

## The Gods 1411

### Chapter 1411 - Giant Divine Sovereign Beast

Everyone tensed up when they noticed that the departing Yun Che had suddenly stopped moving, his aura clearly disturbed. The governor of Illusory Smoke City asked, "Senior benefactor, is there anything you'd like to ask us to do?"

"..." Yun Che turned around slowly with cool eyes and a very serious expression that rang alarm bells in everyone's head. He asked, "Are there any Divine Sovereign profound beasts in the Snow Song Realm?"

"1..." The major was caught off guard by his question. The city defenders looked confounded as well.

There were only two Divine Sovereigns in the entire Snow Song Realm, and they were the Chief Palace Master of all thirty six Ice Phoenix palaces, Mu Bingyun and the Great Elder, Mu Huanzhi. Divine Kings were already the stuff of legends to a city like Illusory Smoke City, so naturally they couldn't infer anything relating to Divine Sovereigns at all. It was just completely beyond their level.

"There is!" Mu Hanyan replied, "This junior has heard from his master that there are a total of three Divine Sovereign profound beasts in the Snow Song Realm. They normally keep themselves to the north, eastern, and southern regions, and they are the overlords of all profound beasts in the Snow Song Realm."

"However, they never step out of their respective territories, and no one has ever seen them in their lives. The one who discovered and confirmed that they exist... is our sect master and Great Realm King."

Mu Hanyan replied in detail before probing, "...Could it be that you have come to the Snow Song Realm to visit these profound beast overlords, Senior Ling?"

"..." Yun Che shot Mu Hanyan a silent stare... Do I look like I have a hole in my head!?

High level profound beasts like these almost never enter a human territory unless they had a really good reason, but at the same time they were incredibly territorial. Visit? Any human who dared to enter their domain was basically challenging them to a fight!

"Run," Yun Che said coldly after withdrawing his gaze.

"Huh? I'm sorry?"

"Grab Mu Feixue with you and run right now!" Yun Che's face looked frighteningly dark.

Mu Feixue, "..."

"We..." The crowd grew even more confused than ever.

Yun Che clenched his fists tightly as he stared straight towards the front, but when he noticed that the crowd behind him still wasn't moving he jumped furiously on his feet, "Did you not understand what I just told you!? Run away now or it'll be too..."

His swearing abruptly took a sharp turn, "Phew... it's too late already."

Boom!

The quiet snow region shook intensely... and a roar that nearly shattered the sky came.

“ROAR———”

The earth turned upside down, and clouds shied away from the source of that roar. In an instant, every Ice Phoenix disciple and city defender was knocked off their feet, and more than half the people started to bleed from all seven orifices. Those profound practitioners who were injured fared even worse than those who were unharmed, coughing blood with their wounds cracking open.

Yun Che immediately wrapped Mu Feixue inside a wisp of profound energy... All the injuries she had just suppressed would've burst apart otherwise.

“What... what's going on...” The governor of Illusory Smoke City said shakily... he couldn't stop himself from trembling at all.

An absolutely terrible spiritual pressure had come down from above right after the roar... It was a power that far transcended their recognition and imagination, and it was tens of thousands of times more frightening than those two Giant Glacier Beasts.

Mu Hanyan dropped to one knee and trembled all over. He actually couldn't muster the strength to get back on his feet for a long time. Still trembling, he recalled Yun Che's earlier questions and felt his pupils contracting into needle points. He exclaimed in shock, “Senior Ling, could it be... could it be...”

“This city is pretty lucky, I see,” Yun Che said while still staring towards the front, “it's not everyday you get to see a profound beast overlord walk out of its territory. I guess it is pretty pissed.”

“Wh... wh... wh...”

Every word Yun Che uttered sounded like a crack of thunder. The profound practitioners of Illusory Smoke City felt like their very souls were escaping their bodies.

No one in this city except their governor had ever had a chance to meet with a Divine Sovereign profound practitioner. They knew even less that a Divine Sovereign profound beast overlord was living in the same region as them all this time... They just couldn't believe that an enraged Divine Sovereign beast would be interested in their tiny city!

“Se... se... se... senior...” Mu Hanye's voice was still trembling, “What should we do... if it's really a Divine Sovereign beast... Do you happen... to know a way...”

“...What the hell can I possibly do against a Divine Sovereign beast!?” Yun Che said irritably.

Yun Che was seriously starting to suspect that he was an evil portent. Illusory Smoke City was small, secluded, and clearly insignificant in the entire Snow Snow Region... and yet a Divine Sovereign beast had deigned to walk out of its territory and come here anyway!

There was absolutely no way he could fight against a Divine Sovereign with force! He couldn't possibly waste his life again and activate Other Shore Asura either.

Running away would be an easy feat, but... Mu Feixue and everyone else present would be dead for sure!

“Do your best to run,” Yun Che exhaled slightly, “The further away, the better. From now on, it’s up to your own lucky stars whether or not you live or die.”

Yun Che’s profound energy erupted and turned into a great whirlpool of power.

“Senior, you...”

“I’ll try to change its mind, but if the negotiation fails then all I can buy is ten breaths of time...”

Suddenly pausing, he appeared next to Mu Feixue and put an arm around her waist without caring for her consent at all, “Her life is the only one I can guarantee right now. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves.”

After that, he disappeared into a beam of light while giving them no time to react whatsoever.

He could’ve saved a lot of people using the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace, but... he had already shown them extreme benevolence by saving their lives once at the risk of exposing himself. He had no reason to expose the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace just to help a bunch of people he didn’t know a second time.

But Mu Feixue was now Mu Xuanyin’s direct disciple. If she died, Mu Xuanyin would definitely be disappointed... This was also one way for him to make up for the reputation loss she had suffered due to his blasphemy some years ago.

A gigantic, white figure appeared in the sky almost immediately after he had disappeared with Mu Feixue... Everyone felt like the sky was falling on top of their heads the moment it appeared, magnifying their shock and terror tens of times more.

“What should we do, senior brother?”

“Run!”

“But Senior Sister Feixue is...”

“Senior Ling said that he’d protect her life... we can only choose to believe him! Spread out and run!!”

“Lord Governor...”

“RUN!!”

They would fight to the death if their opponents were only one beast wave and two Divine Spirit beasts. But a Divine Sovereign beast... they were literal ants before a powerful being like this. Resistance was absolutely futile.

Not daring to hesitate or worry for Illusory Smoke City’s safety any longer, the group hurriedly escaped in every direction... Yun Che was the only one charging straight towards the pale white beast while carrying Mu Feixue.

The profound beast standing in front of him was at least several times bigger than the Giant Glacier Beasts he had killed earlier, standing at almost a thousand meters tall. Its body was snow white, and it could blend perfectly into the white world of snow if it concealed its presence.

The profound beast didn't move forward after sensing Yun Che's approach. It simply floated in mid air and stared at Yun Che with its huge, deep blue eyes... fixing the strongest human in the area within its gaze.

Yun Che stopped in front of the giant white beast while still carrying the powerless Mu Feixue in his arms. The two looked incredibly tiny before this Divine Sovereign profound beast.

"You..." Mu Feixue tried to speak.

"Quiet," Yun Che muttered before looking up at the giant white beast, "Senior, you are one of the supreme rulers of the Snow Song Beast Race. Why have you deigned to invade a tiny human city like this?"

**BOOOM!!**

The giant white beast waved its arms and shook the sky itself. Its angry voice could be heard throughout the entire snow region, "This king has never offended the humans even once in his life, but do you know how many of my people your kind have slaughtered this year!? Despicable humans! How dare you throw my question back at me!"

"..." Yun Che was speechless for a moment. He was incredibly tempted to say: Are you fucking blind or what? The profound beasts were clearly the ones who had invaded the human's territory first!

"Please, quell your anger, senior." Yun Che raised his arms and explained, "I'm sure you've noticed that your people are acting very unusually as of late. Have they not exited their territories and attacked humans very frequently for the past year? We are just defending ourselves..."

"Shut up!" The giant white beast roared angrily, "Whatever the reason, this king still has lost nearly ten million people in just a year, and the humans are undoubtedly the ones who have killed them! There is no way this king can sit by and do nothing!"

"In that case, you better consider the consequences properly!" This Snow Song beast monarch was on the brink of a full blown rage, and it was clearly impossible to calm it down with just words. Yun Che's tone and expression suddenly took a hundred and eighty degrees turn, "Considering your level, you should know very well where the Great Realm King of Snow Song Realm currently stands! She will not do nothing if you decide to attack, and when that happens... both you and your people will be buried in this snow for eternity!"

"This king no longer fears any consequences from the moment I chose to step out of my territory!" Yun Che's persuasion attempt was completely useless. On the contrary, it only made the giant white beast even angrier, "We, the profound beasts have lost countless people all across the realm... it is time for the humans to pay the price!"

This giant white beast was clearly unaffected by the crimson influence. However, it just couldn't stay calm any longer after watching its people riot and die slowly to the humans.

Frankly, Yun Che was surprised that he managed to buy this much time in the first place. When the giant white beast's fury was about to detonate, Yun Che moved an arm backwards and gave Mu Feixue a strong hug, "Don't worry, we'll survive this."

Mu Feixue, "..."

"Alright, if you insist..." Yun Che narrowed his eyes at the giant white beast, "Then allow me to tell you that I'm the one who killed the most profound beasts in this city, mn, a couple hundred thousand maybe? Heh... to think that you waited until nearly all your people were killed, I guess you're really just a coward, aren't you?"

Yun Che's taunt was without a doubt a splash of oil on the fire that was already burning on top of the giant white beast's head. Its deep blue pupils actually turned a shade of red when it heard this.

"If you wish so much to take revenge against the humans... then kill me first if you can! Show me that you're not all talk and no bite!"

The giant white beast roared, and Yun Che burst towards the distance like thunder... The direction he was flying to was the exact opposite of Illusory Smoke City.

The Ice Phoenix disciples and city defenders who were running for their lives all turned around to look at the streak of light flying into the distance... They knew that Yun Che was risking his life to buy them time to escape. They were all deeply touched by his compassionate act.

Of course, while it was true that Yun Che was playing the role of bait, they had no idea that Yun Che was actually in no real danger whatsoever.

The giant white beast swung its claws angrily and caused several glaciers to appear out of nowhere. The sky turned dark in an instant, and the glaciers flew straight towards the escaping duo.

In the next moment though, the glaciers suddenly froze in midair before vanishing abruptly. The giant white beast that was about to jump after the escaping duo was also frozen in midair like it was being held down by a thousand mountains.

Chapter 1412 - Divine Master Poyun

Yun Che suddenly discovered that the sky of ice had gone missing, and the spiritual pressure that was applied to his person was completely gone. It was instead replaced by a shocking amount of heat.

"...?" He stopped in midair and turned around to take a look.

Boom...

Before he knew it, the sky had become tinged with a dull gold color, and a ray of golden flame fell from the sky, hit the giant white beast squarely, and penetrated its body without any pause.

The attack had cut the giant beast's Divine Sovereign power in half like it was nothing!

"Golden Crow flame? Could it be..." Yun Che whispered to himself while frowning.

Mu Feixue, "..."

The fiery Golden Crow divine aura that lit the sky and the fiery sword that had cut the giant white beast in half was clearly the Golden Annihilation of the Golden Crow's Record of the Burning World!

Everyone—Yun Che, the escaping Ice Phoenix disciples, and the Illusory Smoke City profound practitioners—all came to a stop. They stared at the sky blankly as the golden flames cut the Divine Sovereign beast in half.

It was undoubtedly the most stunning scene they had ever witnessed in their lives.

Bang!

Bang!

The two halves of the giant beast's torso crashed heavily on the ground and caused a great shudder. Then, every bit of snow and ice within dozens of kilometers started melting at a visible rate.

Normally, a Divine Sovereign profound beast overlord wouldn't die immediately even if it was cut into two... But the Golden Crow flames had also burned its internal organs and life vein to ash at the same time.

Yun Che looked up while feeling shock... He was no longer his naive self when he had first entered the God Realm, so he knew this new spiritual pressure was that of a Divine Master's!

Although his profound strength was only at Divine King Realm right now, he had already come into contact with too many Divine Masters during his time in the God Realm. He had even fought one personally during that battle at Star God Realm, so there was no way he would be mistaken!

Moreover, the spiritual pressure displayed by this newcomer in that instant clearly put them above Xing Mingzi, a level one Divine Master he himself had to stake his very life to kill!

To Yun Che's recognition, the strongest Golden Crow flame expert currently should be the Golden Crow Sect master of Flame God Realm, Huo Rulie. However, he was only a late stage Divine Sovereign profound practitioner.

But this person...

A name flashed across Yun Che's mind and caused his eyes to freeze... Could it be!?

A fiery figure slowly descended from the gold tinged sky, catching everyone's gaze including Yun Che's...

It was Huo... Po... yun!

The red figure instantly appeared in front of Yun Che and Mu Feixue. He shot Yun Che a glance before staring straight at Mu Feixue worriedly, "You really were here, Fairy Feixue. That was quite the dangerous situation just now."

Then, he noticed Feixue's unusual aura and frowned, "Are you hurt!?"

The young man clad in fiery clothes while wielding the spiritual pressure of a Divine Master was clearly Huo Poyun!

Yun Che had never imagined that he would encounter Huo Poyun right after he returned to Snow Song Realm, and in such a secluded place no less.

If he were to look at the time, Huo Poyun and the rest of the heaven chosen children should've finished their three thousand years of cultivation in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm at least a year ago. That instantaneous spiritual pressure he had felt from Huo Poyun and that Golden Annihilation were more than enough proof that Huo Poyun had exceeded Flame God Realm's wildest imagination by an entire mile!

He had become a Divine Master!

And it was very likely that he wasn't just a level one Divine Master!

Before he knew it, Huo Poyun had risen from an excellent junior to one of the strongest experts in the entire world!

Yun Che had no doubt that Huo Poyun was famous throughout the God Realm and the biggest pride of Flame God Realm. Huo Poyun's ascension also very likely meant that Flame God Realm had become an upper star realm while he was gone.

"I'm fine, it's just some minor injuries," Mu Feixue said. "Thank you for helping again, Young Sect Master Huo."

Again?

The word caused a ripple in Yun Che's heart. He could sense that she wasn't all too surprised by Huo Poyun's appearance.

"It is nothing. However, you don't look like you've just suffered some minor injuries. Are you sure you're okay?" Huo Poyun asked worriedly before turning towards Yun Che again. This time, he saw the arm Yun Che had wrapped around Mu Feixue's waist as a glint passed through his eyes, "And you are...?"

Yun Che lamented amount the passage of time in his mind before letting go of Mu Feixue in a natural manner. After all, they were no longer in danger. He smiled, "My name is Ling Yun."

Huo Poyun had clearly changed.

A few years ago, Huo Poyun was just a pure chaser of the profound way. He had achieved many great things because he had poured all his mind and soul into mastering the Golden Crow divine flames, but his singular focus had also left him exceptionally naive, inexperienced, and fragile in the face of the world... Jun Xilei had been able to shatter his belief with a single attack, and Yun Che had been able to see through him with a single glance.

