherited, that I had inherited the ‘mission’ he left behind as well. In other words, I had obtained a power that is unlike anything else in the world, but in exchange I must bear a responsibility that is equal to that power as well.”

“...” He Ling couldn’t understand what he was saying.

“Although I memorized everything they said, I had never really treated them seriously in my subconscious. In fact, I had even thought their comments to be a little ridiculous.”

“Shen Xi asked me a question back when I first arrived at the Forbidden Land of Samsara: if I can fulfill a wish right away, what would that be? At the time, my answer had disappointed her greatly, and she spent the entire year trying to tell me through various way that I, bearer of the one and only Creation God power in the entire world, must use it to surpass all other living things.”

“To that end, she had even... erm, stressed Senior Dragon Monarch’s adoration of her and asked me to surpass him as well.”

“Master... have you understood Master Shen Xi’s words then?” He Ling asked softly.

“No,” Yun Che shook his head in reply, “but I have found my reason, and I have fully figured out everything I wanted to figure out.”

“Power is such an important thing in life,” Yun Che’s eyes turned dark and unreadable, “Without power, I can’t protect myself or anyone around me. Without power, even a couple of worms who weren’t worthy of being my opponents since back then could drive me into a dead end, and even bring harm to Xin’er... Phew.”

He exhaled deeply after saying that.

Yun Che clenched his teeth slightly and frowned a little when he recalled those four profound practitioners... Now that he had calmed down, he suddenly realized that he had no idea what they were called, where they came from, or how they came to be Blue Pole Star at all!

It was bad enough that he hadn't searched their souls with the Profound Handle Soul Search, but he hadn't even checked if a soul crystal was embedded in their minds... Thankfully, he hadn't detected any unusual soul activity when they died, or the resulting consequences could only be described as severe.

Sigh... as far as he could recall, this was the first time he had lost control of himself so thoroughly.

"The powers I possess are simply too special. Not only do countless people desire them, their very existence is a source of unpredictable tribulations of fate. Therefore, the only way to prevent all this from happening again is to become the one who stands at the top of the world, the one who dictates all of the rules... just like how I stood at the top of this continent back then. The only difference is that this time, I must stand at the top of the God Realm as well."

Yun Che smiled when he saw He Ling's shaking pupils, "This may just be a delusion to another person, but to me... It is something that's within my reach. And I must reach it. I never want to suffer what I had to suffer today ever again! That alone is all the reason I need!"

"Then... are you going to head back to the God Realm and cultivate at Master Shen Xi's place?" He Ling asked. It was because Shen Xi's place was safe, and she was the fastest way for Yun Che to achieve his goal in her opinion.

"No," But Yun Che shook her head yet again, "The reason I have to go back... is because I must complete the 'mission' that came with my power."

"Mission? What mission?" He Ling asked.

"Although I only have an inkling about the truth right now, I'm sure someone will tell me about it when I return to the Eastern Divine Region." The Ice Phoenix girl at the bottom of the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake flashed across Yun Che's mind before he looked eastward... in the distant east, the red starlight flashing in the distant sky was more glaring than everything else around it.

Some time ago, it was just a flash that occasionally appeared in the sky. But now, it was a permanent fixture in the sky be it day or night.

"There is one more thing that I must inform you of," Yun Che continued as his eyes turned a little misty, "Xin'er wasn't the only one who played a part in restoring my strength. He Lin helped as well."

"Ah?" He Ling froze, "You mean... Lin'er?"

"The Phoenix Spirit tried to use the Evil God divine aura residing inside Xin'er's profound veins to awaken my dead Evil God Profound Veins, but it had failed despite a successful operation. So the Evil God divine aura didn't awaken my profound veins... but it awoke the Royal Wood Spirit Orb that He Lin gave me."

"..." He Ling's lips parted as her pupils eyes trembled violently.

"The Wood Spirit Race is the creation of the ancient Creation Goddess of Life Li Suo, and the life energy residing inside a Royal Wood Spirit Orb originated from profound light energy. When its life energy was

unleashed, it echoed with my Divine Miracle of Life and caused it to become active. The Divine Miracle of Life is precisely why my profound veins reawakened.”

The Phoenix Spirit once said that the Evil God’s Profound Veins were the profound veins of a Creation God. It was such a high level existence that the only thing that could awaken them was another power at an equal level... and by that, it was referring to the last Evil God divine aura in the entire world residing inside Yun Wuxin’s profound veins.

However, the Phoenix Spirit didn’t know that Yun Che possessed another power of the Creation God, the Divine Miracle of Life.

Light profound energy was something that attached itself to a being’s profound veins and life. The Divine Miracle of Life possessed the same quality. That was why it had healed Yun Che’s injuries and awakened his slumbering profound veins after the Royal Wood Spirit Orb had triggered it to life.

This was a miracle, a miracle that perhaps not even the Creation Goddess of Life herself could explain.

“When I was very young... Father and mother once mentioned... our Wood Spirit Orb was extremely special, it was called a ‘Miracle Seed’. I really hope that one day... It will really... give Big Brother Yun Che a miraculous power...”

Back then, He Lin had said those words in his mind while he was crying and offering his spirit orb... Yun Che’s eyes turned blurry as he whispered, “Thank you for the miracle you brought me... He Lin.”

He Ling bit her lips tightly, and it wasn’t until a long time later that she was finally able to stop her tears from flowing, “Lin’er would be very glad if he were to learn about this.”

“...” Yun Che pressed a hand to his chest, feeling the sensation of the Wood Spirit Orb clearly. It was true that he had suffered plenty of tribulations due to the Evil God’s divine power, but he had also encountered plenty of benefactors and was rewarded with kindness and affection all the same.

He Ling did her best to clear the tears in her eyes before she turned around and said, “When will you be going back, Master?”

Yun Che answered without hesitation, “A Divine King may be considered powerful in the God Realm, but the people who have their eyes on me are far stronger than that. That is why this isn’t a good time to return.”

“In that case, are you going to cultivate here until your powers are satisfactory, master?” He Ling asked... but she was aware that this world’s aura was incredibly thin and murky. This wasn’t a good place to cultivate the divine way at all.

“No,” Yun Che denied as expected, “Blue Pole Star’s level is far too low, and my progress would only be stunted if I were to cultivate in such an environment. Moreover, this place is rather close to the Eastern Divine Region, and there are too many people who are familiar with my power and aura there. There is a chance that I may be found out if I were to cultivate here.”

“To tell the truth, I am not the deciding factor of my return. You are,” Yun Che turned to look at He Ling.

“Me?” He Ling was confused at first, but she quickly realized what Yun Che was talking about, “You mean... the Sky Poison?”

“That’s right,” Yun Che nodded, “I must return to the God Realm, but I have no intentions of hiding and skulking around like a stray dog like when I first came here.”

“We will return when the Sky Poison Pearl has regained enough strength to threaten an entire king realm,” Yun Che said with cold eyes. The Evil God’s divine power wasn’t his only trump card. From the moment He Ling had become the Sky Poison Pearl’s poison spirit, his other trump card had completely reawakened as well.

Although, there was a chance he might be forced to return before his preferred time... Yun Che glanced at the red “star” hanging in the west again.

“Mn, I will do my best,” He Ling nodded seriously before a realization suddenly struck her. She looked at him in surprise and asked, “Wait. Do you mean to... expose the Sky Poison Pearl’s existence, Master?”

“Mn!” Yun Che nodded without hesitation, “My mind is pretty fuzzy tonight, but I was still able to figure out a lot of things. During my four years in the God Realm, I did my best to keep all of my secrets from being exposed. But in the end, Qianye still found out that I had the Evil God’s divine power, and even that old bastard Tumi became aware of it because of my relationship with Jasmine... In comparison, the Sky Poison Pearl is actually even more recognizable. When Jasmine and I first met here, she recognized the Sky Poison Pearl immediately. When I saved Frozen Cloud’s Asgard Mistress just before I took off to the God Realm, she had been able to call out its name immediately as well.”

“...” He Ling couldn’t refute his point. The Sky Poison Pearl’s poisoning and cleansing abilities were second to none, which also meant that it was the only thing that could produce or cure some poisons. Thus, it was a pretty easy connection for those in the God Realm to make.

“The God Realm is gigantic, and their history and foundation are equally deep. Their knowledge of the ancient secrets must be incomparable compared to those from the lower realms. This means that it is only a matter of time before my secrets become fully unraveled since the moment I’d decided to return to the God Realm.” Yun Che looked surprisingly calm as he said this, “In that case, I may as well expose them on my own terms. They will only be my shackles if I continue to hide them, shackles that I’d imposed onto myself just like those four years in the God Realm.”

“It is true that there’s no turning back after this... but I can find a way to turn them into something that instill fears into my enemies.” A cold glint flashed across his eyes as he narrowed them slightly.

For the past year, he had spent every moment of his time leisurely and worry free, mostly indulging himself in worldly pleasures. To another person, it might look like he was no longer concerned with anything, but in reality he was only doing so to keep those who cared about him from worrying about him.

After all... how could he possibly forget or put down all those unresolved loves, kindnesses, enmities, and grudges so easily?

He had done countless things for the past year or so. He had wondered again and again what he should do, and how he should do it, if he could choose again from the start...

“I spent my four years in the God Realm hurrying almost blindly every step of the way... so I really should plan my steps carefully before I finally make my return,” Yun Che said before closing his eyes. The

future wasn't the only thing he would be thinking about. Every step he had taken, every person he had met, every land he had come across and even every spoken line he had heard during the four years, he would be ruminating over them all.

When he had made up his mind and gone to the God Realm with Mu Bingyun, his only goal had been to find Jasmine. He had never thought to stay there or make any ties or relationships with anyone.

But everything was different if his plan was to return to the God Realm again.

"I have one more question to ask." Eyes still closed, Yun Che's voice suddenly grew soft and forced, "Have you seen... Hong'er?"

"..." He Ling's eyes abruptly turned sad.

The poison spirit didn't give Yun Che an answer despite him waiting for a moment. In the end, he gave her a forced smile before turning around and walking toward the room where Yun Wuxin was asleep. He didn't open the door and walk in to see her, however. He simply focused on guarding her for the night and tidying his feelings.

Chapter 1394 - Purify

Blue Wind Nation, Ten Thousand Beast Mountain Range, Phoenix Clan.

The profound beast disturbance at the Ten Thousand Beast Mountain was getting worse and worse each day, but the Phoenix Clan was thankfully unaffected due to the Phoenix Barrier.

A figure flashed past the barrier and appeared inside the village. Countless emotions surged in Yun Che's heart as he stared at the familiar scene before him.

This was where he had obtained the Phoenix inheritance and where he was reborn. This was where he had fallen into a slump and found Chu Yuechan and Yun Wuxin.

A long time ago, he had accidentally fallen into this place while he was being hunted. The old him couldn't have known this tiny utopia would change his life several times.

There was a Phoenix youth cultivating in concentration some distance away from Yun Che, the burning mark of the phoenix on his forehead grew brighter and brighter. Suddenly, the boy noticed something and opened his eyes. He was immediately greeted by a smiling Yun Che standing in front of him.

"It looks like you've improved even further, Zu'er." Yun Che smiled.

"Ah!" Feng Zu'er exclaimed before getting up to his feet, "Big Brother Benefactor, you... you've come."

"Mn. I'm here to see Xian'er," Yun Che's gaze went past Feng Zu'er when he said this. He could sense where Feng Xian'er was right now.

The excitement on Feng Zu'er's face froze when he heard the name "Xian'er". Then, he bit his lips in secret before bowing his head, begging, "Big Brother Benefactor, I... I know that Xian'er has committed a grave error, but... but she really didn't mean to do it. She... has cried many times over the past two days, and she has shut herself inside her room, refusing to come out for even a moment... She... She's really sorry for what she did, so can you please forgive her?"

"..." Yun Che tensed a little before he let out a sigh, "Zu'er, Xian'er was never in the wrong in the first place. I'm the one who should be begging for Xian'er's forgiveness, not her for mine."

