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Chapter 1421 - A Lot of Face

When that voice rang out, it was as if an invisible and gloomy cloud had descended to the earth. The voice actually silently erased the originally tense and hostile atmosphere. What took its place was an oppressive feeling that made it hard for everyone to breathe, despite clearly being as gentle as a dream.

A purple-colored rift split open in the cold and desolate air, and the figure of a woman slowly strode out of it. She was dressed in luxurious imperial robes that were sparkling with a crystalline purple light. An amethyst crown rested on her head, her face glowed like a bright moon and her eyes were like purple stars... The moment her figure appeared, Luo Guxie's and Shui Qianheng's expressions changed. It was as if a void had suddenly devoured all of the profound energy that was radiating from their bodies as it disappeared into thin air.

"..." Mu Xuanyin's gaze swivelled, her icy brows slanting slightly.

A strange cold desolateness suddenly appeared in the world for a few breaths... This was because a person who absolutely should not have appeared in this place had appeared.

The Moon God Emperor!

After a moment of shock, Shui Qianheng swiftly came back to himself. He raised his hands and bowed as he said, "Glazed Light Realm's Shui Qianheng greets the Moon God Emperor! Over the past few years, I have paid several visits to the Moon God Realm but I have not yet been able to fulfill my wishes. So to be able to see the new emperor of the Moon God Realm today causes me to feel greatly fortunate."

Xia Qingyue faintly inclined her head. Her eyes swept across Shui Qianheng's and Shui Meiyin's bodies before she spoke to Mu Xuanyin, "Senior Mu, it's been a long time."

This greeting and form of address caused Shui Qianheng's eyebrows to jump as great shock overwhelmed his heart. This was because as a god emperor, one stood at the very pinnacle of the universe, so they could speak bluntly to everyone else. Yet she had addressed Mu Xuanyin as... "Senior"?

This, this...

From the moment Xia Qingyue appeared, Shui Meiyin's mouth had gaped open. She sidled up to Shui Qianheng and asked in a very soft voice, "Daddy, is she really the big sister from back then?"

Before she entered the Eternal Heaven Pearl, she had seen Xia Qingyue once before in the Moon God Realm. But now that she saw her again, besides her appearance, she was completely unable to connect this person to the Xia Qingyue in her memories.

Shui Qianheng gave a bitter laugh, "What big sister? She happens to be the youngest god emperor in the history of the God Realm. She's three thousand years younger than you."

Shui Meiyin: (^ ^)

Mu Xuanyin said, "It's only been a few years, so it can't really be said to be a long time. I heard that you inherited the will of the previous Moon God Emperor and that you were made the new emperor of the

Moon God Realm. I can assume that you've been through your fair share of trials and tribulations over the past few years."

Xia Qingyue's gaze was deep and gloomy but her voice was soft and relaxed, "Without experiencing trials and tribulations, how can one be worthy of the two words 'god emperor'? However, because Qingyue has been hindered by these trials, I have been delayed from visiting you until today. This alone already fills me with deep regret."

These few simple words exchanged by Mu Xuanyin and Xia Qingyue caused Luo Guxie's and Shui Qianheng's expressions to undergo several changes. On one side, you had a middle realm king, on the other side, you had the new Moon God Emperor. The difference in status was like the difference between heaven and earth, yet when they conversed... it was clear that Xia Qingyue was actually the one who was showing respect?

Xia Qingyue's gaze swivelled around and her tone abruptly changed, "Luo Guxie, this king just asked you, are you really going to start a fight in the Snow Song Realm?"

Xia Qingyue's arrival had caused everyone to be reminded of the Yun Che's other identity.

The former husband of the Moon God Emperor!

Back then, this matter had caused a huge stir and the entire universe knew about it.

A few years ago, during that grand wedding in the Moon God Realm, Xia Qingyue had abandoned the Moon God Emperor by fleeing together with Yun Che, shocking the entire Eastern Divine Region. After that, Yun Che stayed in the Dragon God Realm while Xia Qingyue returned to the Moon God Realm. After that, the Moon God Realm announced the news that Yue Wuya had taken Xia Qingyue as his foster daughter...

Everyone had originally thought that this was a hamfisted attempt by Yue Wuya to save face. But after the Evil Infant disaster, Yue Wuya had fallen and the will he had left behind had not conferred the seat of god emperor to his eldest son or the other Moon Gods. Instead, he had conferred it to Xia Qingyue.

When this outrageous news spread, the entire universe was struck dumb.

The Moon God Realm unsurprisingly descended into a state of internal conflict. But what was even more unimaginable than the previous news was that this internal struggle only lasted for a short span of two years before being completely pacified. Xia Qingyue was officially appointed emperor and everyone in the entire Moon God Realm both submitted to her and held her in great respect. There was no longer a single person who would even try to call her qualifications into question anymore.

No one knew how Xia Qingyue, a woman who was only thirty years of age, who had not even been born in the Moon God Realm, was able to subjugate the vast Moon God Realm in two short years. However, it was undoubtedly true that any person with a working brain would absolutely not dare to show even the slightest bit of contempt towards the new Moon God Emperor, someone who had also become the youngest god emperor in the history of the God Realm.

Luo Guxie spoke in a slow and measured voice, "I heard that since the Moon God Emperor was officially coronated, she has not taken a step out of the Moon God Realm and she has also not accepted any

congratulations. Yet you have personally come to the Snow Song Realm on this very day. Could it be that it is also for the sake of Yun Che?”

In the end, Luo Guxie was still Luo Guxie. Even when she was confronted with the personal arrival of the Moon God Emperor, her expression still remained hard.

Xia Qingyue, “...”

“Heh,” Luo Guxie let out a dry chuckle as she spoke, “To think that the emperor of the Moon God Realm would actually personally appear at a middle star realm for the sake of a mere earthly marriage. If news of this were to spread, not only would it be a gigantic joke, it would also humiliate the Moon God Realm! You just ascended to the throne so it would be best if you did not do anything that would harm your dignity as an emperor during this period, when you are still stabilizing and entrenching your power.”

“...” Shui Qianheng softly exhaled as he looked at Luo Guxie.

He had very seldom crossed paths with Luo Guxie, but he had known about her reclusive and eccentric nature since long ago. Even though the Holy Eaves Realm was a huge and majestic tree that towered over the sky, she had resolutely chosen to sever all relations with it all those years ago, choosing instead to be alone... and to this very day, no one knew her reason for doing so.

However, her innate talent in the profound way was terrifyingly high and it far exceeded the talent of her elder brother, Luo Shangchen. In fact, it exceeded the talent of anyone in the Holy Eaves Realm, and even if she had been born in a king realm, she would have still stood at the peak.

And today, Shui Qianheng had personally witnessed the eccentricity of her character. For the sake of taking revenge on a junior, she had not hesitated to become hostile towards him... But then again, since she had left the Holy Eaves Realm and was acting alone, she truly did not have anything to worry about.

However... to think that she would actually still dare to be so rude when she confronted the Moon God Emperor!?

Xia Qingyue’s brows sank, purple light faintly gleaming in her eyes as she said, “Luo Guxie, whatever this king decides to do is my own prerogative. No one has the qualifications to restrain me or keep me in check. Even if I am making a colossal mistake, you are still far from being worthy of reprimanding me or even offering me your opinion!”

Luo Guxie’s body swayed and she raised her eyebrows slightly yet she found it hard to speak.

“This king’s visit has nothing to do with Yun Che,” Xia Qingyue coldly said, “but...”

She extended a hand as cold energy suddenly burst forth from her body and an ice crystal congealed in the palm of her hand... Even though it was only a delicate and tiny ice crystal, it caused a penetrating cold to radiate out over a large distance.

“This is... the Ice Phoenix God Investiture Canon!?” Shui Qianheng yelled out unwittingly, his heart greatly shaken. Luo Guxie’s expression also faintly changed at this moment.

Xia Qingyue withdrew her palm and the ice crystal and cold energy vanished without a trace in the next instant. She looked down at Luo Guxie as she coldly said, “Luo Guxie, given your knowledge and

experience, there is no way that you did not recognize the Ice Phoenix God Investiture Canon that this king just used, correct?”

“Before this king was made emperor, I owed the Snow Song Realm a great debt of gratitude and the Divine Ice Phoenix Sect could also be considered half of this king’s sect. If a person wants to behave atrociously in the Snow Song Realm today, do you think I can let it lie?”

Mu Xuanyin, “...”

Shui Qianheng swiftly followed up by saying, “Everyone has been trying to guess at the origins of the Moon God Emperor during the past few years but no one knows a single thing. It is only today that I discovered that the Moon God Emperor actually has such a deep relationship with the Snow Song Realm.”

“The Moon God Emperor has already become the emperor of the Moon God Realm and has already taken her place at the pinnacle of the universe. Yet she has not forgotten her roots and she has even personally come to protect it. This Shui is filled with admiration and respect. If news of this were to spread, it would definitely be a story that would capture the imagination of the current age, causing all who heard it to gasp in admiration.”

Shui Meiyin shot a sidelong glance towards her father as she covertly stuck out a tongue.

“Of course, if you choose to believe that this king has come here for the sake of Yun Che, you are free to do so,” Xia Qingyue said as her voice grew cold. Heavenly might filled each and every word that she pronounced as she said, “You only need to remember this one thing. My Moon God Realm has no grievance against you but if you dare to offend or assault the Snow Song Realm, then that is the same as becoming an enemy of my Moon God Realm!”

“Each and every one of these words has come from this king’s own mouth. If you do not believe me, you can give it a shot!”

The corner of Luo Guxie’s mouth twisted as her features contorted, her tightly clenched hands trembling violently.

There was no one who could truly not fear the title god emperor. No matter how arrogant Luo Guxie was, as long as she still retained the slightest bit of rationality, she would be well aware that she absolutely could not afford to offend Xia Qingyue.

What caused her even more shock and fear was the Moon God aura that was pressing down on her entire body... It was so heavy that she could scarcely believe it was real.

Everyone knew that Xia Qingyue had obtained Yue Wuya’s Zi Que divine power legacy... But, the awakening of the Moon God powers required time and Xia Qingyue’s personal strength had only been at the Divine Spirit Realm when she had inherited that power. Forget about three years ago, even if thirty years or even three hundred years had passed, it would still be absolutely impossible to reach such a level!

She had come here today to take revenge over her past humiliation. So if she were to return in such a pathetic manner without having been able to expunge her shame, it would undoubtedly add to her

shame... She did not need to fear Shui Qianheng, but with the Moon God Emperor here, her trip today was already destined for failure.

“Hehehe...”

Laughter that came from an aged and gentle voice rang out in the distant snowstorm, “Since the Moon God Emperor has already personally arrived then it looks like this old one’s trip here was unnecessary.”

This voice seemed to come from an ancient boundlessness, yet each word that it spoke was mighty enough to overturn the heavens. Mu Xuanyin and Xia Qingyue did not react to this voice, their gazes merely shifted towards it. On the other hand, the expressions of Shui Qianheng and Luo Guxie greatly changed.

An old man slowly appeared in the midst of the gentle snowstorm. He was dressed in a set of simple gray robes and his face was filled with a kindness that looked as if it would never fade.

“The Eternal Heaven... God Emperor!” Shui Qianheng gasped, words could not begin to describe the shock he felt in his heart.

He had originally felt that it was quite excessive for him to personally come here and he had only come because of his daughter’s pleading and coercion. But he had never imagined that he would actually see the Moon God Emperor herself personally come... and now, the Eternal Heaven God Emperor had made an appearance as well!

Two of the four god emperors of the Eastern Divine Region had actually personally come to this small Snow Song Realm!

This was an assembly of personages even he, the Glazed Light Realm King, could not help but be shocked and awed by.

“Grandpa Eternal Heaven, you’ve come as well,” Shui Meiyin shouted irreverently, her expression filled with happiness.

Not only did the Eternal Heaven God Emperor not get angry, but he actually smiled as he stroked his beard. He looked at Shui Meiyin with a doting gaze as he said, “So it seems that Yun Che truly is still in this world. This is truly a grand and fortunate thing.”