But now... appearance wise, Huo Poyun hadn't changed too much except for his growing physique, but his presence was completely different from before. His heavy aura reminded Yun Che of an unrivaled sovereign of a world.

Even his eyes had lost all their former innocence and clarity. Now, they were replaced with an unfathomable depth that not even Yun Che could penetrate.

In the past, Huo Poyun wouldn't have had the decisiveness to kill a Divine Sovereign profound beast without even showing himself.

Three thousand years... Three thousand years could change a lot of things.

It was enough time to warp someone into a completely different person. At the same time though, there were some things that no amount of time could change.

“Brother Ling? I see.” Huo Poyun nodded. “It looks like you’re the one who saved Fairy Feixue from danger. I am Huo Poyun of the Flame God Realm, and my arrival was delayed due to certain matters. Thank goodness you were here to help during a time of need. But, you don’t look like a denizen of the Snow Song Realm, are you? May I ask why you’re here?”

Yun Che smiled, “I just happened to be passing by this area. You are here despite being a denizen of the Flame God Realm yourself, aren’t you?”

Huo Poyun smiled at his reply. He didn’t show any arrogance toward the Divine King “Ling Yun” despite having become a proud Divine Master already. “The Flame God Realm and Snow Song Realm have always been close friends, and there has been a lot of profound beast rampages as of late. That’s why I have come to help the Snow Song Realm.”

“Today, I heard that Fairy Feixue had come to the northern region herself, so I decided to rush my way over. I didn’t think I would almost be one step too late, however.”

Huo Poyun exhaled lightly as he said that. He obviously looked a little frightened after the fact.

After all... the mere news that a Divine Sovereign profound beast overlord had stepped out of its territory was enough to shock the entire Snow Song Realm.

“I see,” Yun Che looked at Mu Feixue from the corner of his eyes and let out a complex sigh on the inside.

Obviously, Huo Poyun’s natural obsessiveness didn’t apply to the profound way alone.

A couple of years ago, Huo Poyun had fallen in love with Mu Feixue on first sight... Yun Che was even a direct witness himself.

Yun Che hadn’t thought much about his friend’s infatuation back then. Mu Feixue was naturally beautiful, a descendant of the Ice Phoenix bloodline and a denizen of the Snow Song Realm. Her pale white skin alone could “kill” countless inexperienced young men...

But it had been three thousand years since he saw Mu Feixue. Why on earth was he still holding on to that infatuation!?

Even a fool could see that Huo Poyun was here for Mu Feixue. There was no other way to explain why his presence in the Snow Song Realm otherwise!

In fact, the only thing that could drive a Divine Master—a profound practitioner with enough power to look down on the entire world—to travel to another star realm and lend his hand to another disciple... was a pretty face.

In Yun Che’s opinion, this obsessiveness... was even starting to grow a little frightening.

Recalling Mu Feixue’s behavior and his own master’s temperament, Yun Che felt a rising headache... Back at the Profound God Convention, Yun Che had already warned Huo Poyun that it was almost impossible for Mu Feixue to love another person.



While it was true that Huo Poyun had spent three thousand years in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm, it was ultimately just a closed off world. No matter how high Huo Poyun's cultivation was, Yun Che was one hundred percent certain that Huo Poyun was inferior to him regarding the ways to a woman's heart.

Unfortunately, this was one of those things that couldn't be taught. Even worse, Mu Feixue was a woman whose emotions were padded with the biggest lock, so Huo Poyun's hopes to strum her heartstrings was difficult to say the least.

He had no idea how their relationship would grow in the future.

While they were chatting with each other, the Ice Phoenix disciples and Illusory Smoke City's profound practitioners had finally reached them. Mu Hanyan said to Huo Poyun, "It is Young Sect Master Huo, thank you for helping us again, Young Sect Master Huo."

Although he was saying thanks to Huo Poyun, he was clearly wearing an odd look on his face.

Moreover, he had purposely used the word "again" while he was thanking Huo Poyun...

Emmm.....

"It is nothing. You don't need to pay it any heed," Huo Poyun returned the greeting humbly.

The fact that Huo Poyun had saved and returned the greeting of a Divine Tribulation Realm junior disciple had probably marked him as the friendliest Divine Master in the God Realm's history.

The governor of Illusory Smoke City and the profound practitioners behind him couldn't believe their eyes and ears for a while. After hesitating excitedly for a very long time, he finally stuttered out, "Oh venerable one... Are you that legendary... Golden Crow young sect master?"

Huo Poyun smiled at him and nodded, "It is I."

The governor started trembling like a leaf after hearing Huo Poyun's direct reply and replaying the scene where a Divine Sovereign beast was killed in one strike. Then, he abruptly dropped to his knees and said, "I... I am the governor of Illusory Smoke City... I... I am absolutely honored... to be able to meet the legendary Golden Crow young sect master... supreme Divine Master of Flame God Realm... There will never be a time when Illusory Smoke City will be able to repay this favor... Please, accept my thanks."

Yun Che shot the governor a sideways glance before cursing him slightly: You're a Divine Tribulation Realm profound practitioner and a governor, aren't you? Don't you think that you're selling your knees a little short!?

The rest of Illusory Smoke City's profound practitioners were also excited beyond words... First, the direct disciple of the Great Realm King had come personally to save them. Then, a Divine King had appeared out of nowhere and rescued them from the Giant Glacier Beasts. Finally, a bonafide Divine Master had literally descended from the skies to take out a giant Divine Sovereign beast who hadn't showed its face for a thousand generations.

Illusory Smoke City had had to be visited by a god or something today.

Huo Poyun waved a hand and said, "Please, rise. There is no need for this."

Then, he looked at Mu Feixue as his voice turned gentle, "Fairy Feixue, the profound beasts have been growing more and more erratic lately. It is possible that anything may happen in the future. It is simply too dangerous for you to move around without being accompanied by a senior."

He looked at his surroundings once before continuing, "There should be no more danger nearby. Your wounds are quite serious, and you seem to have lost some vitality and blood essences as well. Let me help you."

Huo Poyun hadn't even taken a step forward yet, but Mu Feixue had already acted to reject his request immediately. She had even subconsciously raised a thin sheen of ice in front of her, "No need, I can take care of myself. Flame God Realm is constantly embroiled in unrest as well, you really shouldn't divide your attention and come here so often, Young Sect Master Huo."

Yun Che, "...?"

Huo Poyun smiled at her and said, "To me, protecting Flame God Realm and the place where you reside are equally important, Fairy Feixue."

Yun Che: (☺o☺)... (Dafak?)

"Cough... Cough cough..." Mu Hanyan let out a light cough before interrupting, "Senior Sister Feixue, your wounds are too serious to be delayed any further. Why don't we enter the city and help you recuperate first? We may return to the sect once your wounds have stabilized somewhat."

"Right, right right," The governor of Illusory Smoke City hurriedly nodded before turning around to face both Yun Che and Huo Poyun, "Golden Crow young sect master, Senior Ling, please come with us so we may express to you our gratitude."

"Alright, in that case I'll be troubling you." This time Huo Poyun didn't turn down his offer.

His reply caused the governor to reply reverently and fearfully, "Oh, not at all, not at all."

Yun Che thought for a moment before nodding as well.

### **Chapter 1413 - Too Difficult, Too Difficult**

The scale of Illusory Smoke City was about the same as Blue Wind Imperial City. The latter was an imperial city of a nation while the former was considered a truly small and remote city in the Snow Song Realm. In fact, it was a city that was so small that ninety percent of the Snow Song Realm would not be able to recall its name.

Illusory Smoke City had suffered enormous losses during their great battle to defend the city. Under such circumstances, the Illusory Smoke City's governor ought to have done his utmost to clean up after the battle. However, due to the presence of several absolutely shocking distinguished guests in the city, he had accompanied them throughout and he had left the clean up to others.

Mu Feixue began to focus on healing her own injuries and a whole bevy of female Ice Phoenix disciples were guarding her.

Yun Che stood on the top of a roof as he silently stared at the distant snow region that was completely devastated. Today, he had merely seen the tip of the iceberg when it came to the current situation in

the Snow Song Realm. In fact, he would not even be able to imagine the current state of the entire Eastern Divine Region.

With the Blue Pole Star as the precedent, he could well imagine that if this continued, the level of the profound beasts that were affected would rise higher and higher. Furthermore, once it reached a certain level, demons, humans, and spirits would start getting affected as well. At that time, the Eastern Divine Region would truly transform into an incomparably terrifying disaster zone.

It was extremely likely that this would affect the lower realms as well.

No matter what, this calamity needed to be stopped.

“Brother Ling,” Huo Poyun’s voice suddenly rang out from beside him. Yun Che did not know when he had started standing there. He was dressed all in red and his bearing was extraordinary. He had already completely transformed from the immature youth that he had been into a supreme being of the current era, someone who looked down upon all of heaven and earth.

Yun Che turned his head towards Huo Poyun and said in a half-joking manner, “I heard that Young Sect Master Huo was one of those god children who went through those three thousand years in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm. So you calling me brother is something that I truly find difficult to accept.”

Huo Poyun gave a bland chuckle, “Three thousand years in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm is no more than three years in the mortal realm. Even though three thousand years of my lifespan has indeed passed, when it comes to seniority, I still use the mortal realm as a benchmark.”

Yun Che also chuckled upon hearing that, “I heard that those who can become Divine Masters end up possessing powers that reign supreme over heaven and earth and they are revered and worshipped by all living beings. I’m afraid that a Divine Master that doesn’t put on any airs like you is the one and only such Divine Master in this universe.”

Huo Poyun shook his head, “Brother Ling flatters me. Speaking of which, I actually feel that Brother Ling is the one who is truly extraordinary instead.”

“Oh?” Yun Che glanced to the side as he said, “Why do you say that?”

Huo Poyun simply sat beside him with a thump and when he spoke, he did not project any of the awe-inspiring presence of a Divine Master, “When Brother Ling said that I did not possess the usual attitude of a Divine Master, you also did not have any fear or reverence towards the two words ‘Divine Master’. Just based on this point alone, Brother Ling is already an extraordinary person.”

“...” Yun Che gave a faint smile. Indeed, when faced with a Divine Master who had suddenly descended from the sky, the reaction of the Illusory Smoke City’s governor was the most normal one.

“Furthermore, for some odd reason, I felt a sense of familiarity with Brother Ling from the moment that I saw you,” he sincerely said as he looked at Yun Che.

“In that case, it would be my honor.”

“I’m telling the truth,” Huo Poyun said in a deeply moved voice. “This feeling is something I haven’t felt for too long. Brother Ling, all of you definitely think that once one becomes a Divine Master, one will be

able to lord over all under heaven and be revered by all living beings, that one will be capable of doing all things and overcoming anything. But in reality... it will also cause that person to lose many things."

"It should be worries that the common man would not be able to understand, right?" Yun Che said.

"No." Huo Poyun shook his head, "On the contrary, these are things that could not be more ordinary to the rest of you. For example... Friends."

Yun Che, "..."

"One year ago, I left the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm and returned to the Flame God Realm. The me who had become a Divine Master had shaken the entire universe and my glory was boundless. However, during the last year or so, I was no longer able to find anyone whom I could relate to as an equal. My previous senior brothers, junior brothers, senior sisters, and junior sisters, including the playmates and friends that I greatly cherished, all of them had changed... No, I should say that I had changed. No matter how I tried to act like I did previously, no matter how I tried to express my affection, the only thing they would feel toward me was reverence and respect..."

"Furthermore, what was even scarier was that I started to feel that they were being childish, and I would even feel that they were lowly and pathetic... No matter how much I tried to suppress this feeling, no matter how hard I tried, these feelings simply refused to go away," Huo Poyun said as he closed his eyes and exhaled deeply.

"Hahahaha," upon hearing Huo Poyun's words, Yun Che gave a great laugh instead as he said, "Brother Poyun, this definitely isn't your fault and it's not even your loss. Rather, due to the flow of time and your increase in cultivation, the state of your mind has also leveled up. The height that you are at and the world that you currently see has long ago become completely different from what it was in the past, so for you to have these feelings is simply far too normal. It's just like how you view the you from 'three thousand years' ago. Don't you find him very childish and pathetic as well?"

"..." Huo Poyun was slightly stunned by those words but after that a faint smile appeared on his face as he said, "Perhaps, you are right. I've also thought of this before, but..."

"You simply haven't gotten used to it yet. But I don't think that you'll still have such worries at the same time next year," Yun Che said.

Huo Poyun turned his eyes to Yun Che and said, "The aura of Brother Ling's lifespan shows that you should not even have reached one hundred years of age, yet you are so broad-minded and magnanimous. It makes me look like I'm actually the junior instead. It looks like Brother Ling has definitely lived through some extraordinary experiences during your lifetime."

Yun Che laughed but he did not confirm or deny Huo Poyun's words.

"However, if one person was still in this world, he would definitely still treat me as a friend. But he's already..." Huo Poyun raised his head up as he looked at the pale white sky, the aura radiating from his body grew heavy and it was filled with despondency and loss.

Yun Che, "..."

“When I became a Divine Master and I left the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm, I had originally thought that I no longer had anything to fear and that I could become the eternal pride of the Flame God Realm. However, I am still far weaker and frailer than I had imagined. Upon hearing that ‘he’ was no longer in this world, I cried a lot and I only recovered after several whole days... Perhaps, it can also be counted as a kind of fortune that I had someone in this world that would cause me to react in such a manner.”

Yun Che, “...”

Huo Poyun came to himself and hurriedly apologized to Yun Che, “I’m sorry, it seems as if I’ve said a bunch of unnecessary things. He was a friend I had back then, but he’s already no longer in this world. Back in the day, he would also call me ‘Brother Poyun’ and that was why I was somewhat moved just now.”

“You seem to admire Fairy Feixue?” Yun Che abruptly asked.

“Errr...” Huo Poyun was slightly startled by that question. The Huo Poyun back in the day would have immediately gone beet red if he was asked such a question and he would panickedly deny it after that. But right now, after his brief moment of startlement, he cheerfully nodded his head and said, “That’s right. Before I laid my eyes on her, I had never known that such a beautiful woman actually existed in this world.”

“I’m not afraid of you making fun of me,” Huo Poyun said, “but I was smitten with her at first sight, long before I even entered the Eternal Heaven Pearl. It was just that at that time, my heart was filled with passion and cowardice and I felt that I was simply not worthy of a celestial maiden like her. So I naturally did not dare to reveal any of my feelings towards her.”

“During the three thousand years I spent in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm, my mind and heart were completely focused, yet the only thing I could not forget was her figure. However, this did not hinder my cultivation at all. On the contrary, it became one of my greatest motivations. It was only when I became a Divine Master and left the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm that I finally had the courage and the confidence to approach her.”

“However...” Huo Poyun laughed bitterly as he shook his head, “As you can see, she is completely indifferent towards me, even though I’ve already climbed to such heights.”

Yun Che thought about it for a while before speaking, “Given your current cultivation and status, in all of the myriad worlds, from the princess of a nation to the daughter of a realm king, you can choose any one of them so long as you are willing. So why are you so fixated on her?”