"Ah?" Feng Zu'er was stunned by his remark. He was going to say something more, but Yun Che had already disappeared somewhere.

Feng Xian'er's bedchamber was a small but very well kept wooden room. Right now, she was sitting next to the window and staring towards outside with blank eyes.

Yun Che soundlessly appeared in her room... the air was filled with the scent of sorrow.

"Xian'er," he called out to her softly.

Feng Xian'er shuddered once before getting up to her feet. When she turned around, Yun Che noticed that there were tear streaks on her face. The girl stared blankly at him in disbelief for several long seconds before she finally bowed her head and grabbed the hem of her dress tightly, "Young... Big Brother Benefactor, I... I..."

Her voice sounded timid and panicky. She kept her head bowed firmly, and she dared not look him in the eye at all. She looked like a little girl who had just committed a grave mistake.

"Xian'er," Yun Che said gently, "I was feeling very uncomfortable since you've been gone for the past two days. Will you come back with me?"

"Ah?" Feng Xian'er looked up at stared at him with wide eyes. She looked like she couldn't believe what she was hearing before she devolved even further into panic, "I... But I committed such a terrible error... I'm the one who hurt Wuxin, I don't deserve to serve you ever ag..."

"You're not the one who's in the wrong. I was," Yun Che cut her off before she could complete her sentence, "You hadn't done any wrong from the start. On the contrary, you were the one who saved Wuxin. I... I was furious at the time, and my logic had completely fled. Worse, after I left the room my head got caught in the door right as I was leaving Xian'er's room. That was the reason why I said something so terrible to you."

"Pf..." Yun Che's joke had come out of nowhere, and it caught the defenseless Feng Xian'er completely off guard. Then, her face turned bright red before she bowed her head even lower than before.

"Please forgive me?" Yun Che said in the gentlest voice he could muster, "I promise I'll never say something like that to you ever again. I promise I'll never ask you to leave another time."

"..." Feng Xian'er squeezed her hands together tightly before saying timidly, "But... But I..."

"Oh right," Yun Che interrupted her again before continuing, "I've found a way to return Xian'er to full health. Let's heal Xian'er together after we head back, okay?"

"Ah!?" Feng Xian'er looked up suddenly, "Is... is that really true?"

"Of course it's true," Yun Che nodded seriously while staring her in the eye, "Not only will she regain her profound strength, she'll become even stronger than she was before."

Although Feng Xian'er really wasn't at fault at all, she had still claimed responsibility for everything bad that had happened... It was because she was the one who had brought her before the Phoenix Spirit and as a result Yun Wuxin had lost all of her powers.

That was why Yun Wuxin's condition had become a knot in her mind.

However, if Yun Wuxin were to be restored to full health, her knot would naturally become unraveled on its own.

"Come back with me, Xian'er," Yun Che smiled as his tone turned just a tad forceful, "Let's watch Xian'er get better together. I'm not the only one who wants you to come back either. There are also Yuechan, Xue'er, Caiyi... even my parents. Everyone is hoping for you to return, and ahem... they even scolded me a bunch, you know?"

"..." Feng Xian'er stared at him blankly. A while later, tears suddenly started pouring out of her eyes non-stop. Although Feng Xian'er covered her mouth and tried to control it with all her might, her tears just wouldn't stop.

"Xian'er..." Yun Che hurriedly took a step forward, "Are... you still not willing to forgive me?"

Feng Xian'er shook her head strongly before trembling for a very, very long time. Finally, she asked in a sobbing voice, "Can I... really... stay by your side... forever and ever?"

"Mn!" Yun Che nodded without any hesitation, "You can stay until the day you find that I'm an eyesore."

"..." Feng Xian'er shoulders shook even harder than before. Finally, she was completely beyond words.

"Oh, there is one thing I've got to complain about." Yun Che's head bent sideways before he continued softly, "You took all of my laundry with you when you returned home, so I had no choice but to wear my old clothes for the past two days."

"Ah!" Yun Che's complaint elicited a cry from Feng Xian'er. When she subconsciously rubbed her spatial ring and discovered that it was the truth, a bit of panic reached her tear-stained face, "I... I forgot... It wasn't on purpose..."

"Hahaha," Yun Che laughed loudly before he grabbed Feng Xian'er's hand and pulled her to his side, "In that case, what else are you waiting for? Come on!"

"Mn..." Feng Xian'er tensed up all over when Yun Che had gripped her hand out of nowhere, but she had barely mounted a token struggle before she allowed him to pull her outside. Just a few steps later, a reddish color had stretched from her cheeks all the way down to her neck.

Yun Che didn't leave the valley immediately. Instead, he went to the husband and wife Feng Baichuan and Feng Caiyun and left behind some very important instructions. It was only then that he finally walked towards the Phoenix's trial rooms with Feng Xian'er.

It was where the Phoenix Spirit resided.

"Young Master, do you still... blame Lord Phoenix God for what happened?" Feng Xian'er asked softly.

Yun Che shook his head and replied, "That day, when I woke up from my coma and saw Xin'er breathing weakly without any profound energy in her... there was no one I didn't hate at that moment. It was only after my head had cleared that I realized that the real person who was deserving of hate, was myself."

"The reason it chose you to stay by my side was because it knew that you would never do anything to harm me. Conversely, that also meant that my guard was always lowered around you." Yun Che sighed quietly, "I should've noticed the signs a while ago."

The duo soon arrived before the Phoenix's trial rooms, but the Phoenix Barrier in front of them was very different from the one in their memories.

It was because the profound light shining from the barrier was shockingly weak.

Yun Che stretched his hand and tried to touch the barrier, but the scarlet light in front of him suddenly flashed once before disappearing completely.

"..." Yun Che's hands became frozen in midair.

"Ah..." Feng Xian'er cried out softly before she fell into a daze. Then, a deep sadness rose from her heart as she collapsed slowly to her knees, "Lord... Phoenix... God..."

The Phoenix aura that had been entrenched in this valley and protecting this village for so, so many years had vanished...

Forever.

The Phoenix Clan turned utterly silent in an instant. Every Phoenix clansman had sensed the Phoenix God's passing, and they all knelt on the ground, looked up to the sky and let their tears fall freely.

Its passing didn't just mean the passing of a small clan's Phoenix God... It also meant that the last Phoenix Spirit in the entirety of the Primal Chaos, the last being who bore the will of the Phoenix, had vanished from the world.

From here on, the only traces left of the Phoenix were those who had inherited its bloodline and power.

Yun Che closed his eyes and let out a deep sigh. Then, he knelt on one knee and saluted the Phoenix Spirit solemnly.

Back then, its time was already limited after it had gifted him its own soul origin and the Nirvana Flame. Three days ago, it had even used all of its remaining power to draw out Yun Wuxin's Evil God divine aura in an attempt to save him.

But the Phoenix Spirit had still stubbornly held on because it was waiting for Yun Che to return and unleash all of his wrath on it. It was only when it heard that Yun Che had relinquished his hatred for it that it was finally able to pass away... in peace.

After that, Yun Che got back up to his feet and whispered to himself, "You once said that I am the 'hope'. I won't run away or deny it any longer. I will do my best to become the hope you wish for me to become before 'that day' arrives... This is the only way I can repay you for everything you have done for me."

His attention was suddenly drawn sideways just as he was finished speaking.

After the Phoenix Spirit had passed away, the Phoenix Barrier that had been protecting the Phoenix Clan had disappeared as well.

Moreover, a large group of profound beasts was heading their way, albeit in a disorderly fashion. Every single one of their auras felt exceptionally violent.

“Cheif! It’s terrible!” It was at this moment an urgent voice cut through the air, “The Phoenix Barrier has vanished, and a huge amount of violent profound beasts are heading our way! We must prepare for war immediately!”

In the past, the Phoenix Clan was protected the Phoenix Barrier and the Phoenix God’s naturally intimidating aura. That was why the profound beasts of the Ten Thousand Beast Mountain Range had never dared to get close to them. However, both of those things were now gone, and the profound beasts’ temperament had turned largely violent as of late. This also meant that this tiny utopia situated at the center of the Ten Thousand Beast Mountain Range was soon to become a disaster zone.

The shout instantly caused the atmosphere in Phoenix Clan to turn heavy. Phoenix flames started erupting everywhere as everyone got themselves ready for the incoming battle. Feng Xian’er had jumped into the air in a hurry and looked into the distance, and everywhere she looked countless violent auras were stampeding towards this once forbidden ground.

Yun Che turned around and appeared right next to Feng Xian’er. Then, a loud voice reached everyone’s ears, “Everyone, there is no need to worry. Please withdraw your profound energies and back off for the moment.”

While saying this, Yun Che extended his arms and started circulating the light profound energy. The layer of light was incredibly thin, but it quickly spilled down the ground beneath and spread out to envelop the entire Phoenix Clan. Not only that, it had covered the entire Ten Thousand Beast Mountain Range in just a couple breaths’ time.

Immediately, the violent roars of the profound beasts subsided until they faded away completely. The rampaging profound beasts froze where they stood as the confusion in their eyes faded away quickly like extinguished flames. A moment later, the profound beasts returned to being confused, but peaceful.

The terrifying, violent and dangerous auras started receding back where they came from like tidewater.

The profound beasts weren’t the only ones who were affected by the white light. Every Phoenix descendant within the vicinity felt like their bodies were submerged inside comfortable clouds, and their hearts being cleansed by streams of spring water. Even the worry, panic and fear they were just feeling moments ago had all faded away into nothing... But that wasn’t all. They felt like the negative emotions that had been lurking deep inside their souls were all washed away silently, leaving behind only purity and cleanliness. All that was left inside their hearts was an unprecedented sense of peace.

“What... is this power?” Feng Baichuan muttered as he looked at the sky.

Chapter 1395 - Becoming Divine Overnight

By now, the rampaging profound beasts had completely calmed down. Even those that were naturally violent and aggressive had become unusually gentle, returning to their territories or nests in peace and confusion.

That was how the Phoenix Clan disaster had ended before it even began.

Yun Che looked around for any other signs of danger before dropping back down to the ground slowly. At his current strength, he had the power to determine the life or death of every profound beast in the Ten Thousand Beast Mountain Range. However, he was also aware that he would be damaging the ecosystem severely and leaving behind severe consequences even though it was a sure way to nip the problem in the bud... It was exactly why Feng Xue'er hadn't dared to erase every profound beast from existence every time an attack had broken out, but had only suppressed them.

The Phoenix Clan members rushed over and gathered around Yun Che and Feng Xian'er. Once again they were staring at Yun Che in a new light, the younglings especially looking like they were worshipping a god who had just saved the world.

"Yun Che, that was...?" Feng Baichuan asked while barely suppressing his own excitement.

Yun Che replied, "The reason these profound beasts have undergone a massive behavioral change as of late is most likely because they had been affected by some sort of darkness profound energy. Darkness profound energy can amplify a living being's negative emotions, which is why I used a profound energy of the opposite element to calm them all down."

That was what he told them, but in reality he was very puzzled.

Judging by the way the profound beasts were reacting, he was certain that they were being affected by some sort of darkness profound energy.

But if that was true then... why couldn't he detect the darkness profound energy himself?

Could it be that this unknown darkness profound energy is at such a high level that even I at my current strength have no right to detect it?

A low ranking profound beast's spiritual perception was both more sensitive and more fragile than the average human's, so it wasn't particularly strange that they were affected first. However... if the profound beast disturbances were to keep worsening like this, it was only a matter of time before it spread to other areas and affect higher level profound beasts as well.

In fact, if things were to keep worsening like this, would a human eventually succumb to its influence as well...?

Yun Che unconsciously furrowed his brows.

"I see," Feng Baichuan nodded. He didn't try to probe deeper.

"However," Yun Che said, "I still don't know where this darkness profound energy is originating from, and its influence has been worsening since the beginning. Although the profound beasts of the Ten Thousand Beasts Mountain Range have been pacified for the time being, it... won't be staying this way for long."

Every Phoenix descendant within the vicinity looked worried when they heard this.