“The Snow Song Realm is extremely honored by the Eternal Heaven God Emperor’s personal arrival,” Mu Xuanyin said in a slow and measured voice. After that, she glanced to the side and said, “Che’er, the Glazed Light Realm King, the Moon God Emperor, and the Eternal Heaven God Emperor have all come here for your sake. You truly have a lot of face.”

The moment her voice fell, a gap appeared in the sealed Ice Phoenix barrier. Yun Che’s figure swiftly flew out from within as he appeared in front of everyone.

“Yun... Che...” Luo Guxie’s expression ferociously darkened the moment Yun Che appeared. A hatred that was shockingly dense flashed through her eyes... If the Moon God Emperor and the Eternal Heaven God Emperor were not here, she would definitely have launched an explosive attack with no hesitation at all.

“Big Brother Yun Che!” Shui Meiyin crowed in surprise and delight. She completely ignored the situation around her as she prepared to take to the air and hurtle towards Yun Che. However... Mu Xuanyin’s icy eyes turned towards her at this very moment and she seemingly unintentionally fixed her gaze upon Shui Meiyin.

Immediately, Shui Meiyin felt cold suffuse her entire body as she completely halted in place.

“Huh?” She stopped in place, staring at Mu Xuanyin for a little while before staring at Yun Che for a little while. After that, the look in her eyes became very strange.

Yun Che stood at Mu Xuanyin’s side as he bowed, “This junior Yun Che greets the Eternal Heaven Emperor, Senior Shui, as well as... Errr...”

Even though the Ice Phoenix barrier was isolated from the world, it had not blocked out any sound. Yun Che had heard every single word that they had said. But when he personally saw them, his heart had become a tangled and chaotic mess.

Ssss... Who was this impish beauty in front of him? Was this truly that silly love-struck young girl who wasn’t quite right in the head, who had been completely smitten with him?

Qingyue... Moon God Emperor? This, this, this, this... How did she suddenly become the Moon God Emperor!?

Moon God Emperor... A god emperor!? What about Yue Wuya!? Just what exactly had happened in the God Realm over the past few years!?

Xia Qingyue did not say anything and her gaze was only focused on Yun Che for a brief moment.

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor laughed as he sincerely measured Yun Che with his gaze. His smile was warm and filled with cheer as he said, “Yun Che, even though I don’t know how you lived through and escaped the Evil Infant disaster all those years ago, no matter whether it is your body or your profound strength, they are all well and whole. This could be said to be the most gratifying thing to have happened to this old one over the past few years.”

The Evil Infant disaster?

He had once again heard the two words “Evil Infant”, but under such circumstances, he naturally was unable to probe any further. Instead, he gave a sincere and grateful bow. He could tell that every single word that the Eternal Heaven God Emperor had said had come from the bottom of his heart.

Given his status in the God Realm, the debt of gratitude Yun Che owed the Eternal Heaven God Emperor for simply coming here was already far too heavy.

“Luo Guxie,” the Eternal Heaven God Emperor said as he turned around, “this old one was there to witness the grievance that took place between Yun Che and yourself all those years ago and I witnessed everything that happened with perfect clarity. As to who was right and who was wrong, whether it is you or the rest of the world, anyone who witnessed this event is well aware of what the answer to that question is.”

Luo Guxie, “...”

“Yun Che was an unprecedented divine miracle of our Eastern Divine Region, so my inability to protect him all those years ago very nearly became the regret of this old one’s life. Since he is hale and whole right now, I will not allow anyone to harm such a marvelous talent again... Luo Guxie, will you continue to persist in your obstinacy?”

How much weight did the words of the Eternal Heaven God Emperor carry? In the Eastern Divine Region, every word that came from his mouth was no less than the words spoken by the heavens. Furthermore, the last eight words that he had said, “will you continue to persist in your obstinacy”, were not only a warning, they were also clearly tinged with anger.

What had happened back then had happened in the Eternal Heaven Realm! And he had seen everything clearly.

Luo Guxie’s body was trembling. But when confronted with the personal arrival of two god emperors, even if her skull was one hundred times harder than it was right now, she would definitely not dare to assume a hard stance. She sharply sucked in a breath before she spoke through gritted teeth, “Since this is the order of the Eternal Heaven God Emperor, how could I dare to disobey it?”

She turned around, her chest heaving so violently that it looked like it was going to rupture. She did not spare Yun Che another look nor did she desire to stay for even half a breath longer, “Today’s matter is already finished, so I will take my leave now.”

As her voice fell, hatred flashed through her eyes. After that she took to the skies and flew far away.

But in the very next instant, a blue light suddenly flashed in front of her as an ice cold barrier appeared in midair, freezing even space itself as it sealed away her path.

Luo Guxie’s body came to a fierce and sudden halt. Mu Xuanyin’s cold voice, a voice so cold that it pierced one’s heart, rang out from behind her. “Luo Guxie, did this king allow you to leave!?”

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When Mu Xuanyin said those words, everyone’s expressions underwent different changes.

Luo Guxie slowly turned around as contempt flashed through those eyes which had originally been filled with hatred and resentment, “What did you say?”

“You barged into my Snow Song Realm, belittled my sect, injured my disciples, and elders for no rhyme or reason, but you simply want to leave right now?” Mu Xuanyin said, her voice cold and severe, “What sort of place do you take my Snow Song Realm for!?”

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor’s expression shifted slightly as faint puzzlement appeared on his face. Shui Qianheng took a step forward before saying, “Snow Song Realm King, this matter...”

Just as he started to speak, he felt his daughter forcefully tug on his sleeve. Shui Meiyin gave him a light shake of her head, stopping him from saying the words that had not yet left his mouth.

“As expected of Big Brother Yun Che’s master, what a scary person...” Shui Meiyin said in a voice that only Shui Qianheng could hear, her eyes glowing with a strange light.

“...!?” Shui Qianheng’s heart and mind trembled when he heard those words. There was no one in this world who understood what exactly Shui Meiyin’s evaluation meant better than him.

On the contrary, the ones who showed the biggest reactions were the people of the Ice Phoenix Realm below them. Even though they did not dare to approach the situation, they could see everything that was happening in the air above them and they could hear each and every word that had been said all too clearly. The arrivals of the Moon God Emperor and the Eternal Heaven God Emperor caused their jaws to drop to the floor in shock. When Luo Guxie was finally forced to leave, all of them breathed a long sigh of relief.

But Mu Xuanyin’s words caused all the hairs on their body, which had just relaxed, to stand on end.

“Sect... What is Sect Master trying to do?”

“It was an arduous task to get Luo Guxie, that ominous star, to leave, but now, now, now...”

“Don’t worry,” Mu Bingyun said calmly, “Sect Master has already thought this through.”

Upon saying that, she sighed softly in her heart: Big Sister, you’re really going to...

“He... Hehe... Hahahaha!” Luo Guxie initially started laughing in a very hoarse voice, but she soon burst out into peals of wanton laughter. It was as if she had heard the most unbelievably ridiculous joke in the world. After her wild laughter stopped, she languidly opened her mouth to speak and every word that she said was laced with undisguised ridicule, “So what? How are you, this Snow Song Realm King, prepared to deal with me then?”

“Leave behind three fingers. After that, you can get lost,” Mu Xuanyin said. Her face was completely expressionless and her words were ice-cold and heartless as they pronounced a judgement that could not be defied.

“...” The realm king of a middle star realm had actually told her to leave behind three fingers before leaving... For a moment, Luo Guxie herself did not even know whether she should be furious or if she should laugh. Her long and narrow eyes narrowed even further, the ridicule in her gaze made it seem as if she was looking at an ignorant clown as she said, “Snow Song Realm King, I am leaving today out of respect for the two god emperors. Who the hell do you think you are? Are you even qualified to say the words that you just spoke? No, you weren’t qualified to say even a single one of those words.”

“...” Yun Che’s brows faintly furrowed as he etched the words Luo Guxie just said into his memory.

Mu Xuanyin did not seem the least bit angered, her jade mien remaining as cold and icy as it had been initially as she said, “Luo Guxie, you have offended my Snow Song Realm so greatly that this king is also only requesting that you leave behind three fingers out of respect for the two god emperors. Don’t behave shamelessly when I have already given you face and force this king to personally take action!”

Shui Qianheng, “...” (Just what the hell did I come here for!?)

“With... Just... You... Alone!?”

Luo Guxie had seen a countless number of ridiculous people and heard a countless number of jokes in her life, but all of these things added up together could not equal the absurdity and ridiculousness of this current situation.

“Over the past few years, I have very rarely taken action and it was even more rare for me to fight with anyone. But I never imagined that a mere grasshopper from a middle star realm would actually dare to arrogantly strut in front of me,” Luo Guxie said. She did not try to leave any longer as she had immediately found something to vent the resentment and sullenness that filled her heart... and this ‘something’ had even delivered itself to her doorstep. She slowly raised a hand towards Mu Xuanyin as she made an incomparably contemptuous and mocking gesture and said, “Come, let me take a good look at how you, this Snow Song Realm King, is going to force me to leave behind three fingers!”

“Alright then,” Mu Xuanyin said as her phoenix eyes slanted upwards. “This king has already given you a chance but since you have chosen to allow this king to personally take action then we’ll do it your way. However, once this king moves personally, you won’t only be leaving three fingers behind!”

“Senior Mu...”

Just as Xia Qingyue started speaking, she was coldly cut off by Mu Xuanyin, “The one you want to protect is Yun Che. But now this is a matter concerning my Snow Song Realm, it has nothing to do with you outsiders and there is no need for anyone to interfere with by word or deed!”

“...” Xia Qingyue’s delicate brows twitched but she did not try to advise Mu Xuanyin any longer. The reason she had personally come to the Snow Song Realm was because she did not want to expose the Snow Song Realm’s “trump card”, but Mu Xuanyin had made a choice that she had not expected.

“Eternal Heaven God Emperor, this is a grievance between the Snow Song Realm King and Luo Guxie, we indeed should not interfere,” Xia Qingyue said. “However, the other people in the Snow Song Realm are truly innocent. Since we are here, we should not simply stand by idly and watch. Let’s seal off this battlefield instead.”

Just how experienced was the Eternal Heaven God Emperor? Even though Mu Xuanyin’s actions surprised him greatly, Xia Qingyue’s reaction clued him into the fact that there had to be a reason for this situation. Her words made him nod his head deeply as a look of admiration appeared on his face.

Xia Qingyue and Zhou Xuzi released their profound energy. The power of the two great god emperors fused together and instantly sealed off the space around Luo Guxie and Mu Xuanyin.

Luo Guxie could only feel that this was laughable, that this situation was incomparably ridiculous. After the barrier that had been formed by the two great god emperors had sealed off all the space around them, she felt as if a lion and a lamb had been trapped in a cage together... and to think that it was actually the lamb that had gotten them into this situation.

Besides feeling that this was ridiculous, Luo Guxie also felt as if her dignity had been trampled upon for no good reason. Her eyes grew dark as she slowly raised her arm and said, “This... was... something... you... asked... for... yourself!”

In an instant, all of the clouds in the sky and all of the flying snow in the area were swept up and gathered together, forming a gigantic cyclone behind her. Her aura also started to rapidly rise as she took action. The moment the gigantic cyclone formed completely, a world-shaking oppressive might engulfed the entire area around her.

Even though they were being separated from this by the barrier of the two great realm kings, the expressions of the gathered citizens of the Ice Phoenix Realm drastically changed. Massive amounts of terror appeared on the faces of all the Ice Phoenix disciples, even the elders and palace masters were no exception to this.

Because this was the terrifying oppressive might that came from a ninth level Divine Master, the number one person in the Eastern Divine Region outside of the king realms.

Such power was placed above a fair portion of the Star Gods and the Moon Gods, mythological existences in the Eastern Divine Region!

“There are also levels to the power of a Divine Master and a difference of half a step is like the difference between heaven and earth.” Wild wind billowed around Luo Guxie’s body as she said every word as if they were absolutely correct, “Because you managed to cultivate to the rank of Divine Master in a middle star realm, you can indeed do as you please in this world. But it’s a pity that you’re actually stupid enough to try to fight me... But it’s already far too late to regret it now!”