“Perhaps that time will be the only time in my life that I felt truly touched, so touched that the deepest part of my soul stirred,” Huo Poyun said in a soft voice. “At the very least, I have not felt that same kind of feeling for any other girl, not even the slightest bit. Does Brother Ling not feel the same way?”

“...” Yun Che massaged his jaw with his hand, he did not know how to respond.

“Master has warned me time and again that the Ice Phoenix God Investiture Canon cultivated by the Ice Phoenix women would freeze their emotions and many Ice Phoenix women would remain alone for their entire lives. Moreover, they seem extremely repelled by men who possess yang energy, so they will be repelled even more by someone like me, a person who cultivates a fire profound art, but...” Huo

Poyun sighed yet again, "I can't control my own emotions. Brother Ling, do you have any methods that can help?"

"This... is something that can only be accomplished by yourself. No one will be able to help you," Yun Che could only answer in that manner.

A bitter smile crossed Huo Poyun's face as he stood up and said, "This is clearly the first time we've met, yet, for some odd reason, I complained so much to Brother Ling. I hope that you did not find it funny or take offence."

"No way," Yun Che said with a smile. "For Brother Poyun to be so honest and frank with me, I can only feel grateful and honored."

Huo Poyun gave a small nod of his head and said, "Brother Ling seems to be the sort of person who likes to travel around. If you come to my Flame God Realm one day, I will definitely treat you as an honored guest."

"Great, since Brother Poyun has said such a thing, I have no choice but to make a trip to the Flame God Realm," Yun Che said with a big laugh.

"Mnn, it's a promise," Huo Poyun nodded his head as he gave a faint smile. After that, his red figure flashed and he disappeared from Yun Che's sight.

Yun Che gloomily exhaled... Ah it was difficult, too difficult. Huo Poyun could have liked anyone else, but he simply had to like the one person in the entire Snow Song Realm that would find it the hardest to have such emotions. This was an uncommonly difficult matter.

Oh, no, no. Before we even talk about this being hard or not, Huo Poyun was now a Divine Master! A Divine Master! He was someone who had reached the highest level in this universe, he had become an existence that would be treated like a god no matter where he went. As long as he was willing, he could obtain any woman he wanted... Yet he just had to choose someone who had nearly no emotions.

This wasn't even the problem of having a one-track mind! Instead, you could say that there was practically something wrong with his head!

There were so many world-renowned heroes who were not afraid of anything on heaven or earth, yet they simply could not pass the trial of a beautiful woman. He could only hope that Huo Poyun would not end up like this.

Yun Che did not move from his spot. He continued to sit there as he silently stared at the distant snow regions, his thoughts having long since flown to some unknown place.

He had just returned to the Snow Song Realm and he was about to return to the sect as well. There were simply far too many things he needed to think about.

Time silently flowed and after several hours had elapsed, Mu Feixue, who had been focused on healing her injuries, finally opened her eyes. Her injuries could be said to be completely stabilized so she dismissed the Ice Phoenix disciples who had been guarding her and slowly walked outside. Her gaze was slightly hazy and it seemed as if she had a lot on her mind.

In the distance, Huo Poyun, who had been keeping constant watch over her aura, wanted to hurriedly rush over and ask her if she was okay at the first possible moment. After his figure flashed a few times, Mu Feixue's figure had already appeared in his vision.

Joy leapt up in his heart and just as he was about to move forward, the foot that he had swung out suddenly froze in place... and it did not move for a very long time.

She had changed out of those Ice Phoenix Snow Robes that had been dyed with blood and there were no longer any flaws on her body. Her originally ice-cold face looked pale and weak due to her injuries and it caused one's heart to cry out in pity. Her dull pink lips were suffused with a faint and pearly glow and those pair of icy eyes were filled with a magnificence that another person would not even dare hope for after a thousand lifetimes...

She quietly stood there, turning the world that she resided in into a stunning painting.

Her gaze was exceptionally hazy and lost and it resembled mist and dreams. Her vision was directed... towards that rooftop that was not too tall. Yun Che sat on top of that roof, his back facing her, and he did move at all. It was clear that he was deep in thought.

She also remained motionless. She simply stared at him blankly... and she did not make a single sound for the longest time.

"..." Huo Poyun also froze in place, he had turned completely motionless.

This was the very first time he had seen such a look in Mu Feixue's eyes, yet this gaze was something that was all too familiar to him... Because, it was extremely similar to how he had secretly stared at her back all those times, it was extremely similar to how he would unconsciously become completely dazed as he did that...

He suddenly lost the ability to think.

After he saw that scene, the world seemed to freeze in place for Huo Poyun for a very long time.

Finally, after an indeterminate amount of time, Yun Che finally came back to his senses. He stood up and languidly stretched his rather stiff waist. It was also at this time that he discovered Mu Feixue's aura. After that, he turned around and cheerily said, "Oh! If it isn't Fairy Feixue. It seems as if your wounds are recovering well, are you ready to return to the sect yet?"

"..." It was as if Mu Feixue had woken up from a dream. Her eyes violently twitched but she did not respond. Instead, she suddenly took to the air and floated down in front of Yun Che. She looked like a snow butterfly dancing in the air, and it was more beautiful than anything in the world.

The place where she landed was no more than a step away from Yun Che.

Mu Feixue's actions startled Yun Che and left him at a complete loss. He stared at her as he asked, "What are you trying to do? If you want to thank me for saving your life, forget it. I did not take action in order to save you. I simply could not bear to see a beauty perish before my eyes."

Mu Feixue looked at him, her lips gently moving, her voice as light as a gentle wind, "Senior Brother Yun... You're actually still alive..."

“~ ! @#¥%... ? ?” Yun Che was completely stunned but he still maintained a straight face, “What Senior Brother Yun? What are you saying? My surname is Ling, the same Ling as Ling Yun, Ling Jie, and Ling Chen! It isn’t Yun, and I’m not some senior brother of yours! It couldn’t be that your emotions and mind are in a bit of a mess right now... because your injuries haven’t completely healed?”

### **Chapter 1414 - Returning to the Sect**

Although he denied it, Yun Che felt as if ten thousand horses were stampeding around in his heart.

What was happening?

What was going on!? How did she recognize me? It doesn’t make sense, it’s not possible!

Had it been a blind guess? That’s not right! Even if it was a blind guess, there still had to be a basis for this blind guess. Furthermore, his appearance, voice, manner of speech, and name had all been changed, and the only profound energy he had revealed was lightning energy. What’s more, there was also the fact that everyone in the God Realm already thought that “Yun Che was already dead”.

Even Huo Poyun, who had even more contact with him, and whose profound energy and divine senses had reached the heights of the Divine Master Realm, had been completely unable to recognize him. So where the heck did Mu Feixue come up with those three words “Senior Brother Yun”!?

Mu Feixue did not get angry or doubt herself because of what Yun Che had said. Instead, that pair of icy eyes stared affectionately into his own... In the past, she definitely would not have stared at him with such eyes. On the contrary, she would avert her gaze the moment her eyes came into contact with his.

However, in this world, the things which stirred one’s heart the most were “forever losing something” and “suddenly regaining what you had thought was lost forever”...

“I know it’s you,” she said in a soft voice, a voice so soft and faint that it seemed to be coming from an illusory dream.

The corner of Yun Che’s mouth crooked and he wanted to open his mouth and deny those words... But upon coming into contact with her gaze, he suddenly found that he was unable to say what he was going to say. After that, he found that he had even involuntarily averted his own eyes.

Mu Feixue had not only recognized him, she was also... clearly incredibly convinced of this fact!

Damn it all! Where exactly did I make a mistake?

Furthermore, the look that she was giving him...

Ssss... Could it be... No way, right??

“You... Why did you call me ‘Senior Brother Yun’ or whatever?” Yun Che asked in a low and suppressed voice.

His averted eyes and his clearly weakened tone were already things that practically confirmed her words. Mu Feixue said, “During the past few years, Master would often tell me about things concerning you. Master said that you had once left the sect and traveled to a star realm called the Darkya Realm to train, and during that period of time, you changed your name to ‘Ling Yun’.”



Yun Che's eyes widened and he grew even more stunned as he gasped, "It... It was just because of this?"

Whenever Yun Che changed his name on his travels, he would always use the name 'Ling Yun'. This definitely was not because he had any improper feelings towards the Young Villa Master of Heavenly Sword Villa, Ling Yun. Rather, it was because this name was simple and easy to say and to use, a name that was very common... It was simply because of that.

Mu Xuanyin was indeed completely aware of the things he had done when he had escaped to the Darkya Realm after she had done a check, so it was also absolutely normal that she knew that he had used the fake name 'Ling Yun'. However, this name was a common one, in fact, you could easily find tens of thousands of people with that name if you randomly chose a small planet. So how could Mu Feixue think of him simply based on this name!?

This was simply nonsense!!

If you told this to a ghost, even that ghost wouldn't believe you!

"This name caused me to be even more convinced, "Mu Feixue's gaze remained the same as before, "From the very first moment I saw you... Even though your appearance, voice and aura were all different, I immediately thought of you."

Yun Che, "...???"

"Because..." She said as she looked at his involuntarily darting eyes, "I remember your eyes and your smell."

"..." Yun Che was completely struck dumb and he was left at a complete loss for a moment.

He was not Huo Poyun, a person who was like a white sheet when it came to the relationships between men and women. In fact, he was all too clear on what Mu Feixue's words meant.

Eyes... Smell... and she even managed to recognize the him who had been disguised so well that the disguise was nearly perfect. The only possibility was that his figure had been carved into an extremely deep part of her heart, a part so deep that it reached the innermost depths of her very soul.

"..." Yun Che was unable to say anything for a very long time, because for a moment, even he could not bring himself to believe such a thing.

He had come into contact with many exceptional and outstanding women in his life, so his experience when it came to the relationship between a man and woman was incomparably rich. Therefore he could easily sense when any girl took an interest in him. However, when it came to Mu Feixue... The only time he had ever come into proper contact with her was when he had been "ambushed" by Mu Xuanyin and had nearly pushed her down and raped her. He had not hesitated to injure himself in order to stop himself forcefully. After that, he had really barely even seen her.

Whenever he had seen her on those rare occasions, he could only ever sense coldness and rejection from Mu Feixue's body... This combined with Mu Feixue's temperament and what he had done to her convinced him that he was absolutely the person she hated the most in this universe.

However, right now, as he faced her fixed gaze, as he heard her say the words "I remember your eyes and your smell"... Yun Che had been left completely dumbstruck.

Just what was going on? When exactly did this happen? This shouldn't be happening... There was no reason for this to happen... It was impossible!

"Do you still want to deny what I said?" she asked softly.

"You... Aren't you afraid that you've gotten the wrong person? After all... After all..." Yun Che had been rendered rather incoherent by this turn of events.

"There are some stirrings of the heart that only happens once in your life, and only happen for one single person," she said. She continued to look at him and she was not willing to avert her gaze as she said, "So, there's no way that I am wrong."

"..." The words that Mu Feixue said were extremely similar to the words that Huo Poyun had just told him.

Oh that's right, Huo Poyun...

Yun Che's head started to hurt.

Back in the day, after he had become Mu Xuanyin's direct disciple, his status in the Divine Ice Phoenix Sect had immediately vaulted to the highest echelon. He also knew that there were many senior and junior sisters who admired him within the sect... However, he was incomparably convinced that even if every woman in the sect were to like him, there was definitely one person who would not even daign to look at him.

And that person was Mu Feixue.

But today... at this very moment, he suddenly realized, amidst that long daze of his, that he perhaps still did not understand women.

After taking in a deep breath, Yun Che released his spiritual senses and swiftly used them to sweep the area. After he confirmed that no one was around them, his expression grew complicated as he said, "Fine, I'll admit it. I'm Yun Che... a living and breathing Yun Che."

As he said those words, he stretched out his hand and an icy light flashed in his hand before scattering, evoking the Ice Phoenix aura in that very instant. After that, he lifted his palm and casually wiped it over his face, revealing his true appearance.

"..." Mu Feixue's pearly lips quivered and her icy eyes shook as she gazed upon his face that was mere inches away from her. The gaze that had been fixed on his face suddenly flitted away in a fluster and her aura had clearly grown disordered.

With another wave of his hands, his face transformed back into Ling Yun's face within a few short breaths as his heart sighed with angst... His perfect disguise! How could it actually be so weak and flimsy in front of a woman?

Eyes? Smell? How the heck was he supposed to disguise those!?

After her eyes had darted away from his face in a fluster, Mu Feixue suddenly turned around as her chest heaved. It was only after a good long while that she managed to regulate her own aura and she

spoke in a voice that was both gentle and cold, "If Master finds out that you're still alive, she'll definitely be very happy."

"Don't let anyone know that I'm still alive yet," Yun Che said.

"I know," Mu Feixue had not asked why he was still alive, she also had not asked where he had been for the past few years nor had she asked about why he had returned, "Return to the sect with me, I will bring you to see Master."

"Alright," Yun Che nodded his head.

The profound beast rampage assailing Illusory Smoke City had been pacified and even the greatest and most deeply hidden disaster that could threaten it had been eliminated. Even if a beast tide assaulted the city after this, Illusory Smoke City should be able to defend itself.

Mu Feixue's injuries would not impede her for the time being and once the Divine Ice Phoenix disciples greeted Illusory Smoke City's governor, they boarded their profound ark and returned to the sect. Yun Che accompanied them in the name of paying a visit to the Snow Song Realm King.

The ice ark cut through the winds as it flew towards the Ice Phoenix Realm that the sect was located in. As he stood at the very front of the ice ark, Yun Che stared at the boundlessly pale white world as heart violently stirred.

He was finally returning to the sect. He would finally see Master and Palace Master Bingyun again.

He did not know what reaction they would have when they saw him again... The past few years where he had been "dead" had definitely caused them a lot of anxiety.

"Why didn't we see Young Sect Master Huo?" Yun Che asked. When they had left Illusory Smoke City, he had, surprisingly enough, not seen Huo Poyun.

Mu Hanyan said, "Oh! I nearly forgot about that. It seems as if Young Sect Master Huo received a sound transmission from his sect at the last moment, so he left in a hurry. Before he left, he told me to send his regards to Senior Ling and Senior Sister Feixue."

"Ah, so that's what happened," Yun Che said as he nodded his head. He somehow felt as if something was not quite right, but he did not pay it much mind.

"Senior Ling," Mu Hanyan said rather hesitantly, "you should have heard that Sect Master's personality is cold and indifferent and she normally does not wish to be disturbed. Even though we owe you a great debt for saving Senior Sister Feixue's life, and even though Senior Sister Feixue is personally bringing you to see Sect Master, it would be better... if Senior does not have too many expectations going in."

"I understand," Yun Che said in a carefree and relaxed manner. "If I can see her, it will naturally be my great fortune. But if it isn't meant to be, then that is also what it should be. Rather, it seems as if my sudden intention has been too abrupt."

Mu Hanyan hurriedly made a bow but after hearing those words, he had grown slightly more relaxed.

Mu Feixue walked over and stood at Yun Che's side at the head of the ice ark. She looked into the distance together with him but the two people did not even look at each other or speak to each other.