“Father,” Feng Zu’er asked, “Should we move away from this place then? We have lost Lord Phoenix God’s protection, and... we can’t always ask Big Brother Benefactor to come over and help us every time there is danger.”

The younglings’ eyes started sparkling with hidden emotions when Feng Zu’er was finished, but Feng Baichuan hadn’t given him a reply. The older men and women of the group were silent as well, staring forward with complicated expressions on their faces.

They had lived here in seclusion for their whole lives, and they had gotten used to this lifestyle a long time ago. Although their bloodline curse had been broken, and their power had been growing stronger day by day, they still hadn’t returned to society even to this day... Naturally, leaving their homes wasn’t an easy decision for all of them.

“That is unnecessary,” Yun Che smiled before raising an arm. There was a flash of fire, and...

Chii...

A bolt of phoenix flame flickered in the distant sky, and a new Phoenix Barrier exactly the same as the one before was created just like that. Not only that, it was so much stronger than before that even a Monarch wouldn’t be able to force their way in unless they had the Phoenix bloodline in them.

Right now Yun Che was still recovering his strength, and he wasn’t even at twenty percent of his peak form. However, he was still many, many times stronger than the Phoenix Spirit had been, so it wasn’t a problem at all to create a new Phoenix Barrier.

“Wah!” Exclamations broke out, “It’s a new Phoenix Barrier!”

It wasn’t just a new barrier either, every one of them could sense that the phoenix power flowing inside was stronger than the old one.

“If this barrier doesn’t get attacked by external forces, then it will remain this way for at least another two hundred years,” Yun Che smiled, “Which means that I will be returning every two hundred years or so to reinforce it... Although I’m certain that you won’t be needing it anymore after two hundred years have passed.”

“This is wonderful... This is wonderful!” a phoenix old man exclaimed in excitement.

They knew from the start that a restored Yun Che must be incredibly powerful, and the latter had proven it easily by waving a hand and constructing a stronger Phoenix barrier that could last for two hundred years instantly. They hadn’t even sensed any profound energy activity from him! It was only then that they knew that Yun Che’s strength had fundamentally exceeded their understanding and the limits of their very world.

“Thank you... Big Brother Benefactor,” Feng Xian’er smiled brightly at him.

“Er... As long as you’re not angry with me,” Yun Che replied with a smile of his own.

Feng Xian’er looked down at that moment and said in a very tiny voice, “I would... never be angry with you.”

“...” Feng Zu’er made an effort to widen his eyes further after seeing his big brother benefactor and his sister together and noticing the strange atmosphere surrounding them.

Feng Baichuan and Feng Caiyun exchanged a glance with each other. Then, the former shook his head with a smile before whispering, “Sigh, to be young again.”

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For the past few days, Yun Wuxin had been spending most of her time asleep. Although she would occasionally wake up from her slumber, her period of wakefulness didn’t last long because her vitality was incredibly weak.

Meanwhile, Yun Che was doing his best to calm his mind and regain his own strength. Some time later, he had finally regained enough strength to restore her profound energy.

Illusory Demon Realm, Yun Family.

A barrier that could isolate all light, sound and aura opened up inside a courtyard. It was a barrier Yun Che had created with his own power, and there was no one in this plane who was capable of breaching it.

Yun Che and Yun Wuxin weren’t the only people who were present inside the barrier. Cang Yue, Little Demon Empress, Feng Xue’er, Xiao Lingxi, Su Ling’er, Chu Yuechan, and Feng Xian’er were all here as well under Yun Che’s invitation.

Yun Wuxin was currently lying in Chu Yuechan’s lap, her face deathly pale. Anyone who had seen her would’ve felt a terrible heartache. Yun Che sat down in front of her and produced a small jade bottle from the Sky Poison Pearl. Inside the bottle was a drop of Divine Water of Life and Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar.

“Will Wuxin really recover to full, Yun Che? Are you absolutely certain it won’t hurt her?” Chu Yuechan asked, knowing that she had asked a very stupid question. Knowing how much love and regret Yun Che felt towards Yun Wuxin, she knew that he would never allow any harm to come to her. However, she just couldn’t let go of her worry completely.

Yun Che gave her a smile before replying, “Don’t worry, this jade liquid is made from the least harmful power in the entire world. Not only will it not harm Xue’er, it will greatly enhance her constitution, her profound veins and profound energy, and bring her all the way to Xue’er’s level.”

“Ah!” Yun Che’s words stunned every woman in the courtyard. They all let out a surprised cry at the same time.

What cultivation was Feng Xue’er at again? She was the Phoenix Goddess of the Profound Sky Continent and the first person to truly step into the divine way on this plane. Aside from Yun Che, she was without a doubt the number one profound practitioner on the Blue Pole Star and a historical miracle of the profound way...

But Yun Che also just said that he could restore Yun Wuxin from no power... all the way to Feng Xue’er’s level in one go!

Although the remark had come from Yun Che himself, it was still so unbelievable that even Feng Xue'er and the Little Demon Empress were having a hard time believing or accepting it.

Yun Che didn't give them an explanation. He tapped a finger against the jade bottle, and the Divine Water of Life and Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar appeared at his fingertip immediately. They looked like translucent dewdrops that shone as bright as stars.

An indescribable aura of purity and holiness instantly filled the entire courtyard.

"Xin'er, you don't have to think or do anything. Just believe in me, okay?" Yun Che said softly.

"Mn," Yun Wuxin answered before parting her lips obediently.

A white light appeared from Yun Che's body, and he closed his eyes before brushing his fingertip against Yun Wuxin's pink lips. Then, he delivered the Divine Water of Life and the Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar into her body with a tiny surge of profound energy.

Bzz—

In that moment, Yun Wuxin felt like a tiny universe had exploded inside her own body.

An impossibly vast power spread across every corner of her body... but it was also incredibly gentle. Not only did she not feel discomfited in the slightest, she actually felt like she was in paradise.

The two droplets' energy was so huge that some of it was discharged out of Yun Wuxin's body and into the surroundings, causing an equally vast but unnaturally gently profound energy storm around her.

However, the storm had immediately vanished in the next instant. Turning his wrists and wrapping Yun Wuxin in a layer of light profound energy, he made sure the Divine Water of Life and Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar's medicinal force were fully locked inside his daughter's body without leaking. At the same time, he guided the spreading spirit energy and fused them swiftly into Yun Wuxin's body, blood, meridians, and profound veins...

What happened next was like a dream to the girls who were watching with their eyes and their spiritual perception.

Yun Wuxin's weak life force had suddenly gotten unusually strong in just a few breaths' time. Then, her profound strength aura began climbing at a rate that could only be described as absolutely terrifying.

Elementary Profound Realm... Nascent Profound Realm... True Profound Realm... Spirit Profound Realm... Earth Profound Realm... Sky Profound Realm... Emperor Profound Realm...

The cultivation of the profound way demanded foundation, accumulation, study, and opportunities. Some people might never be able to climb up to the next great realm in their entire lives...

However, Yun Wuxin's profound energy was defying all common sense and skyrocketing through several great realms in a row.

In less than half a quarter of an hour's time, Yun Wuxin had reached the Tyrant Profound Realm... her former level before she had sacrificed herself to save her father.

Her ascension didn't end there, however. Her profound energy was still increasing at an extraordinary rate... and all the while Yun Wuxin had her eyes closed peacefully without showing any signs of pain whatsoever.

Tyrant Profound Realm... Sovereign Profound Realm...

Finally, after almost an hour had passed, Yun Wuxin's profound energy had surged past the final limit of the Sovereign Profound Realm and the mortal way smoothly without any hitches. In the end... she started giving off a divine profound aura the girls had only ever sensed from Feng Xue'er.

It was only then that the white light enveloping Yun Wuxin had finally started to dissipate.

Yun Che withdrew his outstretched arm after the treatment was finally over, and he opened his eyes at the same time as Yun Wuxin.

Right now, Yun Wuxin was sitting at the first level of the Divine Origin Realm!

In just an hour's time, she had ascended from a powerless mortal all the way to the divine way!

Yun Wuxin raised her arms and felt the power in her. Then, she looked at Yun Che with starry eyes and said, "Daddy, you're so amazing!"

"Haha," Yun Che smiled from the bottom of his heart when he saw the look of pleasant surprise on Yun Wuxin's face, "Of course, how do I deserve to be your father otherwise?"

"However, your understanding of the profound way is far behind the power you currently possess, so you'll have to spend much time studying and adapting to it. But don't worry," Yun Che slapped his chest once before continuing, "None of that will be a problem since daddy's here. From here on, I'll be teaching you about the profound way myself."

"Mn!" Yun Wuxin's smile looked incredibly happy.

Yun Che took out another jade bottle before looking at Cang Yue, "Now it's your turn, Yue'er."

"Ah?" Cang Yue exclaimed while staring at the jade bottle Yun Che was holding. She immediately guessed something and said, "Is it the same spiritual nectar as the one you used on Xin'er?"

"Mn!" Yun Che nodded, "You'll have the strength of the divine way just like Xin'er. That means no one will be able to hurt you on this plane."

"..." Cang Yue's lips parted slightly before shaking her head with a smile, "I don't need any profound strength so as long as you and my sisters are with me. I'm certain that this divine object is extremely precious, and I don't think that you should be wasting it on me."

Yun Che knew that she would reply this way. "I know that that you aren't interested in the profound way, but you see, an increase in profound energy isn't the only benefit of reaching the divine way. More importantly, it increases one's lifespan to around ten thousand years or more."

He looked at her with an apprehensive look on his face, "You... don't mind accompanying me for the next ten thousand years to come, do you?"

"..." Cang Yue's gaze trembled before she shot a look at Xiao Lingxi and the others.

“Xin’er and Yue’er’s portions aren’t the only ones I’ve prepared,” Yun Che produced yet another jade bottle in his hand, “This is Lingxi’s.”

“This is Yuechan’s.”

“This is Xue’er’s.”

“This is Ling’er’s.”

“This is Caiyi’s.”

“And this is Xian’er’s.”

“Ah?” Feng Xian’er was completely caught off guard by Yun Che’s final remark. Then, she took a small step backwards and stuttered in panic, “I... I have one too? N-no, you shouldn’t, I’m just a... This is too precious, you can’t possibly waste it on someone like me.”

Yun Che beamed at her and said, “Relax, I know these items are heaven defying in this world, but it’s something that you can find anywhere in the God Realm. Back then, I drank this everyday like I was drinking water, and I still have plenty of them, so you don’t have to feel sorry at all. I reckon that it’ll be a real waste if I don’t use it on you, Xian’er.”

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Feng Xian’er stopped talking and bowed her head just like that. She looked even more tense than ever before.

Cang Yue’s hesitation vanished immediately when she heard his reassurances. She smiled happily and said, “Very well... of course I’ll gladly accompany you for an eternity, husband.”

Although Yun Che still hadn’t recovered more than thirty percent of his strength, using light profound energy as an assist didn’t really constitute a burden for him.

After that, he helped Cang Yue drink the Divine Water of Life and Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar... then Chu Yuechan... then Xiao Lingxi... Feng Xue’er... Su Ling’er... Little Demon Empress... and finally, Feng Xian’er.

Everyone’s profound strength was increased to the Divine Origin Realm at once.

As for Feng Xue’er, she was already a divine way profound practitioner in the first place, so not only had she ascended all the way to the peak of the Divine Origin Realm, she was a hair away from reaching the Divine Soul Realm.

How best to describe the difference between planes?

In Blue Pole Star’s history, the first person to ever possess the power of the divine way was without a doubt Xuanyuan Wentian. To this end, he had spent innumerable years cultivating, plotting, scheming, and hiding until the time was right. He had even gone so far as to abandon his physical body, distort his soul, and shorten his lifespan to finally achieve the divine way... and even then, he was only able to become a half-step divine way profound practitioner.

But Yun Che had managed to produce seven divine way profound practitioners using a couple of spiritual nectars he had obtained from the God Realm in a single evening... and they were all full divine way profound practitioners no less!