As she looked at Mu Xuanyin’s face and figure, a face and figure that would drive any woman mad with envy, Luo Guxie’s eyes abruptly turned dark as she formed her hand into a claw, “Look at how I rip all your clothes off!!

In the next instant, the cyclone wailed and spun towards Mu Xuanyin. After the cyclone had engulfed Mu Xuanyin, the entire sky suddenly grew dark and even light itself was being devoured by this far-too-terrifying cyclone.

Yells of shock and terror rang out from the Ice Phoenix Realm below them, but the expression of Mu Xuanyin, who was taking the whirling cyclone head on, was calm and clear. Her body had yet to move but her icy hair danced in the air as blue light flashed in the pupils of her eyes. The image of an Ice Phoenix that seemed almost real appeared behind her body. It let out a long and cold cry of might before it suddenly soared to the sky and welcomed that cyclone head-on.

In this instant, the expression on Shui Qianheng’s and the Eternal Heaven God Emperor’s faces drastically changed as well.

Because the icy oppressive might that erupted from Mu Xuanyin’s body was actually no lesser than the oppressive might that had erupted from Luo Guxie’s body.

As the image of the Ice Phoenix flashed into life, a layer of deep blue light covered the areas where light itself had been devoured. As it let out its long cry, it suddenly explosively increased its speed and pierced straight into the cyclone like a sharp and icy-blue knife...

Rippppp!!

The howling cyclone let out a shrill wail as it was directly ripped through like a wad of cotton.

“Wha... What!?”

A scene that had not even appeared in her wildest dreams was unfolding in front of Luo Guxie, causing the pupils of her eyes to narrow into pinpoints. But in the very next instant, a beam of blue light

exploded and the blackish-green cyclone that had been cut apart was actually swiftly turning into an azure-colored ice cyclone as it started spinning toward the completely dumbstruck Luo Guxie.

Luo Guxie had not descended into panic in spite of her shock. Her afterimages filled the air as thousands of green beams of light instantly exploded out from her hands, shattering the ice cyclone into fragments of dying light which was scattered across the sky... However, at this moment, Mu Xuanyin finally made her move. Icy light bloomed in the air as if a galaxy of stars were forming a path towards Luo Guxie.

The flying snow that filled the air had also morphed into a countless number of deadly ice spikes that dove straight at Luo Guxie.

Luo Guxie thrust out both her arms, causing gale force winds to sweep out from her to block that incomparably gorgeous glacier... However, it only managed to block that glacier for an instant, and her expression drastically changed once more after that...

Crack!

As the glacier bore down on Luo Guxie, her tempest was flattened. Her body sped backwards as she panickedly retreated from the ice glacier and ice spikes pressing in on her. She continued to dash backwards until she had covered scores of kilometers.

Besides the world-shaking and deafening explosions of profound energy that rang out in the air, the rest of the world was filled with a deathly stillness as intense looks of shock appeared on the faces of everyone else...

The battle between Luo Guxie and Mu Xuanyin should have been a completely one-sided and overwhelming display of power, but... it was Luo Guxie who had been forced tens of kilometers backwards after clashing twice with Mu Xuanyin!

Shui Qienhang was completely dumbfounded, the eyes of all of the Ice Phoenix members looked as if they were about to explode, and Yun Che's jaw had dropped open... Even the Eternal Heaven God Emperor wore a shocked expression on his face.

What sort of figure was Luo Guxie? Outside of the king realms, she was truly unrivaled. She was a terrifying character that even a king realm would absolutely not be willing to easily provoke in the Eastern Divine Region.

Mu Xuanyin had long ago become famous in the Eastern Divine Region. This was not only because she was a woman of exceptional beauty, it was also because she was someone who had cultivated into a Divine Master despite being from a middle star realm. She had also barely been able to rise above the other middle star realms and her power was superior to a fair number of upper realm kings... But when compared to a personage like Luo Guxie, they simply could not be compared at the same level.

It was because once one reached the level of Divine Master, every small step forward was as difficult as reaching the heavens. Even climbing up by half a small realm was already like crossing a huge chasm, much less one entire small realm.

In the Eastern Divine Region, Luo Guxie was definitely a personage who could move as she pleased outside of the king realms. Even someone who was as strong as the Glazed Light Realm King's Shui Qianheng had to speak softly in front of her.

But right now, while dueling with Mu Xuanyin... a middle star realm king, she had been pushed into a disadvantageous position after two clashes!

Furthermore, this definitely was not because Luo Guxie had been careless. When the profound energy in Mu Xuanyin's body had erupted, Shui Qianheng was so startled that his jaw nearly hit the floor, because it radiated an oppressive might that was clearly greater than his own!

The Glazed Light Realm was currently the number one star realm among the upper star realms and even though Shui Qianheng could not rival Luo Guxie, his own personal strength was definitely enough to be placed within the top ten of the upper star realms... A power that was above his own, what sort of shocking concept was that?

In his extreme astonishment, his very first reaction was that he could scarcely believe what he was witnessing.

Mu Xuanyin's figure swept forward rapidly as she hurtled towards Luo Guxie. Her long icy hair danced as it radiated an Ice Phoenix profound light, her entire body being bathed in the purest and most flawless icy blue brilliance in this universe. She was extremely and dreamily beautiful, as an inviolable sacredness radiated from her body. But the moment the light flashed, what was released was a tyrannical might that caused the heavens and earth to tremble.

Among all those who were present, the one who was the most wildly shocked was undoubtedly Luo Guxie. As she was being forced into retreat, she felt shock, anger, and humiliation chaotically rage in her heart. It was as if countless flames were exploding inside her body. Her face had gone completely dark and a hoarse roar ripped from her throat as the storm that had suddenly appeared in the space in front of her was shattered like glass... As the storm swept up the spatial fragments, it instantly grew to an enormous size, bearing down on the tiny Mu Xuanyin like a world-destroying devil dragon with the intent to devour her whole.

This was the power that she had sent out with all her strength due to her sudden rage, the power that a ninth level Divine Master could display when she was enraged!

Yet Mu Xuanyin did not even retreat a single step. Her eyes grew coldly focused as she softly chanted under her breath and an ice lotus that spanned over three kilometers bloomed proudly in the middle of this storm.

Immediately, the storm came to a sudden stop, as if it had been frozen. After that, the ice lotus ruptured, exploding into countless beams of blue light which mercilessly pierced through that apocalyptic storm. Terrifying wails which filled the heaven and the earth spread through the air and it was as if myriad arrows had pierced through the heart of a wildly violent and tyrannical enormous beast.

In that instant, the weather in entire Snow Song Realm drastically changed.

"Tenth level... Divine Master." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor breathed out those words in a low voice. Those four simple words had actually been said with exceptional difficulty.

"Wha... What!?" Shui Qianheng could not help but let out a cry of alarm, his originally coldly stern and imposing face instantly distorting as if someone had delivered a fierce punch to his face.

It was not that the Glazed Light Realm King's mental state was weak and frail. It was just that the four words "tenth level Divine Master" were simply far too alarming.

Because these four words had never appeared outside of a king realm before.

Even the Eternal Heaven God Realm, the king realm that was second only to the Brahma Monarch God Realm among the four king realms of the Eastern Divine Region, only had two tenth level Divine Masters, and that was including the Eternal Heaven God Emperor himself!

Chapter 1423 - A Cold Might that Terrifies the World

The Divine Master Realm; the peak level of profound strength that one could achieve in the divine way and also the highest level that humankind could attain.

Moreover, a tenth level Divine Master represented the peak level of the Divine Master Realm itself!

These people were also the rulers amongst the Divine Masters!

The birth of a single Divine Master would shake up any single divine region.

But if a tenth level Divine Master were to appear in this world, it would send huge shockwaves through the entire God Realm!

This was because becoming a tenth level Divine Master did not only simply mean that one had become a supreme power, it also signified that one had stepped into the realm of the "god emperors". It also meant that this person's strength had already exceeded the realm of the "experts", and that they had become a transcendent existence that could change the structure of the entire God Realm.

So, once the four words "tenth level Divine Master" spilled out from the Eternal Heaven God Emperor's lips, they most definitely resounded in the ears of everyone who heard them like four heaven-shaking thunderclaps.

Boom! Crack!!

The sound of ice congealing and exploding rang out in the distance, each sound loud enough to rend the heavens and the earth while they also fiercely shook the eyeballs and eardrums of everyone present.

Wild winds howled, but this howling sound was exceptionally shrill, so shrill that it sounded like the howls of fierce beast that was being tortured.

As Luo Changsheng's master, Luo Guxie's mastery over wind profound energy could be said to be unmatched under heaven. The speed, cutting force, and destructive power of her wind profound energy were all incomparably dreadful, but whenever she had just finished generating a storm, it would be instantly broken up or even sealed away. Furthermore, the cold energy that was coming from Mu Xuanyin was getting more and more terrifying. It continuously pierced through her power while also permeating through layer after layer of her protective profound energy, making her feel as if she was being unwittingly pushed deeper and deeper into an icy abyss.

"You... How exactly did you..."

Luo Guxie's expression was no longer one of shock. Instead, her features were twisted up like the face of someone who had been stricken by extreme fear and panic. As the number one person in the Eastern Divine Region outside of its king realms, as someone whom even people like Shui Qianheng had to be respectful towards, she was actually being... completely suppressed by a middle star realm's realm king!

"HAAAA!!"

Luo Guxie screamed as a long green whip appeared in her hand. The whip stretched over several kilometers when it undulated, generating a shockingly strange hurricane that seemed to have a life of its own as it swept towards Mu Xuanyin.

Mu Xuanyin extended an arm and even though no one saw her make a single move, a beam of icy-blue light explosively shot out from her hand. This beam of light pierced straight through the hurricane, swiftly sealing away the storm that was even breaking down the space around it before it collided with that long whip.

Ding!

With a gentle ring, the entire world instantly turned still. An icy-blue brilliance then snaked up the length of the whip as fast as lightning, instantly spreading to Luo Guxie's hand, causing a dreamy and gorgeous blue glow to explode beside her.

The hurricane had been dispersed and the long whip had flown out of her hand. Bright red blood spurted from Luo Guxie's mouth and her body was sent hurtling through the air like a spinning stop. Mu Xuanyin's palm descended right after and Luo Guxie was swiftly being buried within layers of ice...

"This... this..." the distinguished Glazed Light Realm King's eyes were as wide as a dead fish's and his lips were continuously trembling.

Even though the four words "tenth level Divine Master" had been uttered by the Eternal Heaven God Emperor himself, he still could not bring himself to believe it. But the scene that was unfolding in front of him... During the clash between the two, from the very moment Luo Guxie had been forced back by Mu Xuanyin, she had been completely suppressed and beaten at every turn. In fact, within the short span of ten breaths, Luo Guxie had actually been wounded.

To be able to injure Luo Guxie within ten breaths... How many people in the entire Eastern Divine Region could accomplish such a feat!?

Middle Star Realm... Snow Song Realm King... Tenth level Divine Master!

He simply found this too hard to believe, and if news of this were to spread, it would cause huge shockwaves to ripple through the Eastern Divine Region... No, it would cause huge shockwaves to ripple through the entire God Realm.

BANG!! BOOOM—

The sounds of energy exploding were becoming more and more terrifying and Luo Guxie's frantic yells were mixed in with them... After being wounded by a single blow from Mu Xuanyin, besides the actual wounds that she had received, her heart was beset by great rage and chaos. This was because she had still been completely suppressed even though she had unreservedly unleashed her full might. After that,

she had been rendered completely powerless to retaliate, and in the end, a layer of icy light that was growing more and more dense had already formed over her body.

“To think that our Eastern Divine Region... was actually hiding such a person...” the Eternal Heaven God Emperor muttered in an absent-minded voice. His heart had been badly shaken, and he was unable to stop trembling even after a long period of time had passed.