The silence of these two people caused the world to turn exceptionally quiet. Mu Hanyan, who was standing there, suddenly felt as if his presence was rather unnecessary. He opened his mouth but chose not to speak, instead, he simply left on silent feet.

“Uh...” Since there were no outsiders around, Yun Che finally could not help but ask, “Why haven’t you asked me why I am still alive?”

Mu Feixue did not react in any way.

“Huo Poyun, he...” Yun Che paused for a moment before he continued, “You definitely can sense that he likes you.”

From the reaction of Mu Hanyan and the rest of them, it was clear that this had stopped being a secret a long time ago. Indeed, now that Huo Poyun had become a Divine Master, he had absolute confidence in himself when facing any woman. At the same time, he was also exceptionally proactive. Over this period of a year, it was very clear that he had come to the Snow Song Realm many times... just for the sake of Mu Feixue.

“What has that got to do with me?” she replied expressionlessly.

Yun Che stealthily glanced to the side before he asked in brazen manner, “You could recognize me just by my eyes and my smell, a person who was supposed to be already dead. It can’t be that you’re... secretly in love with me, right?”

“...and what has that got to do with you?” Her reply remained as cold as ever and it was as if she had returned to the way she had been all those years ago.

“...” Yun Che was rendered speechless for a time.

Huo Poyun liked Mu Feixue and he had not stopped liking her for a whole three thousand years. But Mu Feixue clearly... Yun Che stretched out a hand to scratch his head. Ah, his brain hurt... his brain hurt.

His unconscious action caused the icy light in Mu Feixue’s eyes to faintly dim before she suddenly spoke in a cold voice, “What he does is his own business. What I do is my own business. All of this has nothing to do with you, so you don’t need to fret over this.”

Upon finishing her speech, she turned around coldly and silently left.

Yun Che turned around to look at her retreating back as he exhaled deeply... It would be great if it was truly that simple.

This was stranger than strange. How did she end up liking me?

Up to now, Yun Che still could not understand why Mu Feixue would start having feelings for him... He really could not think of even a single indication or reason that would explain this.

As the ice ark flew, Yun Che released his divine sense and he finally sensed the aura of the Ice Phoenix Realm. This also caused his heart to throb even more as Mu Xuanyin’s face and figure grew clearer and clearer in his mind.

It had been four years already...

I don't know if the me right now is still present in her world... or if she's completely erased me from her memories.

The ice ark sailed through the Ice Phoenix Realm before it swiftly started to descend, and the Divine Ice Phoenix Sect that he remembered swiftly grew nearer and nearer in his vision.

While he was off in his own world, Mu Feixue appeared at his side and said, "We will go directly to the Sacred Hall."

Her voice lingered in his ears but Mu Feixue had already started her descent. Yun Che calmed his emotions and closely followed behind her.

Other than Mu Xuanyin herself, the only other people who could freely enter the area around the sect's Sacred hall were Mu Bingyun and Mu Feixue. So being brought in by Mu Feixue was undoubtedly the best option. As they witnessed Mu Feixue departing with "Ling Yun", all the gathered Ice Phoenix disciples found it rather strange but no one said anything about it.

The Ice Phoenix Sacred Hall, where the flying snow resembled rainbows. After his feet had once again stepped into this sacred region that had been buried by snow since time immemorial, Yun Che's footsteps had unconsciously grown a lot lighter. At some point in time, he had also gone from following behind Mu Feixue to walking by her side.

He got rid of the disguise on his face and the cold energy that was unique to the Ice Phoenix God Investiture Canon appeared in his aura.

In front of the Sacred Hall, Mu Feixue knelt down and said, "Feixue greets Master..."

Just as she started to speak, an extremely icy voice rang out of the Sacred Hall, "Let him to roll inside here by himself!"

#### **Chapter 1415 - Xuanyin's Violent Fury**

Both Yun Che and Mu Feixue were stunned at the same time. Mu Feixue shot a glance at Yun Che and replied, "Yes, Master."

"Senior Brother Yun, please," Mu Feixue said as she rose and retreated a few steps.

Yun Che stood there blankly for a few breaths, a complex look in his eyes. After that, he finally started moving and he walked into the Sacred Hall.

"..." Mu Feixue turned around and silently left.

The extremely cold and pure aura within the Sacred Hall seemed both distant and familiar at the same time. Upon stepping into the Sacred Hall, the first thing Yun Che saw was Mu Xuanyin's figure... Even though he only saw her back, it seemed to be formed from the coldest and most gorgeous ice in the entire universe. The silhouette of her back was so absolutely beautiful and powerful that even Yun Che, the man who was the closest to her in this universe, still did not dare stare straight at her.

Mu Xuanyin did not react at all to him entering the Sacred Hall or approaching her.

Yun Che stopped as he knelt down and said, "This disciple Yun Che greets Master."

Yun Che had gotten rid of all of his disguises the moment he entered the area around the Sacred Hall. In fact, he even deliberately released his aura. He was convinced that Mu Xuanyin had been aware of his return from the very moment he stepped into this place.

“Master?”

Mu Xuanyin slowly turned around and a face that seemed to be carved from ice jade, a face so beautiful that it looked like a celestial fantasy, appeared in Yun Che’s vision, “Who is your master!?”

Yun Che was struck dumb by those words and he felt his heart go ice cold.

His body contained the soul crystal that Mu Xuanyin had personally implanted so Mu Xuanyin would have been the first person to know of his death. Regarding his death, everyone else would only have heard of it; it was only her who had clearly seen what had happened before his death and exactly how his death had played out.

As a result, in Yun Che’s reckoning, she should have been the person who was most certain that he was dead, and consequently, she should also have been the person who would be the most shocked upon his sudden resurrection and return.

He had thought of the many different reactions Mu Xuanyin would have to seeing him, but... the Mu Xuanyin in front of him was not shocked, she was not agitated, she was not even disbelieving. Her eyes and her snowy face only radiated an icy and heartless might, and every word that proceeded from her lips pierced the bone and chilled the heart.

“Master, I...”

“Shut up!”

Just as Yun Che spoke, an icy rebuke completely sealed away the words that he was just about to say. At this moment, her cold and heartless eyes were filled with a rage that would cow all living beings, “Right now, my direct disciple is Feixue. As for you... The most stupid decision that I ever made in my entire life was to have such a foolish disciple as yourself!”

“...” Yun Che’s eyes widened, he was left completely speechless.

“Three years ago, in the Star God Realm, one man massacred a host of Star Guards and he even managed to kill a Star God Elder. Ah, that was truly an awe-inspiring act,” Mu Xuanyin’s voice grew even colder as every word that proceeded from mouth pierced Yun Che’s heart. “For the sake of the Heavenly Slaughter Star God, even though you were well aware that you would definitely die, even though you were well aware that you could not even save her, you still raced across a great distance to reach the Star God Realm and you used the power that you exchanged your own life for so all those people could die together with you. How awe-inspiring and impressive, how deeply moving!”

“Heh! You died happily and terribly, you died a death that was wrought by deep emotions, you did right by your Heavenly Slaughter Star God! However... do you know how many people have paid the price just to ensure that you lived, how much blood and effort these people extended to preserve your life!? They took great risks and nearly even gambled the future of an entire star realm to give you the opportunity to take refuge in the Dragon God Realm. Yet you still wanted to rush to your own death despite knowing

that you were going to die... Have you done right by them!? Have you done right by yourself!? Have you done right by your wives and family members who were waiting for your return in the lower realm!?"

"Besides the Heavenly Slaughter Star God, who else have you ever done right by!?"

Mu Xuanyin grew more and more enraged as she spoke, and by the time she had finished speaking, her chest was already violently heaving.

Under her cold fury, even the flying snow outside of the Sacred Hall had stopped fluttering.

"..." Yun Che's lips trembled. A very long time passed before he could even try to speak and he did so with great difficulty, "Master, I..."

"You're not allowed to call me Master!" Mu Xuanyin once again sealed his lips as she shouted, "I took you as my disciple, allowed you to use the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake as you pleased, bestowed upon you the best resources in the entire realm! In order to quickly help you ascend to the Divine Tribulation Realm, I put aside everything related to the sect and personally helped you cultivate, not leaving your side through night and day... But this is how you would repay me!? This is how you would repay the Snow Song Realm!?"

"I, Mu Xuanyin, don't have a foolish disciple like you!"

She turned around once more, her massive bosom drawing beautiful and heart-stirring arcs in the air as her chest heaved violently.

This was the first time Yun Che had ever seen Mu Xuanyin so angry... Even if back in the day, when he had been caught by her after he had made a great mistake and fled, she had not been this furious.

"Mas... ter..." Yun Che bowed his head and spoke softly, "The debt this disciple owes you is as heavy as a mountain and you are the one who has treated this disciple the best in the world. Yet, this disciple has let you down time and again. This disciple knows that he has no face to..."

"Enough!" Mu Xuanyin roared coldly, her back still facing him, "Why did you return? Who asked you to come back!?"

Those words left Yun Che completely stunned for several breaths.

She had not asked him why he was still alive. Rather, she had asked him... why did you return?

It was as if... she had found out that he was still alive a long time ago?

"Master, could it be that you were long aware..."

"I asked you for your reason for returning! Give me a proper answer!" Mu Xuanyin was not even giving him the chance to ask any questions.

The pleasant surprise that he had felt from seeing her again had now turned to fear and panic because of her coldness and fury. He hesitated for a brief period of time before he sincerely said, "Because of the crimson calamity."

"The crimson calamity? Speak clearly!" Yun Che's reply caused Mu Xuanyin's icy brows to twitch.

There was no reason for Yun Che to hide anything from Mu Xuanyin so he honestly told her everything, "An Ice Phoenix god lies hidden at the bottom of the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake but this is something that Master has definitely been aware of since a long time ago."

Mu Xuanyin, "..."

"This disciple has met her twice already so she knows about disciple's past and the powers that I possess. She also long ago sensed the existence of that crimson crack in the Wall of Primal Chaos. She was also aware of the reason for its existence and the calamity hiding behind. In fact, she heavily emphasized to this disciple that the powers that I possess are the only hope left that could stop this calamity."

"She also said that the moment this disciple inherited the Evil God divine powers, I also had to shoulder the duty of stopping this calamity from happening."

Mu Xuanyin, "..."

"Every single word this disciple has said is true," Yun Che knew that the words he had just said were simply far too outrageous, and the so-called "hope" and "duty" were even more vague and illusory than that. No matter who heard it, they would not believe it and they would even feel that these words were ridiculous and absurd.

"This disciple has been in the lower realms for the past few years. Because the Blue Pole Star that disciple was born on is near to the eastern part of the Primal Chaos and close to the crimson crack, disasters began to occur on a more and more frequent basis over the years, and they were getting more and more severe as well. It was gradually reaching the point where no one would be able to control it."

"The same sort of calamities are definitely also happening in the Eastern Divine Region and if this goes on, it will grow more and more severe with each passing day. Thus, this disciple decided to return to the God Realm and was prepared to enter the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake once more to see the Ice Phoenix god. Perhaps she will be able to tell this disciple how to deal with this calamity.

After a brief and heavy silence, Mu Xuanyin finally turned back to face him again. Her eyes coldly stared at him as she said, "This was your reason for returning?"

"...It is also because this disciple has always missed Master," Yun Che said as he bowed his head, he did not dare come into contact with her far-too cold gaze.

"..." Mu Xuanyin's icy eyes faintly narrowed as her tone grew several degrees gentler, "Which means that you still indeed view me as your master?"

"Yes!" Yun Che immediately nodded his head very vigorously as he said, "I will always view you so."

"Good, very good." She gave a small nod of her head as her voice abruptly grew cold once more, "If you really do view me as your master, then right now... immediately... get lost and return to your lower realm. You are never to take half a step into the God Realm ever again!"

Yun Che raised his head, "Master, I..."

"Stopping the crimson calamity? Your duty?" Mu Xuanyin coldly said, "Don't you find it ridiculous as well?"



“The crack in the Wall of Primal Chaos does indeed hide a yet unknown calamity. The moment it erupts, it is very likely that the Eastern Divine Region will be faced with an overwhelming calamity. To stop this calamity from happening is the duty of all the people living in the Eastern Divine Region. In fact, it is the duty of everyone in the God Realm, the duty of all living creatures in the Primal Chaos! When did it ever become your duty alone!?”

“Given your experience, status, and capabilities, are you even worthy of undertaking such a mission?”

Yun Che’s lips parted but he was unable to respond to those words.

“I don’t mind telling you one thing,” Mu Xuanyin said as she looked at him. “In order to deal with this calamity, the Eternal Heaven Realm has already gathered the strength of all of the king realms and upper star realms in the Eastern Divine Region and they have constructed a grand dimensional formation that can access nearly half of the Primal Chaos. This formation will allow anyone to travel to the easternmost part of the Primal Chaos through the Eternal Heaven God Realm, and it was just completed ten days ago.”

Yun Che was completely stunned... A grand dimensional formation that could access nearly half the Primal Chaos?

Could such a thing truly exist!?

“Other than that, the **【Eternal Heaven General Assembly】** will start in slightly less than a month’s time. This Eternal Heaven General Assembly was organized in order to deal with the crimson calamity, and the only ones who are qualified to participate in this assembly are...” Mu Xuanyin paused for a moment, “Divine Masters!”

Yun Che, “...”

“Given the scale of this calamity, even if one is a Divine Sovereign, one still would not have the qualifications to deal with it in any way, shape or form. So what can you do? The words you just said were simply a huge joke!”

“There will naturally be people who will deal with the crimson calamity and this isn’t only limited to the Divine Masters within the Eastern Divine Region. The powerhouses of the other divine regions will also participate as well, so it definitely won’t be something that you will have to worry about! Before anyone else discovers that you are still alive, hurry up and scam back to the lower realms!” Mu Xuanyin’s voice was icy and resolute, it left absolutely no grounds for argument.

“But the Ice Phoenix god told me herself. Moreover...”

Mu Xuanyin’s icy brows sank as she said, “Then are you prepared to listen to her words or are you going to listen to mine!?”

“...” Yun Che froze in place, completely unable to reply.

Mu Xuanyin suddenly extended a hand and an icy-blue barrier was instantly constructed, sealing Yun Che within it... This barrier could seal away all light, sound, and aura. Furthermore, she had personally made this barrier so even ten thousand Yun Ches could forget about escaping it.

“Since you dared to return, then it means that you have already made up your mind. I won’t force you to come to an immediate decision.”

Mu Xuanyin’s voice rang inside the barrier, “I will give you twenty-four hours, you better give serious thought to what I just said. Think about the consequences of being discovered while in the God Realm and think about the wives, family, and daughter you have in the lower realms!”

“After twenty-four hours, you either obediently scam back to the lower realms, never to return again or I will break your legs and personally hurl you back there myself!”

Her voice faded away, and after that, Yun Che could not hear any other sounds. He could only stand there in a complete daze within that icy blue world.

Why does Master know that I have a daughter...

Could it be that...