If Xuanyuan Wentian was still alive today, he would've choked to death from excess fury.

Forget Xuanyuan Wentian... even the king realm denizens of the God Realm would've vomited all the blood in their body if they learned that Yun Che had spent eight whole drops of Divine Water of Life and Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar on eight lower realm mortals.

The Dragon God Realm especially would wish they could eat him alive.

Yun Che had spoken of the Divine Water of Life and the Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar like they were worthless in the God Realm, so the girls had no idea that the liquid they just drank was in fact the divine objects of divine objects even in the God Realm. It was something that even the sons and grandsons of god emperors had dreamed of possessing.

"There are nine more in here," Yun Che took out all the jade bottles holding the Divine Water of Life and started calculating carefully, "One for father, one for mother, two for both my grandfathers, one for Yuanba, and let's not forget about Frozen Cloud Asgard..."

"Master..." He Ling suddenly spoke up weakly in his mind, "It is true we still have a lot of Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar with us, but these nine drops are literally the last nine Divine Water of Life in the entire world. Are you sure you want to use it all on someone else?"

"Er... the last nine drops, you say?" Yun Che was caught off guard.

"It takes Master Shen Xi an average time of three hundred years to create one drop of Divine Water of Life, so the seventeen drops she gave me was everything she had. Also, improving one's cultivation massively isn't the only benefit the Divine Water of Life has, it can swiftly heal a person's wounds and save their life in a pinch as well. Why don't you save some for yourself just in case a situation comes up, master?"

"..." Yun Che pondered for a very long time before replying, "At my level, the Divine Water of Life really isn't that effective on me anymore. I'd feel better if I use it on them though."

He Ling had no choice but to give up after that.

Meanwhile, Yun Che was unconsciously cupping his chin while imagining Shen Xi's impossibly beautiful figure in his head.

To think that she would give away every Divine Water of Life and Dragon Dawn Jade Nectar she had, not even counting the ones he had drunk while he was staying at the Forbidden Land of Samsara...

He certainly hadn't expected her to be so generous with him.

On second thought she gave me her own person, so I guess it's not that strange... Say, she couldn't have fallen in love with me, could she?

The thought lasted for only an instant before he extinguished it completely.

After having spent some time with Shen Xi, he knew that she was way too detached to ever fall in love with him.

For the longest time, Yun Che had a feeling that Shen Xi was using him (literally and figuratively) to achieve a certain goal, but he wasn't able to decipher the what or why of the matter. On the other hand, he hadn't lost anything to her, and she hadn't taken anything from him. In fact, she had saved his life and given him everything that was of value.

What in the world was she thinking...

It looked like he could only hear the answer from Shen Xi herself after he had returned to the God Realm.

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At Blue Wind Nation's borders, a ray of white light poured down from the sky and swiftly calmed down all the violent auras that were growing increasingly out of control across the entire Wasteland of Death.

The bestial roars that had been resounding for days had grown still, and even the violent atmosphere that had persisted for the longest period of time had dissipated as if a storm had blown them all away.

"Thank goodness, Sister Cang Yue can finally be at ease," Feng Xue'er exclaimed gladly while looking below her.

But Yun Che shook his head and said, "This peace won't last too long. In fact, it may even get worse and worse."

The worst case scenario he had imagined was that normal mortals and even profound practitioners would succumb to the influence of the darkness profound energy. If that happened... he did not dare imagine what a world where every living being's negative emotions were drawn out and amplified would turn into.

"I must find the source that caused all this."

"Have you found the reason yet?" Feng Xue'er asked.

"No, not yet," Yun Che turned to look towards the east, "But there is a place I must check first."

When he had lost all of his powers, he was powerless to care about all of this. But things were different now that he had regained his powers.

Feng Xue'er followed his gaze and recalled something, "Do you mean... Azure Cloud Continent?"

"That's right," Yun Che nodded, "In fact, I'll be heading over right now."

"In that case I'll come with you."

"No need," Yun Che replied before imagining the dark abyss in his head, "There is a very special pocket world that only I can go into. I'll be fine on my own."

Yun Che didn't notice that a pair of icy eyes had been watching him in the distant skies while he was speaking with Feng Xue'er all this time. However, the light in her eyes hadn't stopped trembling since the beginning.

It was Mu Xuanyin.

This wasn't the first time she had come over like this.

When she had come to Blue Pole Star for the first time and saw Yun Che, alive but without his powers, she was determined not to return after going back to Snow Song Realm. She hadn't allowed Mu Bingyun to visit Blue Pole Star either.

But after just three months, she had come to the Blue Pole Star again...

Every time, she would swear that this was the last visit, that she would never see him again and that she would forget about him once and for all... but her resolve would last at most three months before she lost control and secretly came to Blue Pole Star again, watching him from the distance.

It was almost as if she was possessed or something.

This time though, she discovered that Yun Che's aura had completely changed.

He had actually regained his former strength!

She had no idea what had happened during the time she was gone, or how Yun Che had regained his powers.

She knew even less whether she should be glad or afraid for him. It was because him regaining his powers meant that he might be swallowed in the stream that was the God Realm again.

After parting ways with Feng Xue'er, Yun Che flew straight toward the east.

Although Yun Che wasn't well versed in the laws of space, the space in the Blue Pole Star was so fragile that it was like a piece of thin paper that he could easily pierce with his strength. That was how he traveled to the Azure Cloud Continent at high speed.

All the while, he was followed by an undetectable figure in the sky.

The moment Yun Che had entered the Azure Cloud Continent, the scene that immediately entered his sight caused him to frown deeply.

He had lived on this continent for twenty seven years during his last lifetime. Although he no longer yearned for it like he used to, this continent still held a special place in his heart.

Azure Cloud Continent was a continent in Blue Pole Star just like the Profound Sky Continent. Although their total number of peak experts was less than the Profound Sky Continent's, they basically possessed similar auras and elemental laws because they were all on the same plane.

However... everything had changed since he last remembered them.

His ears were filled with the crazed roars of profound beasts, each one more violent than the last. From time to time, the sound of profound explosions and shattered earth would reach his ears as well.

No matter where he looked with his eyes or spiritual perception, both profound beast and human territories were filled with violent and brutal auras. Every profound beast was acting like they had gone completely insane... Although this scene was extremely similar to the profound beast turmoil that broke out at the Profound Sky Continent and Illusory Demon Realm from time to time, the two disasters couldn't be compared to each other at all.

It was because this turmoil and unrest was happening all across the Azure Cloud Continent. Worse, Yun Che could clearly sense a large amount of high level profound beasts, and even reclusive but exceptionally powerful profound beasts among the rioters.

Every time a profound beast at that level were to unleash their power, it could only result in terrible disaster.

He didn't even need to think to know that the Azure Cloud Continent had completely devolved into a disaster zone where humans and profound beasts fought each other to their deaths. By now, countless lives must have already been lost to this senseless fighting.

The further Yun Che stretched his spiritual perception, the bigger his shock became. Very soon, a terrifying thought surfaced in his mind: if this situation were to be allowed to continue, then the Azure Cloud Continent's today may very well turn out to be the Profound Sky Continent and Illusory Demon Realm's tomorrow.

Yun Che fell silent for a moment before he appeared at a place he was all too familiar with.

Cloud's End Cliff!

Standing at the edge of Cloud's End Cliff and staring at the black abyss that looked like the open maw of a devil beneath his feet, Yun Che frowned slightly before jumping into the darkness without any hesitation.

In the sky, Mu Xuanyin's gaze abruptly tensed as she unconsciously reached out to him.

When she had first arrived at the Blue Pole Star, the black abyss' unusual darkness aura had already caught her attention. After having probed the abyss herself, she quickly learned that it was hiding a most terrifying world of darkness... one that could threaten even a recovered Yun Che if he wasn't careful.

Yun Che had vanished into the darkness immediately after leaping off Cloud's End Cliff... A moment of hesitation later, Mu Xuanyin followed him into Cloud's End Abyss while remaining concealed as well.

Unlike the last time, Yun Che didn't fall into the abyss slowly or cautiously. He quickly appeared above the barrier that kept the world of darkness sealed, just in time to catch a blast of thick darkness aura straight to the face. It was enough to make him frown deeply.

Yun Che stopped right above the barrier and watched the world beneath him in silence.

An aura of darkness was rising to the surface like an invisible smoke.

He had no doubt that the darkness profound energy had originated from the darkness world sealed underneath.

The leakage hadn't only happened recently. Many years ago, the barrier had already loosened up a little and caused some darkness profound energy to leak out... it was how Jasmine had discovered this darkness world in the first place.

However, it was clear that the amount of darkness profound energy that was leaking out now was far greater than it was in the past.

It made Yun Che felt both puzzled and worried.

There were two reasons behind his puzzlement:

One, the darkness world beneath him had very likely existed since the ancient Era of Gods. That meant that the barrier must have existed for at least a million years or more, so it was only to be expected that the barrier would eventually give way to the passage of time. However, considering how high level this barrier was, its failure should be an arduously slow and time-consuming process. The fact that it had only leaked a bit of devilish energy six years ago despite having existed for millions of years before was proof of that. However, it had only been six years since he last came here, so how and why had it faltered so quickly all of a sudden?

Two, the amount of devilish energy that was leaking out from the barrier wasn't especially impressive, even though the barrier was ten times worse than he had remembered it to be. Maybe it was enough to affect the Azure Cloud Continent, but it still shouldn't be widespread enough to affect somewhere as far as the Profound Sky Continent or Illusory Demon Realm, even assuming that it had been like this since six years ago.

Moreover, the level of devilish energy in this world wasn't nearly high enough to escape his detection.

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After he thought about it for a considerable amount of time, Yun Che's brows had already unwittingly sunk to their lowest point... It seemed as if he had thought of something.

It was highly possible that the devilish energy leaking out of the Cloud's End Abyss was not responsible for the profound beast disturbances. Rather, like the profound beast rampages, it had occurred due to that "same unknown reason".

After he released his divine senses and confirmed that there were no living creatures in the surrounding region, he stretched out both of his hands, releasing the darkness profound energy within his profound veins and the devil origin orb simultaneously. His eyes immediately turned pitch-black and they began flickering with an extremely bizarre black light within this completely lightless and pitch-black abyss.

His entire body was also surrounded by a layer of dense black energy.

Darkness profound energy would amplify one's negative emotions and it would even warp one's heart and soul. Yun Che was well aware of this fact. However, he had complete mastery over darkness profound energy, so this sort of influence could also be contained by him. His brows knitted together tightly as the darkness profound energy he released with all the strength he could muster flowed down, toward the barrier of darkness below him.

This barrier had been forged from pure darkness energy and only darkness profound energy could repair it. If not, Jasmine would have already repaired it back then. The Yun Che at that time was not able to accomplish it, but now that he had attained the power of a Divine King, he could just about barely get it done.

Yun Che quietly and calmly focused as the darkness profound energy quickly melted into the barrier of darkness, firming and sealing up the places where it had loosened...

Darkness profound energy. He had only been in the God Realm for four short years but he was well aware of how just how taboo darkness profound energy was to the Eastern, Western, and Southern Divine Regions. He remembered every single detail of the reaction of the entire audience to Wei Hen's erupting darkness profound energy during the Conferred God Battle.

It was not the least bit exaggerated to claim that the "devils" who possessed darkness profound energy were considered heretics that must be slaughtered to the last man by the three divine regions. Heretics who angered both god and man and could not be tolerated on heaven or earth.

Thus, during his four years in the God Realm, even though he had experienced many life and death situations, he had never once dared to use his darkness profound energy.

Even when he had forcefully opened Far Shore Asura at the end in the Star God Realm, thrusting himself into a situation where he was sure to die, he had not used any darkness profound energy at all. This was because he was afraid that after he became a devil person in the eyes of the world, he would be rejected and spurned by Shen Xi, by Mu Xuanyin... by all of the people who truly had care and concern for him. He was even more afraid that he would implicate the Snow Song Realm after his death.

But never in his wildest dreams did he imagine that the current him, the him who was enveloped in black light and releasing his darkness profound energy to its very limit, was clearly and fully seen by a single person.