He had personally come to the Snow Song Realm today solely for the sake of Yun Che. He blamed himself for not being able to properly protect Yun Che back then and the guilt stemming from that had filled his heart ever since. Upon hearing that Yun Che was actually still in the world of the living, he had been so overjoyed that he had chosen to personally come to this place. But he had never imagined that he would actually personally witness the emergence of yet another such existence in the Eastern Divine Region... No, it was the very first tenth level Divine Master to ever appear outside one of the king realms!

To him, this was absolutely considered yet another miracle that had occurred in the Eastern Divine Region.

The miracle of Yun Che depended on how brilliantly he would shine in the future. But the miracle that was the Snow Song Realm King was already shining with such brilliance that it covered the heavens! This was especially true to the Eastern Divine Region that was currently facing a calamity that was bearing down on it. In fact, this was practically a miracle bestowed by the heavens!

Xia Qingyue’s eyes were as cool and calm as they were before and she was the only one who was even faintly aware that even right now, Mu Xuanyin... was still not using her full strength.

Over the last few years, she had more or less figured out who exactly Gu Zhu, the person who was always by Qianye Ying’er’s side, was.

Moreover, back then, Mu Xuanyin, by simply using pure profound strength alone, without even revealing her own profound art, had actually resisted Gu Zhu’s might...

Xia Qingyue suspected that the current level of power she possessed was not simply at the level of a normal tenth level Divine Master. Her power had very possibly approached the levels of power that Yue Wuya or Xing Juekong had once held... In fact, it might even have reached the level of power that the Eternal Heaven God Emperor himself possessed!

It was truly hard to imagine just how exactly someone from a middle star realm like Mu Xuanyin had climbed to such heights.

The battle between a ninth level Divine Master and a tenth level Divine Master was so devastating that the area around them would have long ago been turned into a wasteland if not for the fact that the entire battle had been sealed off from the rest of the world by the power of two great god emperors. Furthermore, at this moment, the aura of yet another Divine Master was flying in from the west at an extreme speed. This caused the Eternal Heaven God Emperor, Xia Qingyue, Shui Qianheng, and Shui Meiyin to glance to the side simultaneously.

Flame aura?

As the aura swiftly neared, a fire-red figure appeared in their vision and it was exactly the person they had been expecting.

Huo Poyun!

Upon sensing the clash of energies that were far too dreadful, Huo Poyun's body slowed down noticeably. But the moment he sensed Yun Che's aura, he no longer cared about anything else. His speed picked up dramatically as he rushed straight towards Yun Che. Before his body even came to a stop, he was already roaring with extreme excitement, "Brother Yun... is that really you? Is that really you!?"

He stared at Yun Che, his face as scarlet as flames, his voice faintly trembling with emotion... In fact, he did not even have the capacity to care about unparalleled battle that was happening behind him.

A faint smile appeared on Yun Che's face as he stepped forward and said, "Brother Poyun, I trust that you've been well."

"..." Huo Poyun's eyes scanned him over several times and he still could not quite bring himself to believe what he was seeing as he said, "It's truly... truly you? I heard the news that you were still alive, and I thought... I never thought that, you'd... you'd actually still be..."

"Haha," Yun Che arrived at his side in a flash, extending a hand to pat his shoulder, "I'm extremely hardy, so how could I have died so easily?"

"I'm still alive, whereas you... seem to have been completely reborn," Yun Che said as he looked at Huo Poyun, his words implying a deeper meaning.

Huo Poyun shook his head and it seemed like he wanted to say something. His lips moved but he did not know how to start. At this time, it was as if he had realized something and his body quivered as he spun around to look at the battle behind him... After that, his gaze grew completely stunned as deep shock appeared and froze on his face.

How could he not recognize that one of the two people that were fighting was Luo Guxie and the other person, who was completely suppressing her, was, astonishingly enough, Mu Xuanyin!

Even the Eternal Heaven God Emperor and Shui Qianheng were so shocked that they were still finding it hard to believe what they were seeing and come back to their senses, let alone Huo Poyun.

"Brother Yun, your master is actually... is actually..." He barely croaked out and no matter what, he simply could not spit out the rest of the words that he wanted to say.

Yun Che gave yet another faint smile but he did not say anything.

Neither of the two sensed that on the other side, Shui Meiyin's eyes were staring straight at Huo Poyun and her gaze remained fixed on him for a very long time. In the depths of her eyes, a pair of black butterflies were gloomily dancing.

Xia Qingyue took notice of Shui Meiyin's abnormal reaction, her brows furrowed slightly.

Bang!!

With a huge ringing sound, Luo Guxie's body heavily smashed against the ground, shattering tens of kilometers of the icy plains. But in the next instant, she had soared into the sky once more, the expression on her face sinister. Over a hundred cyclones had gathered behind her and as her power congealed and focused, they were actually slowly merging into one deep purple storm.

"How could I... Luo Guxie... lose to you!?"

After Luo Guxie's shrill yell, the space around them terrifyingly undulated like an ocean wave. But even before the apocalyptic storm she had generated with all of her might could be unleashed, a blue light suddenly flashed in front of Luo Guxie's eyes. Immediately, it felt as if countless ice needles had been stabbed into her eyes and her profound veins...

It was the divine figure of an Ice Phoenix which hurtled down from the sky above. Before it even neared them, the entire purple storm had actually solidified in an instant as it completely stopped in its tracks.

The divine figure of the Ice Phoenix swiftly grew larger in Luo Guxie's eyes. It made a very long ice blue arc in the air as it pierced through her profound energy domain, pierced through her storm barrier, and pierced through her protective profound energy before exploding against her chest... With a long cry that seemed to be so near yet so far away at the same time, the Ice Phoenix passed through her body.

BZZZN— — — —

Luo Guxie's eyes lost their color and all of the stormwinds dispersed in mid air. Her body directly hurtled toward the ground as it fell into the snow region below them.

But the divine figure of the Ice Phoenix did not dissipate after a time. Under the guidance of Mu Xuanyin's aura, it drew a beautiful circle in the air before hurtling towards where Luo Guxie had fallen like a streaking azure meteor.

BOOOM!!

Crack, crack, crack, crack, crack, crack, crack, crack, crack, crack...

It was as if tens of thousands of ice mountains had crazily exploded within the span of a few breaths. The sound of ice exploding was so terrifying that it caused Shui Qianheng's heart to violently tremble. The exploding ice blue profound light spread over the dome of heaven and it did not dissipate for a very long time. The cold energy that had been dispersed throughout the air and the ground transformed the surrounding area into a true icy hell.

At this moment, if a profound practitioner who was at the Divine King Realm or lower were to approach this area, their lives would directly be sealed away.

The sound of ice exploding quickly subsided. Mu Xuanyin descended from the sky, her eyes coldly stared at the area below her... The world had descended into a complete and deathly silence. From the most ordinary Ice Phoenix disciples to even the Eternal Heaven God Emperor himself, not a single person made a single sound.

Luo Guxie lay paralyzed in a stretch of shattered ice. A layer of blue light had engulfed her body and her exposed skin had been completely frozen white, but there were no bloodstains... Because even her wounds had been frozen over by the cold energy.

Her body trembled in the cold and her pupils continued to contract, but Luo Guixie did not struggle to get to her feet... Perhaps at this time, she was currently greatly suspecting that she was stuck in a nightmare right now, because such an absurd and ridiculous thing could only happen in a nightmare.

She had never lost in such a miserable and ugly fashion before.

Furthermore, she had never imagined that she would lose...

Mu Xuanyin slowly walked in front of Luo Guixie as a pair of icy eyes coldly looked down at her, "Fairy Guixie? The number one person in the Eastern Divine Region? As it turns out, this is all you amount to."

"Luo Guixie," the cold light in Mu Xuanyin's eyes was like heart-piercing needles which bored straight into her heart and soul, "no matter how arrogant and despotic you are outside of this place, it has nothing to do with this king. But if you think you can behave atrociously in the Snow Song Realm... You are not qualified to do so!"

She extended two fingers on her right hand as a long ice blade congealed on her fingertips. She pointed it towards Luo Guixie's chest as she said, "Just now, on account of my respect for the two god emperors, this king had only wanted you to leave behind three fingers. However, it's a pity that you did not appreciate my kindness and forced this king to personally take action!"

"Right now, are you prepared to keep your left hand, or your right?"

Chapter 1424 - Fury

A mere hundred breaths had passed since the moment Luo Guixie had started dueling Mu Xuanyin.

The number one person in the Eastern Divine Region outside of its king realms had lost to the Snow Song Realm King within a hundred breaths... One could well imagine that incomparably gigantic waves would surely rock the Eastern Divine Region from this day forward and that huge shockwaves would certainly be sent through the other divine regions as well.

The Snow Song Realm was a middle star realm whose fame had greatly increased because they had produced a Yun Che. Its prestige had also undoubtedly stepped into a completely different domain because of that as well.

To the best of anyone's knowledge, Mu Xuanyin's profound strength was that of a fourth level Divine Master. Even though she was superior to a good number of upper realm kings, the overall weakness of the Snow Song Realm ensured that it remained within the ranks of the middle star realms.

However, a Mu Xuanyin who was a tenth level Divine Master, even if she had been born in the weakest star realms or lower realms, would boost the level of her birthplace to that of an upper star realm in the span of a single night.

Because that was power at the level of the god emperors!

At this moment, everyone in the Divine Ice Phoenix Sect, from top to bottom, felt as if they were dreaming.

But the one who was most convinced that she was dreaming was undoubtedly Luo Guixie.

Her eyes had grown slack as she was confronted by Mu Xuanyin's cold voice and the icy light coming from her fingers. Her profound energy had become weak and insipid while her entire body trembled. She was unable to utter even a single word for the longest time.

No matter what, she was unable to believe or accept everything that had happened.

Space fluctuated as the figure of the Eternal Heaven God Emperor appeared. The gaze he directed towards Mu Xuanyin was completely different from what it had been before, and even his tone of voice was far milder than it had been before, "Snow Song Realm King, Luo Guxie is, in the end, still an extraordinary person. Losing a hand is a small matter but having one's reputation destroyed is something far greater. Since she has already been utterly ruined, please stop here and spare her. I believe that she will take this to heart and that she definitely won't offend the Snow Song Realm ever again."

Mu Xuanyin gave Luo Guxie a penetrating glance but she did not give it a single thought. The icy light glowing on her fingertips immediately dissipated as she said, "Since the Eternal Heaven God Emperor is pleading on her behalf, then this junior will naturally defer to you."

"Mn," the Eternal Heaven God Emperor said and nodded with a smile on his face. A cluster of warm profound light soundlessly dispelled the cold energy inside Luo Guxie's body as he said, "Luo Guxie, the Snow Song Realm King has decided to be magnanimous, forgive your previous offenses, and allow you to leave this place unharmed. As such, let this be the end of your grievances with the Snow Song Realm and Yun Che, you are not pursue them any longer. Otherwise, it won't only be the Snow Song Realm who will get involved. This old one will also not allow any further misbehavior."

Luo Guxie's complexion recovered slightly as she staggered to her feet. It was only then that she finally circulated profound energy and completely dispelled the cold energy afflicting her body. She clenched her teeth lightly as she looked at Mu Xuanyin. She was just about to spit out some vicious words but the moment her eyes came into contact with Mu Xuanyin's ice-cold gaze, her very soul shivered and the hatred in her eyes swiftly transformed into alarm and fear...

She turned around and gasped roughly. After that she spoke in a hoarse voice, "I, Luo Guxie... admit my defeat today... But the both of you, master and disciple... you had better... remember this..."

The words that she said caused the Eternal Heaven God Emperor's eyebrows to greatly furrow as he shook his head in disappointment.

Her disciple, Luo Changsheng, had been defeated by Yun Che, someone who had been born in a middle star realm, and today, she had been defeated by Yun Che's master, a middle realm king... She slowly stepped forward and the hatred, resentment, and humiliation in her heart intensified with every step that she took.