Outside the barrier, the cold expression on Mu Xuanyin’s face instantly slipped away but her chest started heaving even more violently than it had before and it was a long time before she finally calmed down.

Mu Bingyun slowly strode out from behind Mu Xuanyin. Upon seeing Mu Xuanyin’s appearance, she gloomily sighed, “Big Sister, you’re going to scare him silly this way.”

“Hmph, I think that I actually didn’t scold him enough!” Mu Xuanyin gave a cold snort, her lingering anger yet to completely fade.

“I know that Big Sister has always been angry that he still went to the Star God Realm to save the Heavenly Slaughter Star God despite knowing that even ten lives wouldn’t be enough. You were furious that he did not treasure his own life. But...” Mu Bingyun softly said, “back then, didn’t he also do the same thing for Big Sister?”

Mu Xuanyin, “...”

“In the Flame God Realm’s Ancient God Burying Inferno, when Big Sister faced off against the ancient horned dragon, your wounds were extremely severe and you had exhausted almost all of yourself. You had even been struck by the horned dragon’s poison so you were definitely going to die. The three sect masters of the Flame God Realm and the other sect elders, none of them dared to go and save you. Only he did... He only had the power of the Divine Origin Realm, he was an incomparably pathetic and lowly existence. Yet for your sake, he rushed towards the ancient horned dragon that no one in the entire Flame God Realm dared to approach... For him, that was also something that he wouldn’t survive even if he had ten lives.”

“I had originally thought that you had been furious at him back then because you were forced to lose your chastity to him. But it was only later that I realized that you had not only lost your chastity to him, but you had lost your heart to him as well,” Mu Bingyun said as she looked at her sister, her soft and gentle words stirring her heart and soul. “Wasn’t the thing that stole your heart, the thing that made the Heavenly Slaughter Star God willing to become the Evil Infant, that very “stupidity” of his?”

“Don’t say anything else,” Mu Xuanyin said as she closed her eyes, “you wouldn’t understand.”

## Chapter 1416 - Exposed

There were many strange and mysterious emotional paradoxes that existed between men and women.

For example, Mu Xuanyin's heartstrings had been plucked all those years ago because Yun Che had put his life on the line for her sake when he had rushed the ancient horned dragon. But after that, the thing she was most afraid of, the thing she could least tolerate, was that very act of Yun Che risking his life again... whether it was for herself or for other people.

These were the sorts of subtle changes that Mu Bingyun, who was inexperienced in love, would definitely not be able to understand.

"Are you so urgently trying to send him back because you're afraid that he'll find out about the matter regarding the 'Evil Infant'?" Mu Bingyun asked.

"To the best of his knowledge, both the Heavenly Slaughter Star God and the Heavenly Wolf Star God died three years ago," Mu Xuanyin said in a slow and measured manner. "I've witnessed the gradually worsening disasters on the Blue Pole Star with my own eyes, so the reason he suddenly returned to the Snow Song Realm this time was indeed only to solve the calamity that was slowly spiraling out of his control."

"..." Mu Bingyun was stumped for words upon hearing that. After that, a complicated look appeared on her snowy face as she said, "You've been going to the Blue Pole Star frequently over the past few years?"

"..." Mu Xuanyin's icy eyes wavered slightly. But after that, she avoided Mu Bingyun's direct gaze and said in a cold voice, "That isn't important!"

After a slight pause, Mu Xuanyin continued to speak, "What he said just now should be the complete truth. However, if he does not obtain the answer that he desires, or if he perhaps discovers that his own strength is insufficient, or if perhaps the 【Eternal Heaven General Assembly】 , which will gather the strength of all the Divine Masters, will prove to be enough to deal with the crimson calamity, then he will have no reason to take such a huge risk and stay in the God Realm. Instead, he will obediently return home."

"However, if he discovers that the Heavenly Slaughter Star God is still alive and that she has become the Evil Infant that the entire God Realm hates and is trying to kill... What would he do?" Mu Xuanyin said as she closed her eyes, "Would he still go back?"

Mu Bingyun, "..."

"Given his personality, and the special relationship that they shared, even if the Heavenly Slaughter Star God were to become the Evil Infant, he would still do everything he could to find her, and after that, he would stand by her side... Even if it meant that he would go against the entire God Realm."

Whether it was Mu Xuanyin or Mu Bingyun, both of them had no doubts whatsoever when it came to this particular point.

"If that time really does come, then anyone will be able to take action against Yun Che, who would be 'associated with the Evil Infant', in the name of justice and righteousness. Those that hate him and those

that covet his power, they would not even need to secretly attack him or use any underhanded means. Furthermore, given Yun Che's temper, even if he is well aware that this would be the result, he definitely wouldn't hesitate or back down."

Over the last few years, Mu Xuanyin had already completely understood exactly what kind of person Yun Che was. However, it was precisely because he was who he was that the people who loved him were willing to give up everything, and the people who hated him would love nothing more than to break his bones and scatter his ashes. She continued, "If I were the Evil Infant, I would definitely not want him to know that I was alive either."

"I understand. I understand everything you just said," Mu Bingyun said with a soft sigh. "But, Big Sister..."

"If you were Yun Che and he was the Evil Infant... Then, would you want him to forever be consigned to memories that can never become reality ever again. Or would you feel that even if you [had to oppose the rest of the universe] , you would still..."

Mu Bingyun left the rest of her words unsaid while Mu Xuanyin simply stood there at a loss for words, her aura faintly disordered.

After she gave Mu Xuanyin's profile a deep look, Mu Bingyun's gaze swept across the barrier that was sealing Yun Che away. Then, she soundlessly padded out of the Sacred Hall with complicated emotions in her heart.

The flying snow outside of the Sacred Hall was dancing wildly and chaotically in the air. Mu Bingyun trod through the snow, her steps slow and measured. It was only when she was about ten steps away that she finally realized that Mu Feixue was standing there.

"Palace Master Bingyun," Mu Feixue said with a curtsy.

"Feixue..." Mu Bingyun turned around and gently said, "You definitely mustn't tell anyone about the fact that Yun Che is still alive."

"Yes," Mu Feixue said as she lightly bit down on her lips and stopped herself from saying what she wanted to say.

"You want to ask about how Yun Che is right now, correct?" Mu Bingyun asked. She could sense Mu Feixue's somewhat evasive gaze and she softly sighed in her heart : Yun Che... was truly a calamitous star.

Mu Feixue lowered her delicate head before she spoke in a soft voice, "Just now, Master seemed to be really angry."

During the past few years that she had followed Mu Xuanyin, she had never once seen her so angry.

"She has always been like this with Yun Che, there's no need to worry," Mu Bingyun said as she shot her a glance. "Right now he is being confined by your master. You won't be able to see him for the time being and you shouldn't go and disturb your master either."

Even though Yun Che had been the one who had been confined for twenty-four hours, Mu Bingyun was well aware that the one whose thoughts were truly in disarray, and who really needed time to think and sort stuff out was not Yun Che. It was Mu Xuanyin herself.

“Yes, this disciple understands. This disciple will stand watch here then, and unless Master orders me to do so, I definitely won’t approach her,” Mu Feixue said.

“Mn,” Mu Bingyun responded with a nod of her head as she walked past Mu Feixue. But after she took a few steps, she suddenly stopped and turned her head slightly before speaking in a soft voice, “Feixue, the sect has never once decreed that the Ice Phoenix women were forbidden from having any feelings. The reason why so many generations of Ice Phoenix women, who were descended directly from the Ice Phoenix, ended up living lonely lives was not because they were forbidden from having relationships, it was because they did not want to have such a relationship. You don’t have to restrict yourself in any way whatsoever.”

Mu Feixue raised her head. She was left at a complete loss after hearing Mu Bingyun’s words.

“It is extremely hard for Ice Phoenix women to feel any emotions because of our bloodline and our profound art. So if one’s heartstrings have been tugged by any man, it isn’t a crime. Rather, it is something that one should rejoice in. In this world, no matter whether it is status or power, one has to strive hard to earn it. It is also the same with your feelings. In fact... it just might be more worth it for you to fight for your feelings than anything else.”

“This is something that you definitely must not learn from your master.”

“...” Mu Feixue stood there in a complete stupor. Every single word that Mu Bingyun had just said made her feel as if she was dreaming.

This was not only limited to herself. Upon saying those words, even Mu Bingyun herself stood there in a daze for a long while... It was as if she did not quite dare to believe that those words had actually come out of her own mouth.

She was even less sure why she had suddenly said such a thing... and if it was even meant for Mu Feixue to hear in the first place.

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Moon God Realm, Moon God Sacred Hall.

Xia Qingyue stood in front of a mirror, her beautiful eyes closed. Beside her, two lovely young girls with white teeth and bright eyes were helping her change her clothes. These young girls were absolute beauties and their bearing was as noble as a bright moon in the sky. However, because they were standing so close to Xia Qingyue, even their own radiant beauty was completely dimmed.

She was the first female god emperor in the history of the Moon God Emperors. The Moon God Emperor’s attire was extremely complicated and the two girls fussed over it for quite a while before they were finally able to carefully remove the outer garments, revealing a body hugged by a set of dull-purple undergarments.

The curves of the celestial body beneath those moon robes were astonishingly graceful and elegant. Her perfectly rounded shoulders looked as if they were made from fine jade, as if they had been carved by the heavens themselves. Her revealed skin glistened with a snowy luster. Perhaps it was in order to hide her figure, but her undergarments were bound exceptionally tight, so tight that her silky bosom swelled up in all of its fulsomeness.

The gazes of the girls who were attending to her involuntarily grew glazed and their breaths grew slightly rougher. This was far from the first time they had seen Xia Qingyue's jade body, but every single time they did, their eyes would be mesmerized even though they were also women, and they feverishly fantasized about which man would be fortunate enough to enjoy such a body.

At this moment, a person rushed over on hurried footsteps, her breathing uneven. Swiftly, a young girl clad in silver robes appeared behind them. She knelt down and said, "Master..."

"Jin Yue," Xia Qingyue said in a soft voice, "it's rare to see you in such a hurry. Could it be that something has happened with the crimson crack or the Eternal Heaven General Assembly?"

"Reporting to Master," Jin Yue hurriedly said. "We just received a piece of news. Yun Che is still in this world. He did not die and he is currently in the Snow Song Realm."

"Ah..." The girls besides Xia Qingyue simultaneously let out startled cries. After that they simultaneously took a small step backwards, their delicate heads drooping. They did not dare utter another sound.

"..." Xia Qingyue's beautiful eyes opened as she said, "Repeat that for me again."

"Yun Che is currently in the Snow Song Realm, and it is very likely that the news of his death in the Star God Realm back then... was fake." Jin Yue said with a bowed head. Jin Yue, who had been by Xia Qingyue's side all these years, was more clear than anyone else on what the name "Yun Che" meant to Xia Qingyue.

The Moon God Sacred Hall grew silent and it remained so for a very long time.

"Where did this news come from?" Xia Qingyue turned around as she spoke in a slow and measured voice.

"It was from the Holy Eaves Realm," Jin Yue replied.

"When was this news disseminated?" Xia Qingyue asked another question.

"Jin Yue just received this news and I came here to report it at the first possible moment." Jin Yue's breathing was still rather disordered as she continued to speak, "Yun Che has also just returned to the Snow Song Realm, and he shouldn't have been there for longer than twelve hours."

Xia Qingyue's delicate brows very gently knitted together.

She had always been aware that Yun Che was extremely good at disguise and stealth. If he was truly still alive, given his circumstances, he should have been extremely careful when he had chosen to surface again. So just how had he been discovered when he had not even been in the Snow Song Realm for twelve hours?

Furthermore... the ones who had found out were the Holy Eaves Realm!?

“Can this news be trusted?” she asked, her jade mien calm and coldly sober. However, it was almost as if she had forgotten she had taken off her outer garments. Her icy flesh and jade bones radiated a beauty and charm that was enough to cause a demon to drool, enough to cow that demon into obedience.

Yun Che was already dead. This was something that had been confirmed by the Eternal Heaven God Realm so it could not be false.

“Jin Yue does not dare believe it herself,” Jin Yue said cautiously. “However, there is another piece of news that we can confirm. Two hours ago, the Holy Eaves Realm’s Star End Hall flew out of the Holy Eaves Realm at an extreme speed and it was very likely heading for the Snow Song Realm, given the direction it was travelling in.”

The Star Destroyer Warship and the Star End Hall were the two most famous large profound arks that belonged to Holy Eaves Realm. The former was the Holy Eaves Realm’s principle profound warship. The latter was the fastest profound ark in the Holy Eaves Realm and it was even said to be the fastest profound ark outside of the king realms.

Furthermore, its owner was one Luo Changsheng!

Xia Qingyue’s face darkened slightly. Her eyes were glazed and she seemed to be mumbling to herself, “If the Star End Hall is really headed towards the Snow Song Realm, then... the news that Yun Che is still alive may perhaps really be true.”

“Master, four years ago, Luo Changsheng suffered a miserable defeat at the hands of Yun Che during the Profound God Convention’s Conferred God Battle. His reputation was also greatly damaged and it became the greatest humiliation of his life. Could it be that upon discovering that Yun Che still lives, he is striking out to vent his hatred?” the girl on the right asked.

“No,” Xia Qingyue said with a gentle shake of her head, “Luo Changsheng went through three thousand years in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm and he has already become a seventh level Divine Master. His name shook the universe and there are quite a few people who praised him by saying that he may perhaps reach the heights of a god emperor in the future. If the current Luo Changsheng made a move against Yun Che, it would not only expose his old wounds, it would also cause his status to plummet, causing everyone to despise him.”

Xia Qingyue’s voice paused for a moment before she slowly pronounced a single name, “It’s Luo Guxie.”

The eyes of three young girls clad in moon robes violently twitched at the same time.

That was right. If the current Luo Changsheng went to start a fight with Yun Che, it would truly destroy his own glowing reputation. However, Luo Guxie... No one in the Eastern Divine Region would forget that during the Conferred God Battle, she, despite her status as a Divine Master, had crazily lashed out against Yun Che in order to protect Luo Changsheng, who was being abused by Yun Che. She had even done so in front of the Eternal Heaven God Realm and countless powerhouses of the Eastern Divine Region... and she had even intended to kill with her strike...

But the result was that she ended up being heavily wounded by the heavenly law tribulation lightning that remained in Yun Che’s body.

That bolt of pale white lightning had not only pierced through her body, it had also destroyed all of the reputation she had built up in her life, reducing her to the laughingstock of the Eastern Divine Region.

If she suddenly received news that Yun Che was still alive, it would definitely remind her of her extraordinary humiliation. After that, she would immediately rush off to find him... Anyone who had witnessed what had happened all those years ago would not find her reaction the least bit strange.

“Jin Yue,” Xia Qingyue said as she moved forward, “Accompany me somewhere.”

“Is... Is it the Snow Song Realm?” Jin Yue asked.

“No, it’s another place.” Xia Qingyue’s eyes were like cold stars and her face was completely expressionless, “If we have received this news, then there is no reason for that person to have not received this news as well. And she will want to find Yun Che even more urgently than Luo Guxie herself.”

Jin Yue was briefly stunned by those words. But after that, her face blanched as she said, “Could Master be talking about...”