At Mu Xuanyin's level, darkness would no longer prove an impediment to one's eyesight. Furthermore, at this very moment, she was extremely close to Yun Che. She was not even three hundred meters away from him, so she could see every single expression he made, every single change that occurred in those expressions, very clearly.

Let alone his darkness profound energy, a darkness that was even deeper than the deep night before the dawn.

Mu Xuanyin's pupils were contracting and they continued to contract for a very long time. That pair of icy eyes was completely filled by the black light that Yun Che's body was radiating... She knew what this was, because she had killed many devils in her life and it was not the first time she had come into contact with darkness profound energy...

Yet she had never seen darkness energy that was this pure before.

Mu Xuanyin did not move for a long time and her entire person, from her gaze to her very aura, seemed to have been completely frozen in place. The world was dreadfully silent and the passing of every breath became interminably long.

Yun Che continued to release darkness profound energy with all of his might as tiny beads of sweat began to appear on his forehead. At this moment, he suddenly thought of something: It was extremely likely that when those four people who had come from the God Realm were passing by the Blue Pole Star, they just so happened to be near to where the Azure Cloud Continent was and it was only because they sensed the devilish energy leaking from Cloud's End Abyss that they decided to descend to the Blue Pole Star.

But... why did they even come to the lower realms in the first place? Compared to the aura of the God Realm, the aura of the lower realms was not only thin but murky as well. If one stayed there for too long, it was even possible that one's vitality and profound aura would be polluted in some way. This not only provided no benefits whatsoever to one's cultivation, it even shortened one's lifespan.

Even those profound practitioners who had "ascended" to the God Realm from the lower realms would rarely be willing to return to the lower realms. So why did those four people come to this place? It could not possibly be for training, right?

One hour passed by...

Two hours passed by...

The black light radiating from Yun Che's body finally started to dim before it faded away completely. He opened his eyes and stretched out a hand to wipe away the sweat on his brow before he gave a long sigh of relief.

This was a barrier that was left behind from the Era of the Gods. Even if he possessed the power of a Divine King, he could still only make the smallest of repairs and it was absolutely impossible for him to restore the barrier completely.

Naturally, this sort of shallow repair would not last for too long. If he did not want the devilish energy to leak out, he had to come here every once in a while to repair it again.

At this moment, his movements suddenly grew sluggish and his head jerked up to stare at the space above him.

He was near the bottom of Cloud's End Abyss, so no matter where he looked, there was only complete darkness. Yun Che could not detect any objects or auras, he could only detect darkness.

Yun Che withdrew his gaze before giving a self-deprecating laugh.

However, he did not leave after sealing away the leaking dark devil energy. Instead, he continued to descend once more, his body directly passing through the barrier as he sank straight toward the dark world below him.

In the air above Cloud's End Cliff, Mu Xuanyin's celestial figure slowly materialized. She still wore those blue robes, her appearance as icily beautiful and unstained as always.

She closed her eyes, her towering chest heaving with an incomparable intensity and it did not stop heaving for a very long time...

It was a full seven and half minutes later before she could finally open her icy eyes and glance at the pitch-black abyss below her. After that, she withdrew her gaze, turned around and left.

It was just that the aura radiating from her body had become incomparably disordered.

Before she left, her gaze even swept across the red-colored star in the eastern sky.

A year ago, she had only been able to see this red star from the Blue Pole Star.

But from half a year ago, some of the star realms in the Eastern Divine Region could also clearly see it.

And now, this “star” which radiated scarlet light was stamped in the eastern part of the Snow Song Realm.

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After he passed through the barrier of darkness, a huge tearing force assaulted him from below. However to the current Yun Che, even if he did not possess any darkness profound energy, this tearing force was no longer irresistible. He lightly floated downwards before his feet firmly pressed against the black icy-cold ground.

“AOOOOUUU!!”

Just as he set foot in this world, a deep and muffled roar suddenly rang out far in front of him.

When Yun Che had first come to this place all those years ago, he had been shaken so fiercely by those far-away roars that he had vomited blood. But it was only today that he truly understood just how dreadful those dark auras were... because those extremely distant roars made even the current Yun Che felt as if his chest was being fiercely smashed by a hammer, caused his internal organs to churn.

This also meant that even given his current level of power, the gigantic darkness beasts which prowled in this place could still threaten his life.

He did not have any doubts that if any single one of these gigantic darkness beasts in this place were to be let out, it could easily destroy the entire Blue Pole Star.

To think that such a dreadful world of darkness was actually hidden in this lower realm which possessed an incomparably inferior level of strength... what kind of secret was hidden within this place!?

“ROARR!!”

“HSSSS!!!”

The roaring sounds emanating from the gigantic darkness beasts kept incessantly ringing out in the distance. Yun Che surveyed his surroundings before raising a hand and he very quickly sensed that something was different.

The darkness aura in the place had clearly become far more active since the last time he had been here.

Furthermore, the roars of the gigantic darkness beasts ringing in his ears seemed to be even more agitated than they had been previously.

“The darkness aura in this place has more than doubled in activity,” Yun Che muttered to himself in a low voice, “No wonder...”

No wonder such a serious leakage of devilish energy had occurred.

As he regulated his breathing and his aura, Yun Che chose not to ponder the question further. He stood up and relied on his still clear memories as he flew in one particular direction.

In this world of darkness, even divine profound practitioners would very easily mix up their directions, but Yun Che, who possessed darkness profound energy, was clearly not one of them. He did not dare to release an aura that was too strong, so as to avoid startling one of the gigantic darkness beasts whose locations he was unaware of. As a result, he was not flying at a very fast speed but his flight did not deviate from its course.

As he pierced through the darkness, he quickly reached an incomparably quiet region of darkness. No gigantic darkness beasts lingered here and they did not dare to approach this place. Even sound seemed to be isolated from this place and Yun Che could no longer hear any of the roars made by the gigantic darkness beasts.

Gradually, as Yun Che's speed slowed, a strangely brilliant purple light appeared in this world of darkness.

This was a gigantic purple sea of flowers and countless stalks of bizarre flowers swayed amidst the purple light. Demonic flowers proudly bloomed atop stems of deep purple and every single flower petal seemed to be made of lustrous and shiny purple jade. Each petal released a bright purple light and released a dull purple mist that seemed to come from the underworld itself.

The Netherworld Udumbara Flower.

In this world of darkness that could devour everything, the light that they exuded was not buried by the darkness in the slightest.

In the past, these Netherworld Udumbara Flowers could easily steal away Yun Che's soul. But right now, he could only feel a slight tugging and pulling sensation on his soul and there was no longer any discomfort. He drew near to the sea of flowers and he finally managed to spy a small figure within it.

She was just as small and delicate as Hong'er and her feet did not touch the ground. She quietly floated amidst the lustrous sea of purple flowers and her long silver hair, hair which was as lustrous and brilliant as an entire galaxy of stars, surrounded her delicate body. Her long hair hung low, a long portion of it dragging against the icy-cold ground. A layer of lustrous white light covered a body and it seemed as if she wore no clothes beneath that layer of light. Her pair of small and slender snow-white legs were not covered by this white light and they were completely exposed, her tender legs hanging below her body like a pair of ice lotuses, each of her snow white toes glistening as though they were carved from jade.

There was also her eyes, that pair of eyes which were the most strange and bewitching eyes Yun Che had ever seen in both of his lives.

The top half of her right eye was pale yellow in color while the bottom half gradually turned a dark shade of green.

The top half of her left eye was a pale blue color while the bottom half gradually became deep purple.

Four different colors radiated from those eyes.

When Yun Che spotted her, he discovered that she was staring straight at him. After that, she left the sea of Netherworld Udumbara Flowers, her bright silver hair dragging against the ground. She soundlessly took to the air and arrived in front of Yun Che. She was very close to him and she looked up at him with those strange and bewitching four-colored eyes.

The light radiating from her eyes was exceptionally beautiful, it was just that those eyes had never displayed the color of any emotion before. However, Yun Che could faintly sense happiness from those eyes.

As he stood right next to her face, a face that that looked exactly like Hong'er's, Yun Che felt his heart and soul deeply stir. A faint smile appeared on his face and he spoke in a very soft and gentle voice, "We meet yet again. The last time we parted, I said that I'd come to see you often, and I never thought that such a long time would pass before I could see you again.

The strange and bewitching girl's lips parted softly before closing yet again... It was as if she wanted to try to say something, yet she could not make a single sound. Only those strange eyes remained fixed on him, they did not blink even once.

The last time, Yun Che ultimately could not figure out what was hidden in the depths of her colorful eyes and he still was not able to this time around. But he was very convinced about one thing and it was that this girl felt a very strange sort of intimacy towards him.

What was even more strange was that he always felt at ease when he was around this girl. Even though she only possessed a spirit body and was shrouded by countless enigmas and mysteries, he did not feel any caution or wariness towards her.

"Before I knew it, six years have already passed," Yun Che said in a gentle voice. "I've only come to see you after these six years have passed. Are you angry with me because of that?"

The young girl gave a very gentle shake of her head.

Yun Che gave a faint smile and looked her in the eye, "Six years ago, you gave me the Darkness Seed, thus giving me the power to beat Xuanyuan Wentian. You not only saved me, you also saved this world. You are my, Yun Che's, greatest benefactor.

"That's right. The Netherworld Udumbara Flower you gave me back then, I've already given it to her." Once he said that, the light in his eyes dimmed and the smile that curved his lips grew bitter, "It's just that... I'll never be able to see her again."

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Yun Che raised a hand and waved it in the darkness, "There has been a great change in the auras here and you definitely must have felt it. Actually, the change hasn't only been limited to this place, some changes are also happening in the outside world and these changes are getting more and more violent."

"..." the young girl with strange eyes quietly listened to what he was saying. She did not have a body and even her spirit body was not whole, so she did not have the ability to speak or even express her feelings.

"..."

“The last time I came here, I found you in this sea of Netherworld Udumbara Flowers and you are still here when I came today. It looks like you are not only unable to leave this dark world, you probably also can’t really leave this sea of Netherworld Udumbara Flowers very often, huh?” Yun Che said with a faint smile. He did not know whether it was because she liked these Netherworld Udumbara Flowers or because she could not be too far away from them in her current state... He figured that it was more likely the latter than the former. After all, if someone was stuck in one place for an unimaginably long period of time, they would inevitably grow tired of even the things that they loved the most.

Of course, what answered him was only that pitch-black silence and that young girl’s extraordinarily splendid but completely emotionless eyes.

“Or perhaps, you’re very used to darkness and it’s possible that you like the darkness very much as well.” Yun Che looked at the girl as he spoke in an exceptionally gentle voice, “But to any living creature, loneliness has always been a very terrifying thing. Yet you can only be here by yourself in this place and that truly makes one’s heart ache... The reason why I was not able to come and see you over the last few years was because I went to another world and after I returned, I had lost all of my power as well. In fact, I only recovered my powers a few days ago... However that came at the cost of my daughter losing her innate talent forever... whew.”

“After listening to these things, you must think that I’m a very bad father, a failure of a father,” Yun Che said as he smiled bitterly. During the past few days, he had appeared completely normal in front of Yun Wuxin and the rest. In fact, he seemed to grow happier by the day. However, the deep guilt and remorse he felt as a father could definitely not be so easily dispelled over this short period of time... and perhaps it would never be dispelled for the rest of his life.

“...” The young girl shook her head gently, those strange and bewitching eyes staring at him unblinkingly. Those eyes had not stopped staring at him for even a fraction of a second during this entire time.

“I can guarantee this one thing to you,” a faint smile once again appeared on Yun Che’s face, “from now on, I will come to see you often.”

The young girl’s lips parted softly and she raised a lustrous white hand to lightly touch Yun Che’s chest... but it could only pass through him.

However, the things that she wanted to express had been clearly felt by Yun Che... His words had made her happy.

This was a very subtle feeling... They clearly knew nothing about each other and they had only seen each other once before, yet there had always been an indescribable feeling of intimacy between the two of them.