Before this, Luo Changsheng's future had been set up perfectly. He had been the leader of the Four God Children of the Eastern Region, and he was the Young Master Changsheng who was roundly praised and admired by everyone in the star realms. Yet because of Yun Che... everything he possessed had been crushed in a single day and all of his future plans had been ruined.

Moreover, she, Luo Guxie, had received a serious injury despite launching a sneak attack against Yun Che. Her ten thousand year reputation had also been ruined in a single day and she had even become

the laughingstock of the Eastern Divine Region. She came here today to vent her hatred, but not only was she unable to fulfill her desires, she had ended up in a miserably pathetic state thanks to Mu Xuanyin... and the Eternal Heaven God Emperor even had to plead on her behalf in order to protect her...

Her teeth clenched together tighter and tighter as her legs trembled... The profound energy in her body slowly swelled up and just when everyone thought that she was about to take to the skies and leave, a crazed hatred abruptly flashed in the depths of her eyes and the arm that had been dangling at her side was suddenly thrust out explosively as a beam of green profound light ripped through the air, instantly travelling fifty kilometers, as it shot toward Yun Che.

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor's complexion abruptly changed as he gasped, "You!"

Nearly everyone had been surprised by Luo Guxie's sudden attack. Back then, when she had attacked Yun Che on the Conferred God Stage, everyone could still understand that she had been triggered because of her smothering love for Luo Changsheng. However this time, her attack was completely and utterly crazed and despicable... It was a level of craziness and despicableness that practically no one could understand.

With this attack, even if she managed to kill Yun Che... the name "Fairy Guxie" would still become completely notorious and infamous.

Even ten thousand Yun Ches would not even be able to resist the power of Luo Guxie. However, Xiao Qingyue had always been near where he was standing. In the very first instant when Luo Guxie had attacked, Xia Qingyue's palm had also stretched out at the same time as an invisible moon realm blocked the path in front of Yun Che... At the very instant the Moon Realm was formed, a shocked and furious roar rang out in front of Yun Che.

"Be careful!!"

With an explosive roar, Huo Poyun hurtled over and forcefully opened up a fire domain at the greatest speed possible. At the same time, Shui Meiyin had transformed into a black phantom as she stood in front of Yun Che.

On the contrary, Shui Qianheng had reacted half an instant slower... This was because he could never have imagined that someone like Luo Guxie would actually behave in such a frenzied and insane manner, not even if he was beaten half to death.

The green profound light collided with the fire domain that was farthest forward... Even though this had been a sneak attack launched by an injured Luo Guxie, it still was not an attack that Huo Poyun could block. The fire domain that he had forcefully opened up was instantly shattered, scattering in fragmented flames which filled the sky. Huo Poyun also let out a low groan as he was pushed back hundreds of meters, blood flowing from the corner of his mouth.

In the end, the current Huo Poyun was still a fourth level Divine Master, so even though he was not able to completely block it, he had managed to weaken the power of Luo Guxie's attack while also causing the direction of the green beam of profound light to deviate slightly. Behind him, Shui Meiyin waved a hand as a water screen shimmered into existence around her, its appearance barely discernible.

Bang!

With a light ringing, the profound light that came into contact with the water screen behaved as if it had touched the surface of a mirror. Its direction suddenly changed as it shot towards the distant west...

BOOOOOM!!!!

A green curtain of light exploded upwards and soared to the heavens in the area to the west of them. Under that curtain of light, a region hundreds of kilometers wide was engulfed by storms, completely transforming into a calamitous purgatory that could house no life.

Xia Qingyue's hand withdrew as she silently glanced at Huo Poyun and Shui Meiyin. She had been slightly shocked when Shui Meiyin had released her profound energy. As for Huo Poyun... He had clearly used his life to block that blow.

"Brother Poyun!" Yun Che's body flashed as he swiftly arrived at Huo Poyun's side, "Are you okay?"

"It's nothing, just some minor injuries," Huo Poyun said as he shook his head. His breathing had become rather rapid as he raised his head to look at Luo Guxie and said through fiercely gritted teeth, "Senior Guxie... How could you do such an utterly despicable thing... Ssss!"

On the other side, Mu Xuanyin had already become completely enraged. The profound light that she had just restrained violently flared up in that instant. The sudden burst of profound energy caused even the Eternal Heaven God Emperor to retreat a few steps.

BANG!

Mu Xuanyin's palm fiercely smashed into Luo Guxie's back... Due to her raging fury, she did not hold back or take any pity on Luo Guxie. The figure of an Ice Phoenix exploded against Luo Guxie's back, causing an explosion that was so loud that it seemed like the heavens themselves had exploded!

This was accompanied by the extremely ear-piercing sound of bones breaking.

Luo Guxie spat out an arrow of blood that flew several kilometers as scores of cracks appeared all over her body. Her entire body seemed like a broken bag of blood, spraying out blood amidst the wind and snow as she hurtled through the air.

The blue light glowing on Mu Xuanyin's hand flashed as cold light accumulated on the Snow Princess Sword. Contained in that cold light was a malicious energy and killing intent so fierce and violent that it seemed almost frenzied. An aurora of light abruptly flashed into existence as that sword was shot straight toward Luo Guxie.

The cold energy and killing intent accumulated in this sword caused the Eternal Heaven God Emperor's expression to change as he urgently yelled, "Stay your hand for now!"

That was because this sword stroke was clearly meant to take Luo Guxie's life!

His body rushed out with great urgency as an invisible beam of profound energy swiftly blocked Mu Xuanyin's path. However... the cold light in Mu Xuanyin's eyes had not dissipated in the slightest. On the contrary, the Snow Princess Sword abruptly thrust forward with a sudden flash and the obstructing energy that the Eternal Heaven God Emperor had hastily released was completely torn apart like a layer

of cloth. A beam of blue light also shot out at the same time, directly striking the Eternal Heaven God Emperor in the forehead.

Bang!

With an explosive ring, icy light exploded outwards and the Eternal Heaven God Emperor was sent spinning through the air. By the time, he had managed to forcefully stabilize his body, Mu Xuanyin's Snow Princess Sword was only three feet away from Luo Guxie and the tip of that sword was pointed straight at Luo Guxie's chest.

Luo Guxie had practically lost half of her life due to Mu Xuanyin's furious attack. Scores of cracks had appeared on her back and it looked like it was about to collapse. Furthermore, what was approaching her was clearly an aura of death!

She could not bring herself to believe that this sword stroke of Mu Xuanyin's was actually going to take her life... Just like no one had believed that she, Luo Guxie, would actually suddenly make an attempt on Yun Che's life.

In the end, she was still Luo Guxie and she mightily forced her body to turn as she was hurtling through the air. She waved her arms as she let out a weird yell, causing galeforce winds to sweep toward the Snow Princesses Sword that was growing nearer and nearer.

RIP!

How could the power that Luo Guxie had sent out in her broken state ever block the furious power of Mu Xuanyin? Those galeforce winds had been torn apart in a single instant, but the direction the Snow Princess Sword had been pointed had also deviated slightly. It suddenly pierced into Luo Guxie's right arm and after a slight pause, it had completely pierced through that arm.

Following the ear-piercing sound of cloth being torn apart, Luo Guxie's right arm was completely shorn from her body by the Snow Princess Sword. However, not a single drop of blood sprayed out from that wound for it had already been completely frozen into an ice sculpture. Furthermore, the excess energy that radiated from the Snow Princess Sword heavily swept over Luo Guxie's body, causing another arrow of blood to shoot from her mouth as she fiercely hurtled to the ground.

Mu Xuanyin's body suddenly turned as the Snow Princess Sword's icy light flashed once again and it began to pierce towards Luo Guxie once more... But at this time, a purple light flashed in front of her as Xia Qingyue's figure appeared. Releasing a purple light, Xia Qingyue's right hand grabbed the Snow Princess Sword, firmly catching it between her fingers.

As Xia Qingyue looked at Mu Xuanyin and faced her shocking malicious energy and killing intent, she slowly shook her head and said, "Senior Mu, do not kill her."

"..." Mu Xuanyin's gaze was so dark and cold that it was extremely frightening. Her body was vibrating with what was clearly cold energy, yet it seemed as violent as a raging volcano. While her chest heaved up and down, the cold light radiating from her body and her sword crazily flashed. She looked at Xia Qingyue for several full breaths before the cold light shining on her sword finally started to weaken bit by bit.

Xia Qingyue relaxed her grip and the arm that Mu Xuanyin was using to grip the sword also started lower.

Indeed, she could not kill Luo Guxie...

Even though Luo Guxie had already left the Holy Eaves Realm, in the end, she was still the sister of the Holy Eaves Realm King Luo Shangchen. Furthermore, after she had become the master of Luo Changsheng, she, someone who had almost never stepped foot into the Holy Eaves Realm before this, had started to live in the Holy Eaves Realm with the intention to stay.

It would be fine to injure Luo Guxie even further. But if she were to be killed, it was not possible for the Holy Eaves Realm to simply leave the matter at that.

Mu Xuanyin personally had nothing to fear from the Holy Eaves Realm, but the Snow Song Realm had no choice but to fear!

Even though he could sense that Mu Xuanyin's malicious energy was still present, the Eternal Heaven God Emperor could also sense that she was starting to restrain her aura. He breathed a long sigh of relief at that... but at this moment, when he recalled the profound energy that had erupted from her body due to her extreme rage, huge tidal waves surged in his heart.

Luo Guxie, who had lost her right arm, had fallen into the snow, spitting out large mouthfuls of blood. Even though she had struggled for a long time, she was still unable to get to her feet.

Mu Xuanyin stared down her, her gaze colder than it had been at any other moment as she spoke, "Luo Guxie, listen and listen well. This king won't kill you today and if you want to take revenge in the future, this king will be happy to comply."

"But if you dare to harm Yun Che... I will personally kill Luo Changsheng!"

Mu Xuanyin's words caused the light of hatred to flash in Luo Guxie's eyes, but the moment Mu Xuanyin had pronounced the three words "Luo Changsheng" with obvious killing intent, it was as if her weakness had been grasped. Her head jerked upwards as her pupils started to contract in fear, "You... You..."

She wanted to say the two words "you dare" but she had just personally experienced Mu Xuanyin's nightmarishly dreadful power. Furthermore, that killing intent that had very nearly buried her was right in front of her... If even she, Luo Guxie, dared to attempt to murder Yun Che, why would Mu Xuanyin not dare!?

She did not say another word nor did she look at anyone else. She got to her feet while trembling and it was only after she spat out many mouthfuls of blood that she took to the air with much difficulty and gradually flew into the distance... returning to the Star End Hall that she had arrived in as she sped away pathetically.

She had come here to vent her hatred and wash away her shame. But the only things she had obtained were utter defeat and an even greater humiliation than the one before.

Chapter 1425 - Conferring Favors

Luo Guxie left. The coming of this "disaster" was unforeseen, and its ending even less so. While it didn't take too long for a Divine Master to regrow a limb, the humiliation Luo Guxie had suffered was

something that remained in the soul for a lifetime. Just how many people in this world had the power to thwart her? This was no longer just simple humiliation to Luo Guxie. It was a nightmare that she could very well never escape unless she could kill Mu Xuanyin with her own hands, just like how she sought to kill Yun Che personally.

She would try to wipe this from her memory... She had brought all this upon herself.

Everything was silent within the Ice Phoenix Realm. No one was cheering or speaking even after Star End Hall had vanished completely from view, and the dust of a fierce battle had settled completely. Shock, blank confusion, sluggishness... every Ice Phoenix disciple, hall master, palace master, and elder was wearing a ridiculous expression. It was so that they might not wake up even if someone were to give them a heavy slap to the face.

They were acting the way they were because their sect master, Realm King of the Snow Song Realm, had defeated—decisively defeated—the number one profound practitioner beneath king realms everyone in the Eastern Divine Region knew and revered, Luo Guxie!

In truth, their reaction was perfectly normal. Even Glazed Light Realm King Shui Qianheng was so shocked by Mu Xuanyin cutting off Luo Guxie's arm that his eyeballs had nearly popped out of their sockets.

Huo Poyun stared blankly to the front for a very long time before he finally turned towards Yun Che with difficulty, "Y-your master... S-she..."