“Let’s go!” Xia Qingyue said as she caught Jin Yue’s arm.

“Ah! Master, your clothes...”

The startled and urgent cries of the girls behind them caused Xia Qingyue to pause for a brief moment. With a wave of her jade hand, a long amethyst robe clothed her body as an amethyst crown appeared on her delicate head, “Lian Yue, quickly send a sound transmission to the Eternal Heaven Realm and inform them that Yun Che is in the Snow Song Realm. The Eternal Heaven God Emperor has always felt guilt for not being able to protect Yun Che all those years ago, so he will definitely respond to this.”

“Yao Yue, seal the Sacred Hall, we cannot let anyone know that I’ve left the Moon God Realm.”

“Yes.”

Lian Yue and Yao Yue acknowledged their orders but Xia Qingyue and Jin Yue had already vanished in an abrupt flash of moonlight.

#### Chapter 1417 - The Third Heavenly Profound Treasure

Eastern Divine Region, space.

Two figures—one gold, one silver—zoomed past the stars like meteors, leaving behind an unnaturally long trail of profound light before they dissipated naturally... No, they were moving faster than meteors, so fast that it was beyond even the comprehension of a divine way profound practitioner.

However, they suddenly came to a stop while they were making a one-way journey toward the north.

A purple figure appeared in front of them and conjured a simple isolation barrier. Her calm voice penetrated space itself before entering into their ears, “You two seems to be in a hurry. Where might you be headed to?”

The entire universe itself seemed to darken on its own when the two figures had come to a complete standstill. It was because the golden figure was too bright and dazzling.



She had a wonderfully slender body and splendid golden hair. She was wearing a full dress that accentuated her suffocatingly perfect body shape beautifully. As she stared at the person blocking her way, the soft lips behind the golden mask curled into a dangerous smile, "Xia Qingyue? Oh, sorry... I mean, Moon God Emperor. I trust you have been well since we last met?"

Xia Qingyue's eyes looked like a pair of deep pools, and beside her, her attendant Jin Yue was shaking uncontrollably. It was because the person standing right in front of them... golden hair, golden dress, golden mask, and a breathtaking magnificence that was unmissable even in space...

She was Qianye Ying'er, the Brahma Monarch Goddess!

She was the prettiest, greatest, and scariest woman in the entire Eastern Divine Region!

There was another person standing behind her. He was a tiny old man with a crooked back and a bent head. The gray clothes he was wearing were unusually large, being able to hide his frail-looking physique completely. His face was also hidden from view.

He was Gu Zhu!

Xia Qingyue, Qianye Ying'er, and Gu Zhu had all appeared in the same space at the same time. For a time, every star in the nearby star realms had stopped moving, and the universe felt as silent as the dead.

"How can I truly be well knowing that you're still alive?" It was impossible to distinguish any emotion from Xia Qingyue's voice.

Qianye Ying'er narrowed her eyes a tad, "You've been hiding in the Moon God Realm for several years now. Have you solidified your position in the Moon God Realm, I wonder? I didn't think you had the courage to show your face, and stand in my way no less. Pray tell, what pleasant surprises might you have in store for me?"

Her taunts only caused Xia Qingyue's gaze to become more invasive, "Are you in a hurry to head to the Snow Song Realm? I suppose Yun Che is the only thing that could prompt you, the Brahma Heaven Goddess, to drop everything and head to a mere middle star realm."

"You have heard the news." Qianye Ying'er didn't look surprised at all, her beautiful lips curling into a most dangerous smile, "That rumor is most likely true then! He must be one tough cockroach to survive what even Eternal Heaven thought was a fatal situation.

"Seeing that you're here, you aren't thinking of stopping me, are you?"

Xia Qingyue replied, "The Eternal Heaven General Assembly is soon to begin. It is something that relates to the survival of the entire Eastern Divine Region. Are you sure you want to cause trouble at this critical time?"

"Eternal Heaven General Assembly? What a joke! Forget the Eastern Divine Region, not even the survival of the God Realm is as important as my business!" Qianye Ying'er slowly raised her hand towards Xia Qingyue, "Why don't you give it a try, if you wish so much to stand in my way?"

The golden figure abruptly turned into a beam of light and dashed towards Xia Qingyue. But to her surprise, Xia Qingyue didn't try to stop her. She simply turned around and allowed Qianye Ying'er to slip right by her.

"?" Qianye Ying'er slowed herself slightly. Then, Xia Qingyue's indifferent voice came from behind, "Primordial... Seal... of... Life... and... Death!"

The six words caused Qianye Ying'er to come to a full stop. Even Gu Zhu, the old man who looked as still as a dried well, had looked up slightly in surprise.

Qianye Ying'er slowly turned around with half narrowed eyes. Her gaze on Xia Qingyue could only be described as deadly, "What did you say?"

"The Primordial Seal of Life and Death is the third greatest Heavenly Profound Treasure in the world, an eternal artifact that is capable of bestowing eternal life to anyone. If there is one treasure that anyone desires be it in the past or now, this would be it. It is because no one can resist the lure of immortality, especially to those who stand at the top of the world."

Xia Qingyue explained as she met Qianye Ying'er's dangerous gaze with calm eyes, "Qianye, if I were to announce to the world that the Primordial Seal of Life and Death is in the Brahma Monarch God Realm... would you care to guess how many madmen the news would create overnight?"

"Is that what you think?" Qianye Ying'er sneered at her, "Has anyone ever tried to steal the Eternal Heaven Pearl from the Eternal Heaven God Realm?"

"The Eternal Heaven Pearl had chosen the Eternal Heaven God Realm as its master. No one could've taken it from them," Xia Qingyue shot back coldly, "but the Primordial Seal of Life and Death, on the other hand... Not only has it not chosen the Brahma Monarch God Realm as its master, it seems like none of you even know how to use it."

Xia Qingyue turned to look at Gu Zhu, "This man should've been dead a long time ago. He must be a test subject you experimented on while exploring the Primordial Seal of Life and Death's power of immortality, correct?"

Gu Zhu, "..."

"Out of all the Heavenly Profound Treasures, a masterless Primordial Seal of Life and Death is the most likely to create an entire horde of madmen, don't you think?"

"..." Qianye Ying'er narrowed her eyes bit by bit. She slowly smiled in the frigid space, "Heh... Hehe... You seem to know a little too much, Xia Qingyue."

"No, wait, it cannot be you," Qianye Ying'er's expression changed slightly as the answer entered her mind, "It was Yue Wuya!"

A flash of hatred passed through Xia Qingyue's pupils before she replied coldly, "Did you think that my foster father would really do nothing after learning that you were the true culprit behind my mother's downfall? Just because he feigned ignorance and took no action, doesn't mean that he wasn't working behind your backs!"

“The amount of information I have that is disadvantageous towards the Brahma Monarch God Realm... may be far greater than you can ever imagine!”

“Heh.” Qianye Ying’er still sneered at Xia Qingyue, “You think you and the Moon God Realm alone are enough to threaten me?”

“It is true that the Moon God Realm doesn’t have the power to fight the Brahma Monarch God Realm. But...” Every word Xia Qingyue said was infused with ice, “I wouldn’t mind testing your prowess if you dare head to the Snow Song Realm today!”

“...” Qianye Ying’er raised her well-defined chin and burst suddenly into a halo of golden light.

“Miss,” Gu Zhu suddenly interrupted hoarsely, “let us return. You are simply too precious compared to an insignificant middle star realm. I am also sure that the Moon God Emperor would forget everything that has happened today, immediately.”

“Don’t worry, I have no intentions of perishing with the Moon God Realm before I can kill Qianye with my own hands,” Xia Qingyue said coldly.

“...” The golden light and terrible silence lasted for a very, very long time, but Qianye Ying’er ultimately lowered her power before saying in a low tone, “Very well. It would seem that I have underestimated the Moon God Realm all this time.”

But her lips suddenly curled tauntingly, “Yue Wuya is a lucky man. Had he learned that you wasted the trump card he spent probably all too much to obtain on your little lover like it was nothing, he might not have been able to pass away peacefully. Heh...”

Xia Qingyue, “...”

“Hmph, let’s leave, Uncle Gu.”

Qianye Ying’er shot Xia Qingyue a cold stare before passing by her once more... Then, her hair suddenly fluttered as she fired a golden beam straight towards Xia Qingyue’s forehead.

Xia Qingyue pushed Jin Yue away gently with one hand before raising a giant Purple Light Moon Barrier with the other. It instantly stopped the golden light dead in its tracks.

Bang!

The Purple Light Moon Barrier suddenly shattered into countless pieces, falling on top of Qianye Ying’er. At the same time, Xia Qingyue thrust the Zi Que Divine Sword straight at the back of Qianye Ying’er’s heart.

Qianye Ying’er didn’t turn around to face her. She simply raised her arm backwards and pointed a finger.

Qianye Ying’er’s fingertips stopped the Zi Que Divine Sword dead in its tracks. The all consuming purple light dissipated after a loud clang, and the Zi Que Divine Sword drew a strange arc in midair before returning to Xia Qingyue’s hand. A moment later, the weapon had vanished completely.

The brief exchange hadn’t lasted even an instant. It was almost as if nothing had happened in this silent space.

But one thing that was different from before. Gu Zhu's clothes had been cut in dozens of places... The old man looked up slightly as a glint of surprise passed through his eyes.

Qianye Ying'er turned around slowly. Her gaze on Xia Qingyue had changed completely, "The Nine Profound Exquisite Body is truly deserving of its reputation. The heavens favor you a little too much, Xia Qingyue."

This was the first time she had felt "jealousy" towards another woman.

Normally speaking, an inheritor of the Moon God's legacy couldn't possibly have awakened more than twenty percent of their divine power in just three years.

However, the power Xia Qingyue had unleashed in that instant had far exceeded Qianye Ying'er's highest expectation.

She didn't know that Xia Qingyue hadn't just inherited Yue Wuya's Zi Que divine power after he passed away. Somehow, his divine powers had been "transplanted" into her body directly... It was a miracle that could only happen to Xia Qingyue, the owner of the Nine Profound Exquisite Body.

"I think that the heavens favor you even more than I. There is no other way to explain how someone like you is alive to this day," Xia Qingyue ridiculed Qianye Ying'er in return.

"It's unfortunate that you are a woman who lives for the sake of a man. Even if you have become a god emperor, even if your talents are among the best of the best, you will never be more than a good-for-nothing."

Finally, Qianye Ying'er withdrew her gaze and flew far into the distance. This time, she wasn't heading towards Snow Song Realm.

Gu Zhu followed closely behind his master.

As she stared at the backs of her sworn enemies, Xia Qingyue exhaled slightly as her eyes turned dim.

"Master," Jin Yue went up to her and said hurriedly, "The Primordial Seal of Life and Death is the most important trump card you have to fight against Qianye! Why did you... They will figure out a way now that they've been made aware of it... What... What should we do then..."

Xia Qingyue sighed quietly, "The situation was urgent, I had no other way. Qianye wouldn't dare to do anything for a short while. I hope that he will escape to the Dragon God Realm as soon as possible."

"But..."

"What's done is done," Xia Qingyue looked towards the north with misty eyes, "... He is always making others worry."

"So... Do you want to head to the Snow Song Realm right now?"

"There is no need," Xia Qingyue said. "It is not my place to be, and there is someone who will protect him on our behalf. Let us return."

She turned around and raised her arm, but suddenly she froze as if something had caught her attention. A long moment of silence later, she said, "You go back first, Jin Yue... I just recalled something that I need to do. I'll be returning shortly."

"...Understood," Jin Yue wisely didn't prod deeper and replied obediently.

Chapter 1418 - Unexpected Guest

Snow Song Realm, Ice Phoenix Sacred Hall.

Mu Xuanyin said that she would give him twenty-four hours, and exactly twenty-four hours later the barrier that locked him up vanished as promised. When Yun Che looked up, he saw Mu Xuanyin standing right in front of him and staring at him coldly. It was almost as if she hadn't moved a step since twenty-four hours ago.

"Master..." Yun Che started moving into a kneeling position.

"I can give you permission to visit the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake. I can promise not to force you back to the lower realms as well."

Mu Xuanyin's words caught Yun Che off guard... Yun Che had no idea how chaotic and complex her inner thoughts had been for the past twenty-four hours, but the biggest reason behind her change in attitude was undoubtedly Mu Bingyun.

"However, you must promise me one thing!"

Yun Che kowtowed before her before saying seriously, "I promise that I'll listen to you, master."

"Hmph! There's nothing less trustworthy than that line when it comes out of your mouth!" Mu Xuanyin snorted coldly.

"..." There was nothing Yun Che could say against that.

"Don't forget," Mu Xuanyin's tone suddenly turned low and heavy, "From here on, no matter where, when, who, or what, you're not allowed... to use your darkness profound energy!"

"...!!" Her last three words were like a crack of thunder beside Yun Che's ears. He abruptly looked up and stared at her in shock.

Out of all the powers and treasures he possessed, even more so than the Evil God Profound Veins and Sky Poison Pearl, the darkness profound energy was the one secret he could never reveal to the public.

Yun Che had known this for a long time.

In fact, Jasmine had given him a similar reminder herself many times about it.

But how did Mu Xuanyin...

Mu Xuanyin stared at Yun Che's shocked expression and said coldly, "Wondering how I knew your secret? You should ask yourself that question! There's no way anyone would know about your darkness profound energy if you hadn't exposed it yourself! But you just can't help but think yourself infallible, can you?"

“...” Yun Che was still in a state of shock.

Although he had had the darkness profound energy inside of him since a long time ago, he could count the number of times he actually used it on one hand. The only time he used it in the past few years was when he was reclosing the sealing barrier to the world of darkness beneath Cloud’s End Cliff.

Could it be...

“Do you know what kind of consequences you would incur if anyone else besides me were to discover your secret?” Mu Xuanyin’s voice turned colder and colder, her words pricking into Yun Che’s heart and soul like icicles, “In the God Realm, a devil person is a heretic rejected by the very world itself! Anyone who possesses darkness profound energy is considered a devil! If your power were to be exposed to the world, then anyone would and should have the right to kill you!”

“Even Bingyun, the one person who cared for you the most wouldn’t hesitate to take your life!”

“You would not have a home anywhere unless you escaped to the Northern Divine Region!”

“You wouldn’t be the only one who would suffer from this secret either. Your family, your people, your sect, the star realm you’re in... Everyone and anyone who’s related to you would suffer alongside you! Anyone who dares get close to you or protect you would become the enemy of the world!”

“A mistake can be fixed, a sin can be cleansed, and a crime can be atoned for, but the brand of a devil is something that follows you for eternity! It is something that you can never come back from! Do... you... understand... me!?”

Every one of Mu Xuanyin’s words was heavier and colder than the last. Although Yun Che had known about all this for a long time—back during the Conferred God Battle, Wei Hen’s downfall and everyone’s reaction had already told him all he needed to know about a devil’s status in the God Realm—but Mu Xuanyin’s words still struck a chill inside him and made him sweat profusely.

She was right. Had Mu Xuanyin not been the one who had discovered his secret, had it been anyone else...