“That’s right, you know that I’m called Yun Che, but I don’t know your name.” After Yun Che had finished speaking, he thought of something as he stared at that girl’s colorful eyes, eyes which seemed bewildered at the moment. After that, he asked her in a very soft voice, “Do you still remember your own name?”

“...” The young girl shook her head.

“Eh...” Yun Che tapped his chin, “Then... how about I give you a name, is that alright?”

“...” The young girl was briefly stunned by his suggestion, but after that she obediently nodded her head.

“Let me think about it for second...” Yun Che looked the little girl once over before breaking out into a faint smile, “You exist as a spirit, you live in the gloom, you lie among the Netherworld Udumbara Flowers, so from now on, I will call you ‘You’er’, okay?”[1]

“...” The young girl’s hand, a hand which flowed with a pure and lustrous light, stretched towards Yun Che. It was as if she was trying her very best to touch him as the color in her eyes grew even more brilliant.

She nodded her head, her long silver hair dancing in the air nimbly. Yun Che could sense that she was very happy and he did not know whether it was because she really liked this name or she liked the fact that he had given her a name.

“Alright, You’er... You’er. Mnn, I feel that it’s a name most fitting for you.”

Yun Che called her name twice as he looked at the girl’s face and eyes... His gaze gradually grew misty as the image of a girl who had the exact same features surfaced in his mind. But this girl had red eyes, long red hair, and had always been full of vigor and life.

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Red clothes, red hair, red eyes... she had even said that her favorite color was red... Mnnn.... Let’s call you Hong’er then!

“Hong’er... Hong’er... Hong’er... Hong’er... Then, call me Hong’er next time... Hehe! I have a name! Hong’er, Hong’er... Next time don’t call me little girl, or little brat, not even little beauty. You can only call me Hong’er!”

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He gave a slight shake of his head as he tried his best to dispel that ebullient and bubbly image from his head. But immediately after that, the image of her appearing by his side and wailing loudly during his last moments in the Star God Realm clearly resurfaced in his mind... He could not put down the heaviness he felt in his heart at this moment for a very long time.

“Do you still remember... that girl who looked just like you, a girl with very beautiful red eyes and long red hair?” He unwittingly spoke those words, “All those years ago, an old person who was only left with an incomplete spirit, just like you, entrusted her and the Primordial Profound Ark to me. Right before Jasmine left, she also told me that I had to take good care of her... During all of these years, she had never left my side and had always been with me. Not only was she a companion who had granted me great power, she was also my most important Hong’er.... But...”

He shook his head, his gaze growing even more blurry. During this period of time, he had always tried his best to not think about Hong’er, but upon seeing You’er, who looked exactly the same as her, the pain that he had striven to hide could not help but bubble to the surface. “I’ve always been... a vile and repulsive omen of calamity. I clearly wanted to protect all of the people beside me, yet I ended up harming them one after the other.”

You'er, "..."

After he recovered some of his wits, Yun Che forced a laugh and said, "I came here to see you, yet who would have thought that I'd tell you about so many unhappy things. Lemme think.... Mn! The next time I come, I will bring you a present, it's just that I don't know if you'll like it or not."

Yun Che had already thought of something when he said these words. Before he came the next time, he would instruct the Black Moon Merchant Guild to prepare some Profound Imagery Stones for him, so he could let You'er see what the world outside looked like while also slightly relieving some of her loneliness.

"..." You'er's lips softly parted before she stretched out her hand once again. But this time, she did not stretch it towards Yun Che's chest, she stretched it towards his left hand instead.

When that hand that was as sparkling and translucent as a diamond came into contact with Yun Che's palm, it once again passed through it without fail. After that, her finger came to a stop against the back of Yun Che's hand.

"You'er?" Yun Che looked down, a questioning look appearing on his face, but he did not move his left hand away.

Just as he asked that question, a cluster of gloomy black light suddenly flashed on the tip of You'er's finger.

The world which had originally been filled with lustrous purple light instantly turned completely black and gloomy the moment that cluster of light had appeared... Furthermore, the light that was given off by the Netherworld Udumbara Flowers was no ordinary light, it was a soul-stealing light that possessed an extremely strong penetrative force. Additionally, there were not just one or two stalks of the flower in this place, there was a huge sea of Netherworld Udumbara Flowers...

Yet, in only a single instant, all of the purple light that was released by the Netherworld Udumbara Flowers had been devoured!

Yun Che's expression changed as just as he was about to speak, he suddenly realized that, under the black light that radiated from the tip of You'er's finger, a sword mark was slowly surfacing on the back of his left hand.

"...!!" This scene caused him to instantly let out an involuntary cry as his entire body shook fiercely.

Because the shape and form of this sword mark... was clearly exactly the same as the sword mark of the Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword that Hong'er could transform into!

The sword mark that had not appeared even after he had recovered his power, the sword mark that he had thought had been destroyed forever!

But what was different was that the original sword mark had been the same vermillion color as Hong'er's eyes and long hair. But at this moment, what had appeared on the back of his hand was a pitch-black sword mark. Under You'er's slender finger, the sword mark gradually turned from blurry to solid. The light also gradually turned deeper until it was nearly as gloomy as the black light that radiated from You'er's finger.

"This... is?" Yun Che did not dare move a single muscle and his eyes had also widened to their very limits.

The young girl remained silent and the black light radiating from the tip of her finger continued to glow for several breaths before finally and slowly fading away. At this moment, her finger left the back of Yun Che's hand... and the back of Yun Che's hand was now imprinted with an incredibly distinct, pitch-black, sword mark.

You'er's small and delicate body softly trembled and after that, her body actually turned blurry for an instant... Her face had also clearly grown even more lustrously white than it had been before.

His gaze remained fixed on the pitch-black sword mark that had appeared on the back of his hand for a long time. When he finally looked away and was about to ask You'er what had happened, he saw You'er's condition and fierce shock jolted through his heart. He could no longer be bothered about what he had been going to ask her previously. Instead, he asked in a very anxious voice, "You'er, are you... okay?"

"..." The young girl gave a gentle shake of her head. After that, her colorful eyes slowly started to close again and again... She tried to struggle against it but in the end, her eyes fully closed and her body slowly sank to the ground and collapsed against her hair.

"You'er!" Yun Che lunged forward and tried to catch her in his arms... Yet, he could only powerlessly flail as he was unable to touch her.

She lay quietly on the ice-cold floor as she sank powerlessly into a deep sleep. Even though she was only an incomplete spirit that had existed for an unknown amount of time, Yun Che could still clearly sense her weakness.

Yun Che was momentarily left at a complete loss. His gaze swiveled toward the sword mark on the back of his hand... It was very clear that she had exhausted a large amount of her soul energy to create this sword mark. It was just that he did not know what You'er had done for him and neither did he know what this pitch-black sword mark, that looked exactly the same as Hong'er's sword mark, signified.

However, amidst his bewilderment, the black light radiating from the sword mark on the back of his hand suddenly started to soundlessly dissipate and this black light continued to dim as it slowly dissipated... and what replaced this black light was actually a cluster... of vermilion light that was growing deeper and deeper!

Yun Che's gaze froze in shock and he was unable to avert it.

The black light was fading away and the the red light had started to appear... and in the end, just as if its black-colored outer shell had been peeled away, a sword mark that Yun Che could not be more familiar with reappeared once more. This was the vermilion sword mark that belonged to Hong'er, belonged to the Heaven Smiting Devil Slaying Sword!

At this moment, He Ling's incomparably excited and agitated yell rang out in his heart, "Master... Hong'er, it's Hong'er!"

He felt as if something invisible had dealt a fierce blow to his heart as it shook fiercely and without pause. Yun Che swiftly focused and closed his eyes, his consciousness sinking into the Sky Poison Pearl.

The world of the Sky Poison Pearl was colored a dark and pure shade of green. He Ling stood there charmingly and in front of her, a girl dressed in red dress lay straight on the ground, as she slept while using her long red hair as a pillow. She slept very deeply and peacefully and even He Ling's loud and agitated shouts had not been able to wake her up.

"Hong' er..." Yun Che softly mumbled as he stood there in complete shock, he felt as if he was in a dream.

It was Hong'er, a living, breathing, Hong'er. The sword mark that belonged to her appeared on his body once more and her figure reappeared in the Sky Poison Pearl as well as she once again returned to his world.

A huge gap in his heart and soul had been filled up and Yun Che's heart throbbed with an indescribable feeling. He heavily panted for a long time before confirming that everything was not an illusion. After that, he walked towards Hong'er and gently lifted up her delicate and exquisite body before placing her on the small bed that she always loved to sleep on.

She was sleeping very soundly indeed and when Yun Che carried her over and put her down, a very soft and drowsy mumbling sound came from her lips. But she did not wake up, she only snored adorably.

What were the two most beautiful things in the world? The first was receiving a false alarm, the second was regaining something that was once lost.

Hong'er was his sword, but she was also his Hong'er. She had been a constant part of his world and he had thought Hong'er, who had been tied to his very soul itself, would never leave him. He had long been accustomed to her existence and he had also been imperceptibly relying on her existence.

He had only become intensely aware of the fact that Hong'er had long ago become an irreplaceable part of his life after he had lost her.

But now he had regained what had been lost... His finger softly touched Hong'er's small, tender and white face. A sensation that was as supple as jade filled his fingers and it felt so great that it felt like a dreamy fantasy, something that was basically impossible to use any words to describe.

Chapter 1399 - Regaining What Was Once Lost

"That's great," He Ling softly whispered as her eyes misted up upon seeing Yun Che struggle to hold back his emotions.

Yun Che turned around and looked at He Ling. He suddenly said, "He Ling, I must have scared you just now, didn't I?"

"..." He Ling lowered her head slightly before finally saying, "A little bit..."

"Don't you worry," Yun Che's gaze was gentle and sincere, "for me, darkness profound energy is a sort of power that belongs to me and it isn't able to twist my personality. I know what it means to possess darkness profound energy in the God Realm so I definitely won't use this power anywhere else, and I will never let anyone know that I have this power."

“Mn.” He Ling inclined her head, her pure and innocent eyes not containing the slightest hint of rejection toward Yun Che because of his darkness profound energy. “I’ve already followed Master for so long, so I naturally know that Master isn’t the sort of the devil that the legends speak of.”

Yun Che shook his head and laughed, “If possessing darkness profound energy means that I’m a devil... then according to the standards of the God Realm, I am indeed a devil. Eh... However, this is something I consider to be my greatest secret. If we ever return to the Dragon God Realm in the future, you mustn’t ever tell Shen Xi.”

Shen Xi possessed light profound energy, so darkness profound energy was naturally what she rejected and denounced the most. If she found out, it would be hard to predict what the result would be.

He would not find it weird if Shen Xi would want to destroy him because of them.

“Mn,” He Ling promised before she raised her delicate head to look at Yun Che. “On the day that I started to follow Master, I already said that no matter where Master goes in the future, whether you do good or evil, whether you live or you die, I will follow you forever and I will definitely not regret it.”

Yun Che gave He Ling a faint smile. He looked at her straight in the eye and spoke slowly, “He Ling, I will state those same promises I made to you once more. Your vengeance, He Ling’s vengeance, the vengeance of your entire Wood Spirit Royal Family, I will definitely fulfill it on your behalf... No, we will avenge them together. All of the hatred and enmity you feel is also my hatred and enmity.”

“...” He Ling nodded her head vigorously, and the rims of her eyes had become moist.

Yun Che glanced at Hong’er... He could not help but hold that gaze for a very long time until he finally withdrew his consciousness from the Sky Poison Pearl.

Within the darkness, the young girl slowly stirred.

She opened those colorful eyes and she was surrounded by a field of Netherworld Udumbara Flowers that were glowing with lustrous purple light. She was shrouded in that purple underworld light and even her long silver hair had gained a purple luster.

She blinked her eyes before quickly looking around as if she was anxiously trying to find something. But at this moment, the voice that she wanted to hear rang in her ears:

“You’er, you’re up.” Yun Che gave a faint smile as he sat by her side.