"Ahem, she's pretty strong, isn't she?" Yun Che pressed a finger against his nose and forced himself to speak calmly.

Huo Poyun nodded like a pecking chick.

"Now that she has defeated Luo Guxie, she has become the true 'number one' profound practitioner beneath the king realms," Shui Meiyin whispered. "Big Brother Yun is the younger generation's number one profound practitioner, and senior Mu is the number one profound practitioner beneath Eastern Divine Region's king realms... she deserves to be called Big Brother Yun's maser."

"..." His daughter's voice finally closed Shui Qianheng's wide open mouth little by little.

He had "deigned" to come here because his daughter had requested him to, but he never imagined that he would witness something that would shock the entire God Realm.

Mu Xuanyin reappeared after a blue flash, and she shot Yun Che a glance to confirm that he was unharmed. Then, she withdrew her gaze and looked at the Eternal Heaven God Emperor, "This junior wasn't able to withdraw her attack in time. Please forgive this junior for her transgressions, Eternal Heaven God Emperor."

"..." The corner of Shui Qianheng's mouth twitched suddenly. "Wasn't able to withdraw her attack in time?" Just like everyone else, Shui Qianheng had clearly witnessed Mu Xuanyin hitting the Eternal Heaven God Emperor in the head without mercy when the latter had stopped her from killing Luo Guxie...

Shui Qianheng shuddered involuntarily. This was a woman who could kill Luo Guxie without hesitation and even hit the Eternal Heaven God Emperor when she was angry...

This is a woman I absolutely cannot provoke no matter what, Shui Qianheng thought to himself repeatedly. After today, it was clear that Mu Xuanyin was scarier and more dangerous than Luo Guxie in every sense of the word...

Shui Qianheng shifted his gaze to Shui Meiyin, and suddenly his heart tightened for an instant... Although Luo Guxie had surprise-attacked Yun Che, not a hair on the boy was harmed in the process. However, Mu Xuanyin's fury was still terrible to say the least. When he considered that his daughter had refused to extinguish her affection for Yun Che despite three thousand years...

Where was this strange anxiety coming from?

"Hehe, it's okay, it's okay." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor was the Eternal Heaven God Emperor after all. Not only was he completely unperturbed by her earlier slight, he even smiled at her and said, "There is nothing wrong with wanting to protect your disciple."

"That's right," Shui Qianheng interrupted, "the Snow Song Realm King's love and concern for her junior is unchanged despite wielding such power. It is most admirable."

When Shui Qianheng first arrived, he had assumed a polite, amiable, but overbearing presence before Mu Xuanyin. Now, it was clear that his words were a lot humbler than normal.

Mu Xuanyin nodded slightly at the two of them, "Xuanyin is most grateful that so many noble guests have come to my disciple's aid. Che'er, where are your manners?"

"Yes, Master." Yun Che walked forward and bowed, "Eternal Heaven God Emperor, Senior Shui, this junior is grateful beyond words for your timely aid."

"As we should, as we should." Shui Qianheng chuckled.

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor sighed heavily as he stared at Yun Che. "The reason the Profound God Convention was held was exactly to find a 'miraculous' person like you. Your appearance was a source of great joy to me, but in the end I wasn't able to keep you from harm. When I heard that we had lost you, it nearly became the regret of a lifetime. Words cannot describe how glad I am to find you safe and sound."

Yun Che said gratefully, "This junior cannot possibly deserve such favor... This junior cannot think of a way to repay you."

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor chuckled and sighed while shaking his head. "It's no wonder that you're able to surpass all four god children and climb to the top of the Conferred God Battle. To think that your master is this powerful! Now I understand why the Snow Song Realm King didn't attend the Profound God Convention."

"To heavily injure Luo Guxie in a hundred breaths' time, your cultivation must be..." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor stopped talking there because the thought in his mind was simply too shocking to put into words. "I'm truly ashamed to have not heard tales of your astounding power in the northern side of the Eastern Divine Region."

Mu Xuanyin replied, "This junior hadn't wanted to conceal her power on purpose. The Snow Song Realm is just a small realm, and we simply cannot afford to attract too much attention."

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor nodded understandingly... But his shock was a separate emotion that he couldn't suppress no matter what.

Xia Qingyue asked, "Senior Mu, Luo Guxie was going to leave one way or another, so why did you change your mind in the end?"

When she said "change your mind", she meant why Mu Xuanyin had decided to reveal her hidden strength... Generally, it wasn't wise to expose one's "trump card".

Mu Xuanyin answered, "The crimson calamity may occur anytime. It is my duty to do my utmost to ensure the safety of the Eastern Divine Region."

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor nodded praisingly. "It is the Eastern Divine Region's fortune to have someone like you."

"Besides that, I don't want anyone to think poorly of the Snow Song Realm! Luo Guxie is an evil and uncontrollable woman. If I don't make a show of strength, it is only a matter of time before she strikes the Snow Song Realm!"

"I see." Xia Qingyue nodded, but Mu Xuanyin's reasoning hadn't been able to satisfy her so far.

However, an idea suddenly entered her mind and clouded her eyes slightly with complicated emotions. She then asked her second question, "Senior Mu, Yun Che intended to keep his return a secret, didn't he? However, rumors of his survival suddenly spread from the Holy Eaves Realm to the entire Eastern Divine Region. That is why the Eternal Heaven God Emperor and the Glazed Light Realm King were able to arrive so quickly, am I right? On that note, am I also right to assume that the source of this news is the Holy Eaves Realm?"

"Correct," The Eternal Heaven God Emperor nodded, "the Holy Eaves Realm's Star End Hall suddenly rocketed towards the north at top speed. It would be harder not to notice such a commotion. After a bit of investigation, I soon discovered that Luo Guxie was the one piloting the Star End Hall, not Luo Changsheng."

"Before Luo Guxie left, she had declared in fury that she would 'kill Yun Che with her own hands'. It was quite the public declaration, and it took little effort to verify if it was true or false. At first, I couldn't believe the rumors because Yun Che couldn't have been strong enough to escape the Evil Infant disaster. However, after receiving a similar message from the Moon God Realm, I knew then that there was a high chance that the rumors were true. That is why I came personally to verify the truth with my own eyes."

"...?" This was the third time Yun Che had heard of the term "Evil Infant".

"It is the same here," Shui Qianheng said.

"I thought so," Xia Qingyue said. "In that case, why didn't you interrogate Luo Guxie to find out how she knew that Yun Che was alive and where his exact location was just now, senior Mu?"

Mu Xuanyin shot Yun Che a glance, “Yun Che probably knew the answer already. I’d decided that it was something he should deal with himself.”

Yun Che, “...”

“Oh?” Everyone wore puzzled looks on their faces.

“Yun Che, I have a question.” The Eternal Heaven God Emperor asked, “A large amount of Star Gods, Moon Gods, Brahma Kings, and Guardians were killed during the Evil Infant Disaster. The Star God Realm was also left barren and lifeless land during the aftermath. How in the world did you manage to escape that tragedy?”

“...!!?” The Eternal Heaven God Emperor’s words shook Yun Che greatly. He asked urgently, “What did you say?”

The Star God Realm was now a barren and lifeless land? A large amount of Star Gods and Moon Gods had perished in battle? Anyone would be surprised to hear something like this. Yun Che immediately realized that he had forgotten himself and quickly adopted a calm demeanor. He asked with a frown on his face, “This junior hasn’t been in the God Realm for the past couple of years. I didn’t die in that disaster either...”

“Yun Che used the Void Illusion Stone to escape the Star God Realm just before the Evil Infant Disaster happened,” Mu Xuanyin suddenly spoke up. “He has spent the last few years in the lower realms until very recently. That is why he has no idea about the Evil Infant Disaster, and I haven’t had the time to speak to him about this. I will be doing so later.”

Yun Che, “...”

“Oh... I see now.” The Eternal Heaven God Emperor nodded, and didn’t pursue the subject further. “Regardless, the Eastern Divine Region is lucky that Yun Che has survived. The Eastern Divine Region is also lucky to have you, Snow Song Realm King. Right now, the Eastern Divine Region is overshadowed by the Crimson crack, and this calamity may be bigger than anyone can possibly imagine. Thanks to your presence, our hope is now greater than it was before.”

Mu Xuanyin said, “You praise me too much, Eternal Heaven God Emperor. This junior dare not accept it.”

“Your strength is deserving of any language in the world.” The Eternal Heaven God Emperor chuckled. “My trip to the Snow Song Realm today isn’t in vain, so I think it is time I take my leave.”

Originally, he had come to take Yun Che back to the Eternal Heaven God Realm. But now, it looked like his concern was unnecessary.

Mu Xuanyin urged the Eternal Heaven God Emperor to stay. “It is a great boon and fortune to be visited by the Eternal Heaven God Emperor himself. Please, allow me to fulfill my duty as a host.”

“Hehe, it’s okay.” The Eternal Heaven God Emperor smiled at her. “The Eternal Heaven General Assembly is right around the corner, and I will be meeting both of you again—Snow Song Realm King, Glazed Light Realm King—very soon. Meiyin, Poyun, I will be borrowing your strength this time as well.”

Huo Poyun took a step forward and said solemnly, "The Eternal Heaven God Realm has given Poyun a new lease in life. I will obey your command no matter what it may be."

"Meiyin will head over with daddy as well," Shui Meiyin replied seriously before sneaking a glance at Yun Che. She looked like she wanted to say something.

"Good." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor nodded gladly. Considering their current circumstances, Mu Xuanyin's emergence was the best news he could hope for.

As for why she, a middle star realm king was able to break the limit only a king realm should be able to break and become a rank ten Divine Master, now was not the time to explore such things.

"In that case, I will be..."

Suddenly, his voice and expression froze in mid speech. Then, a thick, black aura rushed up to his face.

The sudden change that had overcome the Eternal Heaven God Emperor caught everyone by surprise. Shui Qianheng frowned deeply while saying, "Eternal Heaven God Emperor, you..."

Pwack!!

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor shuddered violently before a mouthful of blood burst out of his mouth... His blood was shockingly black in color.

"... !?" Yun Che was completely caught off guard. The Eternal Heaven God Emperor was clearly suffering from an internal injury blowback, but who in the world was powerful enough to hurt someone like him? Who would even dare to?

Moreover, the black blood he spat out was clearly overflowing with shockingly high level darkness aura!

Suddenly, he noticed that everyone around him was surprised, but not as shocked as they should've been by the Eternal Heaven God Emperor's injury. Shui Meiyin spoke up, "Grandpa Eternal Heaven, are you okay?"

"It's okay. I wasn't expecting it to break out at this time. Please forgive me for my unsightly appearance." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor pressed a hand to his chest and chuckled in reply.

However, it was clear that his complexion was bad, and his muscles were twitching despite the smile on his face. He was clearly in great pain.

Yun Che, "...?"

"It has been three years since the Evil Infant Disaster. Is it beyond even your... ability to heal from it?" Huo Poyun asked in disbelief.

"Although the Evil Infant had only regained a shred of its power, its level cannot be judged using common sense. The only one who can solve this darkness profound energy quickly is the Dragon Queen of the Western Divine Region and her light profound energy. Without her, it'll probably take a couple more years before I can fully recover." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor sighed when he recalled the situation the Eastern Divine Region was in right now.

Shui Qianheng frowned and asked, "But I heard that the Eternal Heaven Realm had sent word to the Dragon Queen for help. She couldn't have refused your aid, could she?"

Yun Che, "..."

"That's not it." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor sighed, "It's because the Dragon Queen is currently in secluded cultivation. In order to ensure that she enjoys her peace, the Dragon Monarch has even cast a barrier around the Forbidden Land of Samsara to prevent all living beings from approaching it. This is fate."

"...I see." Shui Qianheng exhaled slightly. Considering the Dragon Queen's level, there was simply no telling when she would exit her secluded cultivation. Forget a century, it wouldn't be a surprise even if she was be in secluded cultivation for an entire millennium.

Yun Che, "... (Shen Xi is in... secluded cultivation?)