He would be burying himself, everyone he was related to... and even Blue Pole Star itself!

“Master,” Yun Che looked up and asked in a very quiet tone, “Don’t you... hate a devil person too?”

A gust of cold wind entered the hall and lifted Mu Xuanyin’s blue hair a little. Her icy eyes suddenly became tinged with a kind of darkness Yun Che would never understand, but instead of replying to his question she said, “From now on, you will forget the fact that you are a devil person... can you do it?”

Yun Che got up to his feet and stared straight into Mu Xuanyin’s eyes, declaring, “This disciple, Yun Che hereby swears that he will never use the darkness profound energy no matter where, when, who, what, or even in death. If I were to break my promise, I...”

“Good!” Mu Xuanyin cut off the latter half of his oath icily, “Back at the Star God Realm, the fact that you didn’t use the darkness profound energy even in death proves that you’re fully aware of the consequences it would bring, so I will believe this oath of yours temporarily. I don’t need to hear the latter half of your oath though—everyone knows that is the most useless thing in the world!”

“...Yes, this disciple promises to remember your instructions.”

The Little Demon Empress, Feng Xue'er, and the rest of his wives would probably be stunned speechless if they got to see how obedient Yun Che was acting.

“May this disciple... head to the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake right now?” Yun Che asked in a very small voice. He had been feeling anxious since his greatest secret was exposed.

“You can, but not now,” Mu Xuanyin said. “The Heavenly Netherfrost Lake has been sealed for many years, and it'll take a while to reopen it again. In the meantime, you'll stay here and not take a step outside!”

After a pause, her tone softened a little, “There is one more thing that I must tell you, but again, today is not the right time... I'll talk to you about it tomorrow.”

Mu Xuanyin was undoubtedly referring to the “Evil Infant”. However, she needed time to convey the news to Yun Che properly.

The Eastern Divine Region today was largely different from the Eastern Divine Region Yun Che used to know. Yun Che himself was one of the big reasons behind this change... even though he had no idea right now.

She had no way of predicting Yun Che's reactions after hearing everything either.

“Yes, Master,” Yun Che said respectfully.

“I'll say this one more time, you are not allowed to call me master again!” Mu Xuanyin's voice turned cold once more, “Since the day you perished in Star God Realm, you are no longer my disciple. Feixue is my only disciple right now.”

“...” Yun Che looked sad. He said quietly, “In this disciple's heart, you'll always be my master.”

“Hmph!” Mu Xuanyin was just about to list out his many crimes of disobedience when her eyes suddenly glazed over with an unnatural blue flash. Then, the soundless iciness in her eyes suddenly melted into a pool of mistiness.

Mu Xuanyin turned around and whispered softly, “Do you wish so much for me to be your master, Che'er?”

Mu Xuanyin's earlier hmph had caused Yun Che to tense up in preparation for another scolding... but what actually entered his ears afterward was a soft, velvety voice that seemed to be confessing something. He looked up in confusion, and he was met with a countenance that was full of allure, a pair of lips that breathed like flowers, a beautiful half-smile that pulled at his heart strings. The earlier chill in her eyes was completely gone, melted into something that reminded Yun Che of mist covered water.

Yun Che's eyes instantly became fixed...

Normally, Yun Che held so much reverence towards Mu Xuanyin that he did not even dare to look at her straight in the eye. But now? It was still the same countenance, the same snowy white clothes, and the same body shape as before, but for some reason those wonderful curves had suddenly looked a hundred times more eye-catching and pulse racing than before. Every part of her body, every inch of her

skin seemed to be oozing demonic temptation, and even her normally frozen eyes had suddenly become capable of stealing one's soul... It made his mouth run dry, and made his heartbeat quicken in just an instant.

Yun Che's attention was completely transfixed on Mu Xuanyin for at least a couple of breaths' time. His blood circulation suddenly ran hot and quick against his control... However, a quiver broke him out of his trance before he bowed his head like lightning. Inside his heart, he groaned: She's... turned into "that" again...

"Do you... really want me to be your master forever?" Once again, Mu Xuanyin's words had slipped into Yun Che's shaken heart like velvet. Her voice was so soft that half his body was melting just listening to it.

Yun Che did not dare look up to face her. He said with some difficulty, "Master... will always this disciple's master."

"Oh? Am I?" She strode towards Yun Che and got closer. However, a fragrant wind reached Yun Che's nostrils instead of the usual freezing aura.

She pursed her lips slightly after she stopped right in front of Yun Che, "Back at the Flame God Realm, you'd spent an entire day and night on me, smearing me completely in your scent... That didn't seem like something a disciple would do to his master, was it?"

"~ ! @# ¥%..." Her low, mellow voice was like that of a pretty wife throwing a cute tantrum beside him. Her words thundered through Yun Che's head until he was dizzy and lost.

Back in the Flame God Realm, Yun Che had done what he did because he had "no other choice". Since Mu Xuanyin hadn't mentioned it even once after he was taken back to the Snow Song Realm, Yun Che wisely didn't mention a single word while in her presence. Both parties were pretending like it had never happened.

That was why he hadn't expected her to bring it up of her own accord, and the way she said it was so... blunt that it was a little too much even for Yun Che.

The smile on Mu Xuanyin's face grew ever more seductive after seeing the clear effect she had on Yun Che. She slowly lowered herself and moved her face right next to his ear, her flower-like lips exhaling breathless air just a couple of centimeters away from his cheek, "Haven't you been having shameless fun with your wives all day and night in the lower realms for the past couple of years? So why are you as timid as a mouse when you're in front of me? Do I really scare you that much? Where has the courage you showed at the Flame God Realm gone to?"

"..." Yun Che's eyes looked completely hypnotized, and he was barely catching anything Mu Xuanyin was saying at all. It was because the cloth covering her chest had bent naturally with her, revealing an entirely excessive pair of snow white globes and a rapture-inducing ravine...

All Mu Xuanyin was doing was speaking right next to his ear, but it was still enough movement to make them tremble like a ripple on a pond.

His blood temperature skyrocketed in an instant, and evil thoughts were growing like wild grass all over his mind. However, he was so experienced in the matters of women that he managed to keep his will



and his hands firmly clenched and controlled despite everything. Unfortunately, the struggle to control his mind caused him to lose his balance without knowing. He instantly face-planted into a soft mass of flesh and warmth, and his very consciousness was instantly blown out of his head. His body deflated like someone had sucked out all the energy... He felt like he was in heaven itself.

Mu Xuanyin froze as her pupils suddenly contracted. Then, she narrowed her eyes slowly into a pair of dangerous, seductive slits.

“Che’er,” She didn’t push Yun Che away immediately. Instead, she pressed a finger to his chest lightly and said, “It looks like I’ve underestimated your courage after all...”

BOOM

Suddenly, a loud noise blew her soft, dreamy words away like a bomb. It was then followed by a low, icy, and hate-filled voice of a woman, “Come out here and die, little brat Yun Che!!”

“...” Mu Xuanyin’s movements ceased, and the charming glint in her eyes instantly transformed into something colder and deadlier than even a hell made of ice.

Chapter 1419 - Clash

It was like someone had poured a pail of cold water on top of his head. Yun Che shivered and felt his head become much clearer.

The gentle warmth on his face slowly moved away, and the teasing fragrance turned completely chilly... Mu Xuanyin slowly looked up from where she stood and stared towards the distance, her eyes shining with unbelievable coldness. At this point, Yun Che had completely broken out of his trance and was trying very hard not to breathe loud enough to be noticed.

This was the first time he sensed such terrible killing intent and coldness from Mu Xuanyin...

The voice in the sky came from far away, but the power behind it was scary and terrible. Worse, it was clearly calling for “Yun Che”!

Yun Che couldn’t help but be shocked by this... What was going on? He had just returned to the God Realm, and he had made sure to conceal himself completely before coming here. Moreover, Mu Feixue and Mu Xuanyin were supposed to be the only ones who knew that he was still alive... Maybe Mu Xuanyin had told Mu Bingyun about him, but it was still impossible for either of them to expose him.

What was going on here?

And this voice. It’s...

“Little brat Yun Che, I know you’re still alive. Come out and die now or I’ll flatten this Snow Song Realm!”

A new rumble came from the far distance, causing Yun Che’s blood to churn for several breaths before he was able to suppress it... It showed just how scary the owner of the voice was even though he was already a Divine King.

Countless more young disciples in the Divine Ice Phoenix Sect were wounded by the terrible profound energy behind the shout.

It was at this moment Yun Che's eyebrows suddenly lifted... He suddenly recalled where he had heard this voice.

Four years ago, during the grand final against Luo Changsheng... he had heard this voice many times before.

It was Luo Changsheng's aunt and master, the Eastern Divine Region's number one profound practitioner unless the king realms were counted, Luo Guxie!

The Conferred God Battle was ultimately a battle between juniors. No senior should ever interfere with the battle, much less a supreme Divine Master.

Luo Guxie was a denizen of the Holy Eaves Realm, but she didn't belong to them. However, her strength surpassed all the upper realm kings of the Eastern Divine Region, and no one dared to earn her ire. She was also naturally reclusive, and she never provoked another person without good reason.

In the God Realm, "Fairy Guxie" Luo Guxie and "Sword Sovereign" Jun Wuming were both legends in the current Eastern Divine Region. They were both solitary profound cultivators who didn't belong to any star realm under anyone's rule.

However, it was this supreme ruler of the world who had tried to kill a mere Divine Spirit Realm junior during the Conferred God Battle in defense of Luo Changsheng. Moreover, she had done it in the most sacred and important place of the Eastern Divine Region, the Eternal Heaven Realm.

Even to this day, her reaction was something that would confound the mind. There were plenty of god emperors present that day, but not a single one of them had managed to stop her in time... It was because no one had thought that someone like Luo Guxie would do something that low.

Perhaps the only explanation behind her inexplicable action was that Luo Changsheng was her greatest pride and love. Moreover, this love of hers had evolved to an extreme level.

That being said, what was even more unbelievable than her transgression was the fact that her attack had failed to harm Yun Che. In fact, she was dealt a grievous blow by the remnant lightning of the heavenly law surrounding Yun Che in an instant.

To Luo Guxie, her failure was without a doubt an indescribable disgrace.

There were a lot of people who were vying after Yun Che's secrets including Qianye Ying'er, but if there was one person in the world who hated him to the bone and wanted to kill him the most, it was undoubtedly Luo Guxie!

Even if she was a profound practitioner of the highest level, she still had to destroy him with her own hands!

No one was surprised by the fact that she would show up in the Snow Song Realm personally after learning that Yun Che was alive.

Never had there been a supreme Divine Master who was publicly dealt a grievous blow by a Divine Spirit junior in the history of the Eastern Divine Region until Yun Che and Luo Guxie. Naturally, the humiliation she had suffered was equally unparalleled.

But the problem was...

Yun Che clenched his teeth slowly... If it really was Luo Guxie, then how did she catch wind that he was still alive? And how did she know that he was right here!?

Moreover... The Holy Eaves Realm and the Snow Song Realm were very far apart from each other. Even if a Divine Master were to fly at top speed, it still would've taken her an incredibly long time to reach him. He had only returned to the Snow Song Realm for slightly over a day... So she had to have learned of his location from almost the very beginning!

What on earth was going on!?

"Master..." He turned to look at Mu Xuanyin, but her expression was so chilly it was scary.

A cold wind entered the room, and Mu Bingyun rushed in with an urgent report, "Sis, someone has intruded our realm. They're just outside the Ice Phoenix Realm, and..."

"It's Luo Guxie!" Mu Xuanyin said coldly.

"What?" Mu Bingyun was clearly astonished. Luo Guxie was a woman's name, but it was also the name of the Eastern Divine Region's number one profound practitioner. It was an intimidating name to say the least.

"It really is her?" Mu Bingyun's eyes turned many times more serious than before, "But I don't think you've seen her before, sister."

"I remember her voice," Mu Xuanyin said coldly.

Yun Che, "..."

"..." Mu Bingyun's gaze slowed slightly, "But how did she know that Yun Che is still alive? Yun Che, who else except Feixue knows that you're still alive?"

Yun Che shook his head, "I used the dimensional stone you gave me to return directly from Blue Pole Star to the Snow Song Realm. I've not set foot in any other place along the way. I didn't even take off my disguise—appearance, voice, and aura—until I'd returned to the sacred hall, so there is no way anyone except Feixue could've known that it was me."

Yun Che replayed his memories in his head while he was replying to Mu Bingyun... Suddenly, his pupils shook violently with shock.

It can't be...

No... Impossible... Absolutely impossible...

Yun Che's shock was so great that even his aura had fallen slightly into disorder. Mu Xuanyin shot him a glance but said nothing. Frowning, Mu Bingyun never noticed his slip up, "The Great Elder has gone ahead to negotiate on our behalf. Big Sister, I believe you should conceal Yun Che inside a barrier as quickly as possible. We cannot allow Luo Guxie to detect him. Yun Che's death was confirmed by the Eternal Heaven Realm itself, and there is no way Luo Guxie can be sure that he's still alive no matter where and who she got her news from. It shouldn't be difficult to dissuade her."

But Mu Xuanyin said, "No. Luo Guxie may hate Che'er deeply, but someone of her stature wouldn't come all the way to the Snow Song Realm unless she was absolutely certain."

Mu Bingyun's eyes froze at her reply.

"Very well," Mu Xuanyin lowered her voice, "to think that she would deliver herself to our doorstep... This is a good opportunity to settle both old and new debts at once. Very good."

Yun Che: "...?" (Old debt? What? Didn't Palace Master Bingyun just said that she had never met Luo Guxie in her life?)

Mu Xuanyin's statement shook Mu Bingyun greatly. The latter grabbed her sister's clothes urgently and said, "What are you planning to do, sister? She's Luo Guxie!"

"Don't worry," Mu Xuanyin replied indifferently, "I'll be meeting her in person."

"Che'er, you will come with me."

Once again, her order had shocked both Mu Bingyun and Yun Che greatly. Mu Bingyun's grip on Mu Xuanyin's hand abruptly tightened, "What did you say, sister?"

"Hmph. What's the point of hiding if he's already been exposed?" Mu Xuanyin said. "Also, do you think that there's any point in keeping him hidden once he hears of the Evil Infant?"

"..." This time, Mu Bingyun didn't say anything. Slowly, she let go of Mu Xuanyin's palm.

Yun Che was still confused: Evil Infant? What Evil Infant?

On the other side, Mu Huanzhi was leading a group of palace masters and elders straight towards the source of the voice. They were immediately met by the proud figure of a woman the second they had exited the Ice Phoenix Realm.

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

Forget the Snow Song Realm, she was someone not even the upper star realms could afford to offend!

Mu Huanzhi forced himself to focus before asking normally, "What a surprise to see you here, Fairy Guxie. It is our mistake to not welcome such an important guest on time. May I..."

"Stop giving me that pretentious nonsense!" Luo Guxie's eyes were icy, and her words murderous. Naturally, Yun Che was the target of her killing intent because he was the one who had given her the biggest humiliation of her life... even though she had technically brought it all upon herself.