The young girl’s colorful eyes stared at him unblinkingly, just like they had before.

“I’m guessing that these Netherworld Udumbara Flowers can aid your recovery, so I plucked a few of them and brought them here,” Yun Che said. “I didn’t know if you’d mind or not.”

The young girl’s colorful eyes moved slightly. She stood up and tapped her delicate finger in the air. After that, the petals of the Netherworld Udumbara Flowers that surrounded her gently rose into the air before flying back into the sea of Netherworld Udumbara Flowers. As Yun Che watched in astonishment, all of the flower petals that he had plucked actually readhered to their stems and became whole Netherworld Udumbara Flowers once more.

Yun Che was completely dumbstruck by this.

The young girl lowered her finger and everything became tranquil once more, and she quietly and obediently sat in front of Yun Che like a beautifully carved porcelain doll made of the finest jade.

No matter if it was the first time he came, or this time, the girl's gaze was never willing to leave him. Yun Che was unable to understand the meaning behind that gaze but he could sense the intimacy she felt toward him... This was especially true when she had woken up just now, she had acted in a clearly flustered manner in order to find him.

Was it because she was far too lonely in this place so she desired the companionship of other people, or was it... because of me specifically?

She could actually... resummon Hong'er?

That black light, that sword mark, and Hong'er, who had originally been lost, had now been fully restored to him...

What exactly was going on?

Her identity, the darkness seed she gave him the last time, and the reason she existed in such a world...

You'er's existence had always been incomparably mysterious and bizarre. There were far too many mysteries and enigmas surrounding her, but she could not speak, and it was exceptionally hard for her to make even the most basic forms of expression, so he could not obtain any answers at all.

Though there was one thing that Yun Che was absolutely convinced about.

And that was... it was definitely not the coincidence that he had initially thought it was that she and Hong'er looked exactly the same!

"You'er, thank you for bringing back Hong'er for me." Yun Che squatted down and looked at the girl in front of him, but he did not know how he should express his gratitude to her. After thinking about it for a bit, he decided to ask her a question instead, "You definitely know Hong'er... correct?"

The last time he had asked this question as well. But no matter whether it was her or Hong'er, both of them had said no.

And this time around...

You'er still shook her head.

"..." Yun Che was flummoxed by this for a long time.

The last time, Hong'er had appeared without his summons and she had suddenly started bawling her eyes out in front of You'er. However, she had also told him that she did not know why she was crying and she did not know who You'er was either. And this time, the black-colored sword mark and the return of Hong'er had undoubtedly been caused by You'er... Yet You'er still did not know who Hong'er was.

Could it be that all of this had happened because of some sort of instinct that the two of them did not understand?

"It's fine, it doesn't matter," Yun Che said with a faint smile. "You slept for a very long time just now, so you must be feeling very weak right now. You should take a good rest in that sea of Netherworld Udumbara Flowers that you love so much. You definitely must not suffer any damage to your spirit body."

Back then, Jasmine had told him more than once that if one's spirit body sustained damage, repairing it was harder than scaling the heavens.

"It's about time for me to go back."

Once he said those words, he saw the young girl anxiously stretch out her hand to touch the corner of his robes.

Yun Che's voice turned even gentler as he comforted her, "Don't worry, I will come and visit you often. I promise that the next time I visit you, it won't take as long as it did the last time. Mnnn... How about this then? From now on, I'll come visit you every month, is that okay?"

"..." You'er's colorful eyes stared at him unblinkingly before she finally gave a very gentle nod of her head.

"It's too bad that you can't leave this place. Otherwise, I'd really want to keep you by my side so that I can always take care of you," Yun Che said as he stretched out a hand and softly touched her image. These words came from the bottom of his heart and it was not only because You'er had saved him and Hong'er. It was even more due to that very vague and hard to describe sense of intimacy, and... a desire to protect her.

After he bid farewell to You'er, Yun Che shot straight up through this world of darkness. He left the world of darkness, left Cloud's End Abyss and returned to the side of Cloud's End Cliff under a beam of light, something that he had not seen in a while.

The roars of profound beasts and rioting auras greeted him, and the air was even faintly tinged with the faint smile of blood.

The current Azure Cloud Continent was perhaps even more dreadful than the world of darkness at the bottom of Cloud's End Abyss.

Yun Che did not leave immediately. He released his divine sense, allowing it to sweep forth in all directions. After a long period of silence, he finally took to the skies, his body shining with a pure white profound light that was growing denser by the second.

"Master, are you going to 'purify' this place?" He Ling asked, her voice tinged with unease. Because she knew that unleashing a power as unique as light profound energy would come with the risk of being exposed... Even though, the chance of there being people from the God Realm nearby was extremely low, given Yun Che's current condition, the consequences of being found out would be far too severe. As a result, he should not even consider taking any possible risks.

"I did spend a lifetime in this place after all," Yun Che said calmly, "so even though I don't really have any attachment to this place, I can't simply sit idly by and do nothing."

“Don’t worry, I will shrink the radius of my power and cleanse this place piece by piece. Even though I can’t solve the root of this problem and this peace won’t last for too long... this can be considered the very last thing I will do for the Azure Cloud Continent.”

As he said these words, light profound energy was already scattering down from above, pouring down on this continent that had already transformed into a disaster zone.

Just like he said, he tried his best to shrink the radius of his purification and he never released a divine aura or light profound energy that was too intense. He continued to flash through the skies of the Azure Cloud Continent, teleporting through the air and releasing his light profound energy tens of times before he finally managed to scatter light profound energy over the entire Azure Cloud Continent.

This also included the seas surrounding the Azure Cloud Continent.

Once he finished doing all of these things, Yun Che’s heart felt a lot more at ease. This could be considered to be paying back most of the blood debt that he had incurred in this place all those years ago.

Even though... the Azure Cloud Continent’s time cycle had been warped because of the Mirror of Samsara, so that those “blood debts” had also been wiped away as they had become things that “had yet to happen”. But they had only been wiped away for the Azure Cloud Continent. It was something that could never be wiped away from Yun Che’s heart.

The roars of the profound beasts had clearly grown much weaker and the malicious energy that vibrated in the air had clearly receded as well. Yun Che was unable to predict what would happen to the Azure Cloud Continent after today. However, the next time he came to visit You’er, he might just cleanse the place once more.

After he had done all of these things, Yun Che turned west and prepared to leave this place.

However, at this time, a red flash of light suddenly bloomed in front of him as Hong’er’s exquisite and petite figure appeared.

She gave a long yawn the moment she appeared as she vigorously stretched her tiny waist as well, “UWAAAH... HUNGRY! I’M REALLY HUNGRY! Master, I’m about to starve to death, so what are you waiting for? Hurry up and get me something to eat!”

“Gurgle...”

Just as she said those words, her tummy gurgled loudly with matchless coordination.

“Hong’er...” Upon seeing her vivacious and lively appearance and hearing that sweet and ethereal voice that was all too familiar to him, great waves of emotion raged through Yun Che’s heart. He took a step forward and very gently gathered her into his embrace, “It’s good that you’re back, I had even thought...”

Before he could even finish his moving speech, Hong’er had already struggled free from his embrace with a “whoosh”. Both her hands rubbed her belly as she cried out in a lovable but dissatisfied voice, “Wuuuuu... I’m about to starve to death already, but you still want to hug me... Hurry up and give me something to eat! HURRY, HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!”

“Eh... Okay, okay, okay,” Yun Che hurriedly nodded his head. He grabbed up a few small pieces of Purple Veined Divine Crystal and before he could even give it to Hong’er, a red light flashed before his eyes and those pieces of Purple Veined Divine Crystal had already appeared in her hand. She stuffed those crystals into her mouth like they were jelly beans, as she bit down on them with a loud “crunching” sound.

Yun Che took out a long sword that was releasing an icy-cold aura... This time, Yun Che did not even get to see the body of the sword properly as Hong’er snatched it away with a frightening speed. Her pointed little canines bit right into the sword blade and with a burst of crackling sounds, a mouth-sized gap ringed by teeth marks had appeared in the body of the originally ice-cold and flawless sword.

Yun Che had grown used to this a long time ago, but if it was anyone else, they would have been so startled by this their jaws would have dropped to their ground.

Hong’er hugged that icy sword as she wildly gnawed at it, a look of utter bliss and satisfaction filled her face. She did not even mention the period of time when she had gone “dormant”. Yun Che stood to the side while he silently watched her. He waited until she had finished eating the entire sword and patted her little tummy, a tummy which barely even bulged, in satisfaction before speaking with a faint smile on his face, “Hong’er, have you been asleep all this while?”

“Of course I have.” Hong’er burped as she spoke in a lively and spirited manner, “Hong’er’s favourite pastime is sleeping.”

“Errrrr...” Yun Che glared at her with wide eyes, “It can’t be that you’ve forgotten... everything that happened before this, right?”

“Eh?” Hong’er’s vermilion eyes blinked as she spoke, “What is Master talking about? It’s really difficult to understand.”

“That is... In the Star God Realm, when I was killed by others, you also followed me in... Eh, have you really forgotten everything?” Yun Che probed her. After He Ling had “awoken”, she had hugged him and cried up a storm due to her excitement and lingering fear, but Hong’er... seemed to be like someone who had not even been involved in that matter, bloody hell!

“Oh, of course I haven’t forgotten. It’s not like I’m a fool like Master is,” Hong’er tilted her little head as she said cheerily, “but right now, Master is well and Hong’er is also well. I’ve also eaten my fill so everything is already fine. Is there anything else that Master wants to mention?”

“~ ! @# ¥%...” It was at this moment that Yun Che recalled that Hong’er’s train of thoughts and way of thinking had never been the same as a normal human being’s. He scowled as he said in a very powerless manner, “Then that day, when you cried loudly and shouted that as long as I, your master, remained safe and sound, you would be obedient from now on, you would listen to everything I told you, you would no longer be wilful and no longer throw tantrums willy-nilly... Mnnm, you definitely haven’t forgotten about that either, have you?”

“Ah?” Hong’er gnawed on her fingers before her eyebrows drew an arc across her face, “Because I was simply far too hungry just now, I completely forgot about it, heehee.”

“I... knew... this... would happen.” Yun Che gritted his teeth helplessly.

“Oh that’s right, I have a secret that I need to tell Master.” Hong’er’s eyebrows remained arched as a lovable smile burst out on her tender and powdery face, “After sleeping for a really really long time, it seems that Hong’er has grown to like Master even more.”

Her body suddenly leaned forward and she used that mouth which she had just used to eat a sword, a mouth which possessed unusually soft lips, to forcefully peck him on the face. After that, she transformed into a beam of red light as she giggled and disappeared into the sword mark that lay on the back of his hand.

“...” Yun Che could not help but touch his cheek after that before he shook his head and laughed, “Ah, this little girl, who did she learn this from...”

Chapter 1400 - God Child Entering the World

During this trip to the Azure Cloud Continent, he originally had two goals. The first was to visit You’er and the second was to try to find the cause of the profound beast rampages.

Regarding the former, he had not only been able to meet You’er, he’d even received an enormous surprise.

As for the latter, it caused him to be even more convinced that the devilish energy leaking out of Cloud’s End Abyss was not the source of the profound beast rampages.

Thus, all possibilities were pointed in one direction...

After returning to the Profound Sky Continent, because Hong’er had returned, Yun Che’s mood was much better than it had been before he left. He stood in the air above the Profound Sky Continent as his released divine sense quickly locked onto the aura of every single person. After that, his eyebrows slanted upwards as the corner of his lips drew back and he shot straight in a certain direction.

Floating Cloud City, Xiao Family.

Yun Che spent a fairly large amount of his time at the Xiao Family and the most important reason for this was because Xiao Lie was fond of the place. Xiao Lingxi had also naturally stayed by his side to accompany him.