"Hehe, there is no need to worry for me. My condition will improve once I've adjusted my breathing... Goodbye, everyone."

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor waved his hand and smiled at them consolingly.

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor was undoubtedly the most un-god emperor like god emperor in all four divine regions. He was neither prideful nor imposing, and he never looked down on his people despite standing at the pinnacle of the Primal Chaos. He always treated every person with gentleness that seemed like it would never fade for eternity.

"Wait!" Yun Che suddenly called out to the Eternal Heaven God Emperor. A brief moment of hesitation later, he said, "I may be able to do something about the devilish energy corroding your body, senior."

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Yun Che's words immediately drew everyone's attention. Mu Xuanyin frowned and said, "Che'er, this has nothing to do with the medical arts. Do not speak lightly."

"Oh?" The Eternal Heaven God Emperor turned to look at Yun Che before chuckling. "This old one is very glad to hear your concern. However, the Evil Infant's power is nothing you can imagine. Don't worry, I will find another way."

Yun Che stopped talking and raised his palm. An instant later, a white profound light brimming with holy power had appeared in his palm.

White-colored profound light was extremely common, and an ordinary profound practitioner wouldn't have been moved in the slightest by the display. However, the six people surrounding Yun Che were made up of two god emperors, two realm kings, and two newly made Divine Masters who had spent three thousand years cultivating in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm, and they all sensed a "holy" aura inside the profound light!

"Light... Light profound energy!?" Shui Qianheng blurted.

Even Mu Xuanyin and Xia Qingyue were trembling with shock. The Eternal Heaven God Emperor stiffened from head to toe before turning to look at Yun Che. "You... this..."

“Shen Xi... Senior Shen Xi isn't the only one who possesses the light profound energy,” Yun Che said calmly while enduring the shocked looks everyone was shooting him. “Four years ago, during my time in the Dragon God Realm, Shen Xi... ahem... Senior Shen Xi realized that I was compatible with light profound energy and taught me the Radiant Divine Art as a result.”

Xia Qingyue and Mu Xuanyin looked at each other at the same time. It was clear from the shock and puzzlement in each other's eyes that they had no idea about Yun Che's possession of the light profound energy.

Mu Xuanyin had been the Snow Song Realm King for ten thousand years, and Xia Qingyue had inherited every Moon God Emperor's memories and knowledge. Therefore, they knew full well what the “light profound energy” was, and that Shen Xi was the only light profound energy profound practitioner in the entire world. It was because the cultivation of the light profound energy was extremely stringent—it demanded its wielder to possess a pure “holy body” or a “holy heart”.

But here's the question... What the hell did Yun Che have to do with either quality!?

“To think that there would be such a thing...” The Eternal Heaven God Emperor was completely stunned. He couldn't believe that profound light in Yun Che's hand was the light profound energy, and yet there was no faking light profound energy's unique aura!

Yun Che continued, “This junior owes Senior Shen Xi a favor, and I dare not reveal too much information without her permission. However, this junior is willing to give it a try if the light profound energy really is of use to senior.”

Shui Qianheng's eyebrows wriggled up and down as he muttered to himself unconsciously, “This boy... is a complete monster... He was offered refuge by the Dragon Queen herself? This... this is just...”

He did not even know how to begin to describe the shock in his heart.

Dragon Queen Shen Xi was someone that even the Eternal Heaven God Emperor couldn't meet without overcoming many obstacles, but Yun Che... was offered refuge by hers truly?!

“Heehee.” Shui Meiyin looked pretty happy though. “My man has to be the most impressive person in the world, of course.”

“...” Shui Qianheng nodded dumbly at her comment.

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor walked forward and actually grabbed Yun Che's hands directly. He asked with clear excitement, “Is this... truly a gift from Dragon Queen Shen Xi?”

He knew immediately that he had asked a stupid question. There was only one person in the entire world who possessed light profound energy, so Yun Che's light profound energy could only have come from her.

“Mn.” Yun Che nodded. Right now, he found the term “Dragon Queen”... extremely unpleasant to the ears.

In fact, even the title “Senior Shen Xi” felt absolutely weird to say.

That being said... No one could've imagined what had happened between Shen Xi and him during that one year he spent in the Forbidden Land of Samsara, not even if every head in the God Realm were put together in one place...

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor clenched his hands slightly. It was clear that he was barely controlling his excitement. "Yun Che, you are truly the miracle of the Eastern Divine Region. To think that a person with the light profound energy would appear in our world!"

"The cultivators of the light profound energy must possess either a holy body or a holy heart. Although your body is unlike any other, your aura clearly isn't as holy and pure as the Dragon Queen's. That can only mean that you are someone with a 'holy heart'." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor continued to stare at Yun Che while praising, "The owner of a pure heart is someone with an unblemished soul, a pity for the fate of mankind, and a heart that encompasses the whole world. They are also untainted by sin or the six worldly desires... You are talented beyond comprehension, and you have a holy heart no less. You truly are a blessing upon all of the Eastern Divine Region."

Mu Xuanyin, "..."

Xia Qingyue, "..."

Shui Meiyin, "..."

Yun Che: "~ ! @#¥%....." (Who the f*ck is he talking about?)

"Cough... cough cough..." By now Yun Che's face was completely red, and his hands trembled with shame. He hurriedly said, "This junior seriously doesn't deserve your praise, senior. Although I am capable of wielding light profound energy, my cultivation is ultimately weak and shallow. Therefore, I cannot guarantee a complete cure of your ailment. All I can do is to try my best, if you don't mind."

"Alright." This time, the Eternal Heaven God Emperor didn't turn down his offer. He nodded gladly as color entered his dark gray cheeks.

To him, the birth of a light profound practitioner in the Eastern Divine Region was something that was a hundred times more worth celebrating than a cure to his health.

Mu Xuanyin said immediately, "In that case, let us move to the Ice Phoenix Palace, Eternal Heaven God Emperor. This junior shall guard you personally." She sent word to Mu Bingyun immediately after that.

After Yun Che and the Eternal Heaven God Emperor had entered the Ice Phoenix Palace, Mu Xuanyin personally laid down a frost barrier around them.

Yun Che might not know exactly how to cure the dark devilish energy lurking inside the Eternal Heaven God Emperor's body, but that wasn't an issue. The god emperor himself would be guiding him through the steps.

A terrible secret would draw another person's attention and greed, but the light profound energy was unlike any other secret. It was a revelation that would shake the entire God Realm, but it wouldn't draw greed and envy like the Evil God divine power or the Sky Poison Pearl because it was something no one could take away from him. Instead, they would beg him to use his powers on them.

For example, the Eternal Heaven God Emperor would be owing Yun Che a great favor today.

When the barrier was complete, Mu Xuanyin instantly appeared in front of the Shui father and daughter and gave them her thanks. "Xuanyin is very grateful for the Glazed Light Realm King and the little princess' timely aid today. Since this is your first arrival, would you like to stay for a couple more days before returning home? I'm sure that Snow Song Realm's scenery will not disappoint you."

Shui Qianheng smiled at her and said, "It is already a boon to me to be able to witness your glory, Snow Song Realm King. I dare not trouble you with my presence any longer. However..."

"Please, speak directly if you have any instructions, Glazed Light Realm King."

"Instructions? I wouldn't dare. It's just..." He looked at his daughter beside him. "I know that the Snow Song Realm King didn't enter the Eternal Heaven God Realm back then, but you might have heard that my daughter and Yun Che fell in love during battle and became engaged with one another during the Conferred God Battle. Their wedding is supposed to be completed after she was done cultivating in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm for three thousand years."

After the Brahma Heaven God Emperor had suddenly declared his wish to marry the Brahma Monarch Goddess to Yun Che, Shui Qianheng had leaped to his feet and announced the engagement to everyone present. There was literally no one who hadn't heard of this in the Eastern Divine Region.

Later on, Shui Qianheng caught wind that Yun Che had perished in the Star God Realm. He thought in regret that Shui Meiyin's affection for the boy would've lessened or even faded outright after "three thousand years". However, Shui Meiyin cried so hard that it was as if she would die then and there. It was only then that Shui Qianheng really knew that Shui Meiyin hadn't been playing around.

That was why he had brought up the engagement of his own accord.

"My daughter was greatly saddened by the news of Yun Che's death, but now he is alive and well, I believe that the engagement from three years ago should be treated seriously... What do you think, Snow Song Realm King?"

"..." Mu Xuanyin stared at Shui Meiyin, and Shui Meiyin stared right back at her. Their eyes met each other briefly... and surprisingly, it was Mu Xuanyin who turned away first.

"I have a question for you, Little Glazed Light Princess," Mu Xuanyin asked after looking away. "How much contact did you have with Yun Che back at the Eternal Heaven God Realm?"

"Hmm..." Shui Meiyin thought for a moment before answering seriously, "Not much. He refused to speak with me too much, and he even seemed to be avoiding me on purpose... Hmph."

Shui Qianheng, "Cough cough cough..."

Shui Meiyin's interaction with Yun Che was in every sense of the word, shallow. In fact, the only true interaction they really had was the soul battle on the God Conferred Stage... After that, Shui Meiyin was the one who initiated every contact with Yun Che. She gave the impression to Yun Che and everyone else that she was a girl who had just awakened to love and was acting upon it like a lovestruck fool, and that her "passion" was something that was going to disappear sooner or later. "Has he given or done you anything that's unforgettable for you?" Mu Xuanyin asked again.

"Nope!" Shui Meiyin answered without the slightest hesitation.

“If you haven’t interacted much with him, and he hasn’t done anything for you before, then why are you going so far for him?” Mu Xuanyin frowned slightly, “Your affection for him lasted for three thousand years, and you came to see him immediately after you heard rumors of his survival. You even went so far as to bring your father with you... It can’t be as simple as love at first sight, can it?”

“...” On the other side, Huo Poyun turned around and closed his eyes.

“Well, there is one very important reason,” Shui Meiyin said. “Back then, when I was about to beat Big Brother Yun during the soul battle, he had used a... very... bad... way to claim victory by surprise. Moreover, his soul imprint was left behind in my Stainless Divine Soul after a ‘rebound’ of some sort.”

Mu Xuanyin, “...”

“That’s why...” Shui Meiyin smiled very warmly as she spoke. “That’s why I thought about him every day, especially during the years spent in the Eternal Heaven God Realm. Cultivation is so dull and boring, but he would always appear during my happiest moments no matter how much time had passed. I never grew tired of them, and the joy I felt when I knew that I was finally going to leave the Eternal Heaven God Realm to see him was pretty much indescribable.”

“...” Mu Xuanyin was surprised by her reply. She frowned deeply and asked, “If you know that, then why didn’t you wipe out his soul imprint? Why did you allow it to interfere with your emotions?”

Interference with one’s will was something no profound practitioner could endure, so why did Shui Meiyin look like she was enjoying it?

“Why should I wipe it away?” Shui Meiyin countered with a smile. “I adore the feeling of thinking about someone and concerning myself with them. It is a kind of expecting, joyful, and happy feeling that no other feeling can possibly replace. I love it so, so much... Don’t you like it as well?”

Her dark eyes looked like stars were sparkling in them when she said this.

“...” Mu Xuanyin’s expression froze instantly.

“Meiyin, you can’t speak so cheekily in front of a senior.” Shui Qianheng reprimanded her before turning to face Mu Xuanyin. “Snow Song Realm King, we still need to consult with Yun Che regarding the engagement, and he’s currently busy curing the Eternal Heaven God Emperor of the devilish energy, so I suppose we’ll be staying until...”

“Daddy!” Shui Meiyin said suddenly, “Let’s return to Glazed Light Realm right now.”

Mu Xuanyin, “...?”

“Huh?” Shui Qianheng was caught off guard by her declaration. “Now? But... the engagement... you haven’t even spoken to him yet. Are you going to just leave?”

“Hmph, he clearly is trying to avoid paying me too much attention,” Shui Meiyin muttered in a very tiny voice before replying, “Mother said that a girl shouldn’t be too forward when dealing with a man. She also said that a man wouldn’t appreciate you too much unless you keep some distance from him. I must show that I can come to meet him without hesitation, and that I can turn around and leave just the same. Maybe then he’ll think about me and remember me a little more.”