"Surrender Yun Che to me immediately," she said coldly. "Do not test my patience."

Mu Huanzhi smiled bitterly, "Fairy Guxie, it is true that Yun Che is our sect's disciple, but it has also been three years since he perished in the Evil Infant Disaster. This is supposed to be public news... Could it be that you'd been cultivating in seclusion lately?"

Mu Huanzhi seriously didn't know that Yun Che was in the Divine Ice Phoenix Sect right now. His confusion was absolutely real.

Luo Guxie raised her hand slowly and caused both wind and snow to freeze in their tracks. A dangerous aura started permeating throughout the sky, "You are right to assume that you're not qualified to know this, and you're definitely not qualified to speak to me. Summon your sect master and have her speak with me... now!"

Mu Huanzhi's expression changed as he persuaded cautiously, "Yun Che's death is absolutely true. Literally anyone in the Eastern Divine Region can attest to this. You must've made a mistake somewhere, Fairy Guxie. Why don't..."

"Noisy fellow!" But before Mu Huanzhi could finish his sentence, Luo Guxie abruptly narrowed her eyes and swung her palm at him.

Luo Guxie's movement stunned all the Ice Phoenix denizens present. They exclaimed at once, "Great Elder, watch out!"

Luo Guxie was a most formidable opponent, so naturally Mu Huanzhi hadn't let his eyes off her for even a second. The second Luo Guxie had raised her palm.

Whoosh!!

A wild gust passed right in front of him, causing half of Mu Huanzhi to become covered in cold sweat.

"How dare you avoid my attack!" Luo Guxie's face darkened at Mu Huanzhi's reaction. Seniority wise, Luo Guxie was actually below Mu Huanzhi, but that didn't stop her from feeling that Mu Huanzhi had disrespected her. Angered, she swiped at Mu Huanzhi again.

Sha!

Her palm strike penetrated through space itself and imprinted itself directly on Mu Huanzhi's chest. The attack was so swift that there was no way Mu Huanzhi could have avoided it even if he was ten times faster than he actually was. His body folding, his person shaking and his face turning as white as a paper, Mu Huanzhi flew backwards like a shattered leaf while leaving behind a long trail of blood.

Mu Huanzhi was one of the only two Divine Sovereigns the Snow Song Realm had. A Divine Sovereign was a powerful being that was feared and respected by countless mortals, but this time he was facing a true Divine Master. No matter how powerful he was, he was nothing before the strongest power of the world right now.

"Great Elder!!"

Every Ice Phoenix elder and palace master turned pale with shock. However, a blue figure suddenly appeared out of nowhere, extended a palm and swung her hand gently at Mu Huanzhi. The Divine Sovereign immediately started slowing down as the violent energy surrounding him was stripped away layer by layer.

Mu Huanzhi's face was white as he shook all over... Just now, he felt like he was about to pass through death's door. If the power that afflicted him hadn't been stripped away in time, his injuries would definitely have been at least ten times worse.

"Sect... Master..." He knelt down in midair, but couldn't stop shaking due to his injuries.

“Go treat your wounds,” Mu Xuanyin instructed with her back facing towards Mu Huanzhi. Her icy eyes were fully focused on Luo Guxie, “The rest of you have no business here either. Retreat and stay away.”

“Yes, Sect Master,” Mu Huanzhi clutched his chest and sank to the ground, yet his aged eyes were filled with worry and fear.

The elders and palace masters did not dare to disobey Mu Xuanyin’s order, but they were plagued by fear and worry all the same... It was because their offender was none other than Luo Guxie herself!

“You are Snow Song Realm King Mu Xuanyin?” Luo Guxie shot an indifferent glance at Mu Xuanyin before her lips curled into a half-smile, “I can see that you were born with a nice body. It’s no wonder that you are unforgettable to so many realm kings.”

#### Chapter 1420 - Goddess Meiyin

It was impossible to tell if Luo Guxie had meant to ridicule Mu Xuanyin or express her jealousy. Regardless, Mu Xuanyin didn’t fall for her taunt at all, “Luo Guxie, you’ve disturbed the peace of the Ice Phoenix Realm and wounded both my elders and my disciples. Is this a provocation I’m sensing?”

“Provocation?” Luo Guxie sneered, “You think that this tiny Snow Song Realm is deserving of my provocation?”

Mu Xuanyin, “...”

“But you have nothing to worry about. For every debt there is a debtor, and it is beneath me, Luo Guxie, to bully weaklings and wound the innocent. Yun Che is the only person who must die today!” Luo Guxie slowly stretched out her arms and pressed down on Mu Xuanyin with invisible might, “Surrender Yun Che to me, and all of you shall be left unharmed.”

“I’ve already given you face by not barging into your sect directly and claiming my prize. Don’t force me to do something unpleasant to you!”

“I’m sure that is a considerable amount of face you’re giving the Divine Ice Phoenix Sect,” Mu Xuanyin remained completely unmoved despite the increasing amounts of pressure Luo Guxie was releasing. She continued in a shockingly chilling voice, “He is in the Snow Song Realm, and you are free to see him as you wish.”

“Oh?” Luo Guxie looked slightly surprised, “It seems like you aren’t an unappreciative person.”

“But I have one question for you before I show you Yun Che,” Mu Xuanyin’s expression remained completely blank, “Who was the one who told you that he was here?”

“Heh,” Luo Guxie smiled as if someone had just told her a joke, “As you are now, you don’t have the right to ask me that. You have ten breaths. If in ten breaths, you are unable to surrender Yun Che to me... Then don’t blame me for what comes next!”

Her last line was clearly said with every intent to intimidate.

But to Luo Guxie’s surprise, the Snow Song Realm King remained perfectly unmoved despite her open intimidation. In fact, her eyes weren’t even shaking in fear or trepidation like she had expected them to be. It was almost as if there was a glimpse of something cold and soul piercing behind those eyes.

“Heeheehee...”

It was at this moment the melodious laugh of a girl suddenly ran in everyone’s ears. The person’s aura and the person were nowhere to be seen, but her voice wouldn’t stop resonating beside their ears as if it was imbued with some sort of strange magic, “Daddy, this here is Snow Song Realm. It’s such a pretty place, and there’s snow everywhere.”

“Hehe,” This time, it was a male’s voice that entered their ears. Although it was a lot milder and more solid than the first voice, it also lacked the former’s strange, persistent quality, “What can be prettier than eternal snow? Speaking of which, this is the first time I’ve been here, isn’t it?”

The man who spoke entered Luo Guxie and Mu Xuanyin’s spiritual perceptions after he was done speaking.

Mu Xuanyin furrowed her brows slightly, and Luo Guxie turned around abruptly with a strange glint in her eyes.

Soon, the two newcomers had entered their vision.

The man was tall and dressed in blue. His countenance was exceptionally easy on the eyes, but in reality it hid an awe-inspiring dignity that kept people from daring to shoot him a second glance.

No one could mistake him for anything but a monarch should he appear in any world to anyone.

But unfortunately for him, his awe-inspiring appearance was completely overcast by the girl next to him.

She was a girl clad in a black dress who looked like she was in her early twenties or even late teens.

She was bewitchingly pretty, with pitch black hair that stood out like a night in white snow, and a pair of vibrant, pitch black eyes that reminded people of a bottomless abyss. Her features and attire only served to accentuate her pale white skin.

The girl’s delicate lips curled slightly into a smile as she stared at the infinite snow and the people with them. Paradoxically, her smile was both innocent and bewitching at the same time. Even better, these contradictory qualities somehow coexisted in harmony on her person.

“Hehe.” The tall man smiled faintly, “Your humble servant from the Glazed Light Realm, Shui Qianheng, has invited himself over to the Snow Song Realm. Please excuse me for my unannounced arrival.”

The man in blue was none other than Shui Qianheng, Realm King of the Glazed Light Realm!

Mu Xuanyin raised her head slightly and said, “What is there to be excused, when it can only be a blessing to all who are visited by the Glazed Light Realm King and Goddess Meiyin? Welcome to the Snow Song Realm.”

The girl in black dress took a few steps forward and gave Mu Xuanyin a junior’s bow, “Junior of the Glazed Light Realm, Shui Meiyin, greets the Snow Song Realm King.”

After the greeting, Shui Meiyin raised her head and stared at Mu Xuanyin very seriously before smiling, “Mother has told Meiyin that the Snow Song Realm King is the prettiest woman of the north side of the

Eastern Divine Region when she was younger. Today... I have discovered that you are even prettier than my mother claimed.”

“Meiyin, don’t be impolite,” Shui Qianheng spoke up, but without any real sting behind his words.

“...” Mu Xuanyin nodded slightly but didn’t say anything. However, she didn’t stop staring at Shui Meiyin until three breaths later.

The Glazed Light Realm was known as one of the three strongest upper star realms of the Eastern Divine Region. However, they had never been able to surpass the Holy Eaves Realm in terms of fame.

For the first time, that balance had changed this year.

It wasn’t that the Holy Eaves Realm had suddenly become weaker. On the contrary, Luo Changsheng’s rise to Divine Master level seven after three thousand years in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm had stunned the entire God Realm and won them unparalleled glory.

However, Luo Changsheng’s achievement wasn’t the only feat to astound the world. In fact, his achievement wasn’t even the most stunning one.

It was because Shui Meiyin of the Glazed Light Realm had also become a seventh level Divine Master... Even better, she was a level seven Divine Master with a Divine Stainless Soul!

Even her elder sister, Shui Yingyue, had exceeded expectations and became a fifth level Divine Master. It meant that two new stars were born in the Glazed Light Realm in a single night!

In the past, Luo Changsheng was a star that outshone every generation compared to his peers. This time though, Shui Meiyin from the Glazed Light Realm had outshone even him...

But for whatsoever reason, the dazzling star of the world and the pride of the heaven herself had suddenly decided to visit the Snow Song Realm with her father, the Glazed Light Realm King today...

“Why are you here, Shui Qianheng?” Shui Qianheng’s arrival at the Snow Song Realm today was a surprise to everyone including Luo Guxie. The latter seemed to realize their reason for being here today and felt her mood darken.

Shui Qianheng’s smile remained unchanged, “Well, I had caught wind of a strange rumor that Yun Che hadn’t perished during the Evil Infant disaster. In fact, it was even said that he was residing in the Snow Song Realm right now. As you and the rest of the world are aware, my daughter and Yun Che have had a wedding engagement since four years ago. That is why I’ve come to check if the rumors are true.”

Mu Xuanyin, “...”

“Speaking of which, I should be the one asking why you’re here, Fairy Guxie,” Shui Qianheng threw the question right back at Luo Guxie. At the same time, he shot a sideways glance at Shui Meiyin and let out an inward sigh.

“Heh.” However, Luo Guxie showed no trace of politeness towards Shui Qianheng even though it was clear that he wasn’t looking for trouble. She sneered at him and said, “Do you really not know why I’m here today?”



Shui Qianheng's eyebrows wrinkled, but he still maintained his smile and said, "It looks like Fairy Guxie hasn't forgotten about the old grudge. Still, Yun Che is just a junior. Considering your status, why must you lower yourself to the level of a junior?"

Although Shui Qianheng was the Glazed Light Realm King, he clearly didn't want to have a falling-out with Luo Guxie... In this world, there was no one who was willing to offend someone like Luo Guxie unless they had no other choice. The title of "number one profound practitioner beneath the king realms" wasn't a joke, after all.

In order not to provoke Luo Guxie, Shui Qianheng avoided pointing out that she was the one who had tried to ambush Yun Che in a most despicable manner, and that she was the one who had brought all the humiliation on herself. He even made sure that his choice of words was tactful to the utmost... But Luo Guxie continued to look at him coldly, "And what if I refuse? What are you going to do then?"

Shui Qianheng smiled, "Yun Che and my daughter are engaged, and I'm sure that you know that he'll be part of the Glazed Light Realm eventually. It is a coincidence that we meet today, so... why don't you give me face, Fairy Guxie? I will return the favor to you in the future."

"Give you face, you say? Heh... Then what about my own face? Who will wash clean the humiliation I suffered back then!?" Not only did Luo Guxie not concede a step, her expression only grew darker and darker until her malevolence was almost visible... The fact that someone was protecting Yun Che only served to deepen her hate and fury even more.

At this point, Shui Qianheng was done being soft with Luo Guxie. His face hardened as his voice turned to steel, "In that case, there's nothing else to say. Today I've come for two things only: to confirm that Yun Che is still alive, and bring him back to the Glazed Light Realm! If you wish to settle this grudge, then I suppose you have no choice but to visit me at the Glazed Light Realm next time!"

"Is that so!?" Luo Guxie's hands turned into claws, "Then let's see if you truly have the power to take Yun Che safely away with you!"

Hum...

There was a dull buzz, and a terrible wind that looked like a bottomless abyss suddenly circulated behind Luo Guxie. Her clothes looked like they were swollen with power, and the snow region five hundred kilometers around her instantly became embroiled in a storm.

"You..." Shui Qianheng's expression changed as he frowned deeply.

When Shui Meiyin had forcefully dragged him over to the Snow Song Realm, he had thought that she was making something out of nothing. He hadn't imagined that Luo Guxie would hate the humiliation Yun Che had dealt her so much that she would personally visit the Snow Song Realm, spurn him, the Glazed Light Realm King without the slightest courtesy, and even attack him outright!

It was almost as if she had gone insane!

Shui Qianheng knew that he was no match for Luo Guxie, not to mention that their battle would bring great chaos to the Snow Song Realm. But just as he was about to say something to alleviate the situation, Shui Meiyin suddenly broke her silence and yelled angrily, "Luo Guxie! You're the shameless one who tried to attack my Big Brother Yun Che back then! You're the one who brought the humiliation

on yourself! Now you wish to put all the blame on him? You don't deserve the title Fairy Guxie at all, you shameless, unreasonable old hag!"

Shui Qianheng was scared out of his skin before Luo Guxie even had the time to react to Shui Meiyin's words. He said urgently, "Meiyin, don't be impolite."

"Hmph!" Shui Meiyin raised her nose, "Daddy, we have no reason to be afraid of her. You will beat her with me around."

"Heh... Shui Qianheng, you've raised quite the good daughter, wouldn't you agree?" Luo Guxie smiled dangerously and stared at Shui Meiyin...

She froze. Shui Meiyin's infinitely dark eyes suddenly grew bigger and closer, filling up her entire vision until she was completely swallowed in darkness. Everywhere she looked, there was only infinite darkness and black butterflies...

Luo Guxie's eyes suddenly turned straight as she wobbled. Even the whirlpool behind her had become strangely distorted until she suddenly shuddered and pulled herself out of the darkness. A look of shock colored her features deeply before she looked away swiftly from Shui Meiyin. She was actually afraid to stare the girl in the eye despite being supposedly being invincible unless the king realms were involved, "What a Divine Stainless Soul, what a Goddess Meiyin! Alright, let me see just how impressive the two of you really are!"

The atmosphere tensed up in an instant, primed to explode at any moment... until suddenly, a distant and indifferent voice came from the distance like a voice from heaven, "Are you absolutely certain you're going to act here, Luo Guxie?"