Yun Che originally wanted to give a drop of the Divine Water of Life to Xiao Lie in order to give him unrivaled power and an even longer lifespan. However, when Xiao Lie was faced with this temptation that even the peak powerhouses in the God Realm would not be able to resist, he turned it down and his rejection was incomparably resolute. In the end, he said this to Yun Che, “If you really must give it to me... then give it to Yong’an on my behalf.”

Yun Che no longer tried to persuade him. Instead, he solemnly promised Xiao Lie that once Xiao Yong’an came of age, he would personally administer that drop of Divine Water of Life to him.

To Yun Che, this was not only because of Xiao Lie, it was also a form of minor repayment to their family.

Upon returning to the Xiao Family, Yun Che spied Xiao Lingxi with his first glance. She still wore those simple jade robes and even though she had entered the divine way in a single day due to the Divine Water of Life, the only thing that had really changed about her was her aura. She simply never had too

strong of a desire to pursue the profound way, and the reason why she had bitterly cultivated when she was young girl was so that she could protect the weak and frail Yun Che.

Upon seeing Xiao Lingxi's slender and delicate figure, the image of her body, a body that was even more lustrous than any precious stone, floated up in his brain. Yun Che's throat made a heavy gulping sound before he fiercely swooped down from above and roughly scooped Xiao Lingxi into his embrace, causing her to squeal.

"Li... Little Che..." Panic and bewilderment filled her eyes and she did not know what to do.

"Heh heh heh..." Yun Che let out a lascivious laugh as he rushed into the room whilst carrying Xiao Lingxi in his arms, "Before, I had lost all of my profound strength and that has to be why some weird malfunction occurred in my body. But today... you can forget about running away ever again."

BANG!!

The room door was slammed shut and the sounds of clothes being violently ripped apart rang out from within. Mixed in with this noise were Xiao Lingxi's nervous and bashful moans...

Ten breaths later, Yun Che walked out of the room with limp and deflated footsteps. His face was as black as the bottom of a metal pot as he looked to the heavens and exhaled very heavily.

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Time flowed by and a whole two years had passed since Yun Che had returned to the Blue Pole Star. In the God Realm, his name still had not faded into the background. On the contrary, it was once again being mentioned with great frequency because of an extremely important event that was taking place in the Eastern Divine Region.

The Eternal Heaven Divine Realm that had remained sealed for three years... was finally about to open up again.

Three years ago, the heaven chosen children had borne all of the hope of the Eastern Divine Region as they entered the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm. Now, they had all once again returned to the soil of the Eastern Divine Region and they had also once again garnered the attention of countless people.

Three years ago, among the thousand who were chosen from the younger generation, not a single one was not considered a proud genius.

Moreover, now that they had experienced three thousand years inside the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm, every single one of them had undoubtedly undergone a complete and total transformation. This was especially true for the "God Children" who had once shaken the world. Every single person eagerly waited to see just what kind of divine light the newly returned "God Children" would radiate now.

And the results that they had obtained had thrown the entire Eastern Divine Region into a complete uproar.

These were absolutely not cries of disappointment. Instead, what rang out were countless roars of disbelief... On that day, a huge storm swept across the skies of the vast Eastern Divine Region. This storm had been generated by the far too dreadful waves of sound generated by this uproar and it did not die down for a very long time.

Dragon God Realm, Forbidden Land of Samsara.

It had also already been two years since Yun Che had left this place.

“Mother, Mother, I’ve already learned what race is. Is our race truly the strongest?”

That young and tender voice had become even brighter and more pleasant to the ear. It no longer possessed the sharpness that it had before, causing more than a few birds to softly cry out in response. Shen Xi replied to the voice, “In this current era, the dragon reigns above all living creatures, and as Dragon Gods, we are royalty among the dragon race. We are indeed the strong race in the present world.”

“Then... Father must also be very powerful, correct?”

Shen Xi gave a small smile as she shook her head, “Your father is not someone who belongs to the Dragon God Clan, he is a human being. But outside of the two of us, he is more qualified to be called a Dragon God than any other member of the dragon race.”

“Eh? Mother, it seems that I don’t understand a single thing that you just said.”

“You don’t need to understand it right now. You’ll only understand it once you’ve grown up.”

“Wuuuu, it’s ‘once I’ve grown up’ again.” a yearning could be heard in this young and tender voice.

“There’s still seven years left, it’s so long and it doesn’t feel as fast as Mother said it would be. Moreover, even though it’s already been so long, Father has yet to appear. Mother, does Father not ‘love’ you?”

A faint look of astonishment appeared on Shen Xi’s celestial face. It was as if Shen Xi was very shocked that she would understand what that word meant so quickly and even bring it up. After a brief moment of hesitation, she gently spoke, “Do you know what the word ‘love’ signifies?”

“Hee hee,” an adorable laugh rang in Shen Xi’s ears. “Oh, I actually just learned what it was. I knew that it is only when two people love one another that they will become husband and wife, and it is only after they become husband and wife that they will have babies and become parents. So Mother and Father are definitely the same, right?”

A faint smile crossed Shen Xi’s face once more before she gave a shake of her head, “In the mortal realm, it is like this for the most part. However, your father and I are different. We are not husband and wife, and we also do not share love as you understand it. Even you were also a very beautiful accident. The relationship between the two of us is a relationship where each party took what they needed.”

“Eh?” that soft cry of surprise rang out once more as she once again could not puzzle out her mother’s words.

“Your father is the most unique person in this universe,” Shen Xi softly said. “Originally, Mother should have been trapped here for a very very long period of time, but because of your father, in seven short years, I will be able to leave this place and allow you to be born. And what I bestowed upon your father was an even stronger power.”

Of course, she was well aware that Yun Che was extremely enthralled by her body. Compared to power, her body was something that suited his needs more... It was just that she naturally could not say such a thing.

She had indeed used Yun Che, so she had also given him whatever compensation she could give.

"Then... will Mother bring me to go and see Father?" The young and tender voice grew smaller as it became tinged with worry and anxiety.

"Of course, this is something that Mother has promised you," Shen Xi lowered her gaze as she said in a loving voice, "Even though Mother does not know where he is right now, he is definitely still alive, waiting for us to find him."

"Father doesn't love Mother, then will Father... still love me?" The voice grew even smaller as it was filled with a worry and anxiety that it should not have had at her age.

"Of course he will." As she thought of the Yun Che who had wanted to rush toward the Star God Realm at all costs on that day, Shen Xi gently replied the voice, "He would be willing to do throw aside everything for you. Even if he has to make the entire world his enemy. Because you are not only Mother's daughter, you are also his daughter."

A soft and faint sound echoed through the flower valley within the Forbidden Land of Samsara before very quickly fading into silence. This was because every single plant and flower in this place was exceptionally familiar with the guest who had just arrived.

A gentle breeze blew by and that dreamy white light once more shrouded Shen Xi's body. Very soon after that, the Dragon Monarch descended from the sky and stood in front of Shen Xi, the faint smile that he would only display in this place spread across his face.

As she swept her gaze across his face, Shen Xi spoke in slow and measured tones, "You have the dust of travel on you, so you should have made the long trip back from the Eastern Divine Region. It looks like something big has happened again."

"Something big did indeed happen," the Dragon Monarch nodded his head as he replied. "Three years ago, the Eastern Divine Region selected one thousand youngsters via the Profound God Convention. All of these youngsters have completed their cultivation in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm and returned to the world."

"The time has indeed come," Shen Xi said., "How were the results?"

Three thousand years in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm... This was absolutely not just a huge matter of the Eastern Divine Region, it was something that the entire God Realm was paying close attention to.

"The results were extremely surprising." For the Dragon Monarch to say such a thing, this also meant that he himself had really been surprised by the results. "This actually managed to produce nineteen Divine Masters! Among the rest of them, there were more than seven hundred Divine Sovereigns. Only a little over two hundred of them were stuck at the Divine King Realm and unable to break through."

The numbers that the Dragon Monarch had just described were absolutely peerlessly world-shaking numbers. Even as the supreme ruler of Primal Chaos, when he had first heard those numbers, he had also been fiercely moved.

But Shen Xi's reaction was very tepid. It was as if this news was not the least bit surprising to her, "That was the world of the Eternal Heaven Pearl. Three thousand years in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm is absolutely not merely three thousand years that have simply been shortened."

"The level of the auras that exist within the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm is extremely high and when compared to the God Realm, it is like the difference between the God Realm and the lower realms. As a result, raising one's profound strength and breaking through bottlenecks is much easier in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm than it is in the outside world." Shen Xi's voice briefly halted for a moment, as if she had thought of something. But after that, she merely gave a soft sigh, "But it seems like with this, the Eternal Heaven Pearl has indeed exhausted all of its divine power."

"Any star realm would only use this sort of unique divine power on themselves if they possessed it, they would definitely never be willing to let an outsider use it. So to use it on others in such an unstinting manner, within the three divine regions, only the Eternal Heaven God Realm would be so broad-minded and magnanimous."

"Indeed." This was one point that the Dragon Monarch deeply believed as well, "It is just that while the newly-birthed combat power we have obtained far exceeds any previous estimates, it still falls woefully short of replacing the power we lost during the calamity of the Evil Infant. If the **【Crimson Calamity】** that the entire Eastern Divine Region is worried about truly erupts, I'm afraid that... all of this is akin to a drop of water in the ocean."

Shen Xi's gaze swiveled towards him as she gently spoke, "Perhaps, the Eternal Heaven God Realm did this in hopes that it would be able to produce a figure who could give birth to a miracle, such as... Yun Che."

Those words caused the Dragon Monarch's eyes to tremble violently before he slowly nodded his head, "You're absolutely right."

Indeed, Yun Che was indeed worthy of the word "miracle". However, it was simply a pity that he just so happened to be the person who was unable to enter the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm, and he even died during the calamity of the Evil Infant at that.

"Among these people, what realm did the person who attained the highest cultivation level reach?" Shen Xi asked.

"Seventh level Divine Master," the Dragon Monarch replied.

"...!" Shen Xi instantly glanced to the side and underneath that white light, a deep astonishment had clearly flashed through those beautiful eyes.

"You did not hear incorrectly," the Dragon Monarch was not the least bit surprised by Shen Xi's reaction, "I did indeed say the words seventh level Divine Master... Outside of the unique legacies within the king realms, a three thousand year old seventh level Divine Master is truly unprecedented in all of history. Furthermore... there are two of them."

Shen Xi, "..."

"Right now, the Eastern Divine Region is endlessly tossing and turning because of this matter." The Dragon Monarch continued, "Back then, when I went to the Eastern Divine Region to spectate the Conferred God Battle, the Eternal Heaven God Emperor once said that there were many abnormal talents who had broken historical records in this generation. It is very likely that these talents were 'born in response to calamity'."

"Many of the other things that he said gave me this feeling as well. In his mind, the 'crimson calamity' is not something that 'may happen', it is something that will 'definitely happen'. In addition to the Evil Infant calamity that has already erupted... Perhaps the words 'born in response to calamity' spoken by the Eternal Heaven God Emperor really aren't false."

"If that day truly comes," Shen Xi said in a soft voice, "remember to aid the Eastern Divine Region with all of your might. You definitely must not adopt a wait and see approach."

"I understand." The Dragon Monarch nodded his head before he looked at Shen Xi and said with an incomparably solemn voice, "Don't worry, no matter what happens in the future, even if this calamity really spreads to the Western Divine Region, I will definitely not allow anything to affect the peace and tranquility of this place."

Shen Xi did not respond to those words. Instead she gently replied, "Many momentous events have been occurring in the Eastern Divine Region, and as a result, you can't have any peace of mind. As the Dragon Monarch, you must give priority to these important matters. So before everything is settled, there is no need for you to come here so often."

"You may leave."

"Mn," the Dragon Monarch nodded his head. Even though he was the emperor of the Dragon Gods and the supreme ruler of the Primal Chaos, he seemed no more than a junior who dutifully received instruction when he was in front of Shen Xi.

He turned around and prepared to leave... But just as his profound energy faintly circulated and he was about to take to the skies, his dragon eyes suddenly focused and he abruptly twirled around and roared, "WHO'S THERE!!?"