“Mother also said that’s what she did to daddy. That’s why mother has always been your most favorite.”

“Mu Xuanyin, “...”

“But... this...” Shui Qianheng was still trying to catch up to her logic.

“Come on, come on, let’s go.” Shui Meiyin pulled her father’s sleeves gently before she suddenly smiled at Mu Xuanyin. “Senior Mu, I’m very happy and glad to know that Big Brother Yun has a good master like you. I know that my engagement with him has been a one-sided thing from the start, but I will work hard... and one day, I will make him fall in love with me.”

Who would believe that such words would come out of a seventh level Divine Master’s mouth?... Even better, she was the youngest seventh level Divine master in the history of the God Realm. She was also the daughter of the Glazed Light Realm King, and the only person in the world to possess a Divine Stainless Soul. In the eyes of the world, she was slowly but surely becoming a daughter of the heaven on the same level as the Dragon Queen and Lady Goddess themselves.

“Er... Goodbye then. Goodbye.”

Just like that, Shui Qianheng was dragged away by Shui Meiyin.

Chapter 1427 - “Destiny”

[A malicious reminder from Mars: This chapter contains a big hole from the beginner’s village. Better pay attention!]

A purple flash appeared next to Mu Xuanyin. Xia Qingyue looked towards the departing Shui Qianheng and Shui Meiyin with a half-smile on her face. “Yun Che’s luck with women is exceptional be it in the lower realms or the God Realm.”

“This girl is a strange one alright. Her fame currently surpasses even Luo Changsheng, and there is no one in the entire world who deserves her. But for some reason, she has allowed herself to succumb to the effects of a soul imprint and fall for another person... It is just incomprehensible.” It was impossible to tell if Mu Xuanyin was praising or criticizing Shui Meiyin.

“The Little Glazed Light Princess’ Divine Stainless Soul and my mother’s Divine Stainless Body are both products of the now dying primordial energy. It is at the same level as a ‘divine miracle,’” Xia Qingyue said. “Therefore, it wouldn’t be strange if her soul sense is different from ours. It may even exceed our understanding.”

Mu Xuanyin, “...”

“According to the memories of the previous Moon God Emperors, all Divine Stainless Soul owners have the ability to see through one’s heart and unveil their ‘essence’ or ‘truth’. Perhaps that is why she was irresistibly attracted to some of the ‘qualities’ that Yun Che possesses.” Xia Qingyue smiled before continuing, “Perhaps this is the main reason, not the ‘soul imprint’.”

“The ability to see through one’s... heart?” Mu Xuanyin frowned slightly.

“Mn.” Xia Qingyue said, “Maybe she could catch glimpses of our real thoughts when she was close to us.”

Mu Xuanyin, "..."

"There's another person that I'm more curious about than the Little Glazed Light Princess though." Xia Qingyue turned and looked at one side of Mu Xuanyin's exquisite countenance, "Why are you treating Yun Che so well, Senior Mu?"

"He is my disciple!" Mu Xuanyin replied coldly, "He is Mu Xuanyin's direct disciple, and it is only right that I defend him. Anything less would be an affront to my face."

Xia Qingyue turned away and stared at the world of infinite ice and snow in front of her. It wasn't clear who her mutter was meant for, Mu Xuanyin or herself. "Is that all?"

Mu Xuanyin's reply had been too swift. So swift... that she had her answer already.

"He does have an uncanny ability to win any woman's favor," Xia Qingyue said quietly. "Even someone who has willingly shunned the mortal coil forever such as Senior Shen Xi decided to teach him light profound energy. Whatever the reason behind her action might be, it does give him an extra layer of protection. If he can cure the Eternal Heaven God Emperor of the devilish energy, naturally the Eternal Heaven God Emperor will do his best to protect him as well. And with you in the mix, Senior Mu... not even Qianye Ying'er, the person who vies for Yun Che's biggest secret will be able to act carelessly against him."

Right now Yun Che was a first level Divine King. His strength was unrivaled by any one of his peers, and his title as the strongest profound practitioner of the Conferred God Battle was something no one could forget. However, that was only within to the young generation.

After his return, Yun Che had attracted the attention of the highest existences in the Eastern Divine Region.

This alone was something no one else in the entire world could achieve.

"You've missed his biggest reliance." Mu Xuanyin looked at Xia Qingyue.

Xia Qingyue shook her head but didn't give her an explanation. Instead, she said, "The other reason you revealed your trump card is to intimidate Qianye, isn't it?"

"..." Mu Xuanyin nodded slowly.

"You don't really have to worry too much about her, Senior Mu." Xia Qingyue said, "For now, Qianye will definitely not set foot in the Snow Song Realm."

"Oh?" Mu Xuanyin's eyebrows moved slightly before a thoughtful look entered her features. "Did you chase her away before you came here? You must have paid a big price to do that, am I right?"

"It's just a small trick. It really doesn't qualify as a price per se." Xia Qingyue made light of the matter. "Anyway, now that everything is over, I should be returning to the Moon God Realm."

Xia Qingyue had almost never smiled as far as Yun Che could remember. Although she seemed to have picked up the technique after becoming the Moon God Emperor, it wasn't the kind of smile Yun Che was hoping to see.

“Wait.” Mu Xuanyin called out to her, “You won’t be coming here often, will you? Don’t you want to speak with him for a bit?”

“That isn’t necessary,” Xia Qingyue closed her eyes and said, “You are by his side, and that is enough. He and I are no longer husband and wife, and to do what I’m planning to do I need to stay as far away from him as possible... Even my trip today is already a mistake.”

“Don’t you wish to know how he had died back then? How he has been for the past few years? Or why he has returned?” Mu Xuanyin said slowly, “You are not a saint. It isn’t a sin to leave yourself some private time.”

Xia Qingyue, “...”

“I can tell you that he returned to the planet the two of you were born in for the past three years. Moreover, disasters have been happening frequently on that planet. It wasn’t peaceful. It is the biggest reason why he has decided to return.”

“...” Xia Qingyue’s mask finally crumbled slightly.

Mu Xuanyin continued, “However, he himself had been enjoying quite the comfortable life for the past few years. He had even found his own daughter. If that planet wasn’t currently in danger, I doubt he’d ever want to return.”

“Daughter?” Xia Qingyue’s eyes widened with surprise. What shook her even more was the word Mu Xuanyin had used, “found”. She turned around and asked, “The mother of the daughter is...”

“It’s Chu Yuechan.” Mu Xuanyin answered.

“...” Xia Qingyue looked up while holding in a myriad of complicated emotions. She whispered, “I see. Thank goodness that is one less big regret in his life.”

Her show of emotion only lasted for a brief instant before it returned back to normal, however. She whispered, “Thank you for telling me this, Senior Mu. However, Qingyue has already stayed in the Snow Song Realm for too long. It is time for me to return... we will meet again at Eternal Heaven.”

Mu Xuanyin furrowed her brows and looked at her with obvious puzzlement, “What on earth are you thinking?”

Xia Qingyue, “...”

“Four years ago, you cut off your familial ties with Yun Che in order to remove the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark. He had to stay in the Forbidden Land of Samsara for fifty years, and you did it because you were worried that he would be dragged into your revenge against Qianye in case you failed or died during the attempt. But what about now?”

Mu Xuanyin stood in front of Xia Qingyue and stared straight into her eyes. “But he left the Forbidden Land of Samsara earlier than planned, and now he has returned to the Eastern Divine Region. Your war against Qianye hasn’t even officially begun yet. Yun Che has my protection, the Little Glazed Light Princess’ protection, Dragon Queen Shen Xi’s protection, and very possibly the Eternal Heaven God Realm’s as well... Whatever reason you might have had in the past, they are all obsolete now. You

yourself have become the Moon God Emperor and solidified your rule, but you are still intentionally trying to keep away from him even in speech..."

Xia Qingyue, "..."

"I don't believe that that is your true intention. You wouldn't have come here otherwise." Mu Xuanyin's frown turned even deeper. "What on earth are you thinking? Could there be a special reason that's driving your actions?"

"..." Xia Qingyue's eyes didn't waver in the slightest even though Mu Xuanyin was staring her in the eye.

Xia Qingyue finally spoke up after a long silence, but what came out of her mouth was something Mu Xuanyin wasn't expecting. "Senior Mu, has Yun Che spoken to you about a special "duty" that he carries on his person?"

The question caught Mu Xuanyin by astonishment. She nodded and replied, "He did just yesterday... Has he told you about it?"

"...No."

"Then how did you know about that?"

Xia Qingyue didn't reply her directly. Instead, she looked towards the distance and said in a soft, distant voice, "Yun Che carries the Evil God's divine power in him, and it is a Creation God power that this world has never seen. Besides that, he hides many secrets that are epoch making and completely extraordinary."

"As for me, I am the first person in the world who possess both the 'Heart of Snow Glazed Glass' and the 'Nine Profound Exquisite Body'. I am also an existence that defies both common sense and history."

"..." Mu Xuanyin didn't know why she had spoken of this all of a sudden. She kept quiet and stayed a good listener.

"You know that Yun Che and I are born on the same planet and the same continent, but what you may not know is that he and I also came from the same city. Not only do we share the exact same age, we were even betrothed at birth... meaning that our fates were tied since the day we were born."

Mu Xuanyin, "..."

"Later on, I learned that his parents aren't original denizens of that continent. My mother doesn't belong in the lower realms either. Frankly speaking, neither Yun Che nor I were people who should be born or raised on that continent, but that didn't change the fact that we lived inside the same city until we were sixteen, and got married in that year."

"Later on, he and I stepped into different worlds and became separated. I'd thought that we would never cross each other's paths again. However, not only did we meet each other again in less than a year's time... he had somehow managed to join my sect, a sect that had never accepted any male disciples up until that point... Even later, my sect was in danger, and to save me I was sent all the way to the God Realm. But somehow, we met each other again in the Moon God Realm, even though the distance between us had been like heaven and earth."

“Since birth, he and I seemed to be connected by an invisible string of fate. No matter how drastically our lives turned, no matter how far apart we were away from each other, we were always able to return to each other... It sounds very strange, doesn't it?”

“...” Mu Xuanyin's eyebrows shook slightly at Xia Qingyue's story.

They shared the same age, the same birthplace, the same unusual backgrounds, the same impossible talents, and they were always reunited with one another no matter how far apart they were before... Independently, any one of these coincidences were just that, a coincidence. But together... it was strange to say the least.

This unusual coincidence was especially obvious considering the fact that they both possessed unusual talents unlike anyone had ever seen, even in the God Realm. And yet somehow, they'd both appeared in the same lower realm and the same city...

“What... are you trying to say?” Mu Xuanyin asked.

“In the past, I never thought that this was strange or unusual. More accurately, you can say that I never cared, until one day...” She paused for a moment before asking a question suddenly, “Have you heard of the rumor that all Heart of Snow Glazed Glass owners are also called the ‘Daughter of the Heavens’, Senior Mu?”

“This title is known by all since the Great Ancestor of Eternal Heaven,” Mu Xuanyin said.

“The theory about the heavens is baseless and illusory. I've never been able to believe in its existence fully even though my foster father, the former Moon God Emperor has failed to escape the Heavenly Mystery Realm fatal prophecy for all his strength. My skepticism lasted until three years ago when I inherited my foster father Zi Que's divine power, and my Heart of Snow Glazed Glass awoke... There were a couple of several instances when I had caught a glimpse of some blurry images.”

“...?” Mu Xuanyin asked after a moment of confusion, “What images?”

“I cannot say.” Xia Qingyue shook her head slightly. “It's these images that made me realize just how bizarre it is for our fates to intersect the way they did since the moment we were born... it is to the point where I would even consider using the word ‘eerie’.”

Mu Xuanyin frowned deeply. “What does all this have to do with my question?”

“His special power is accompanied by a special ‘duty’. I am the same. However, unlike him what burdens me is probably not ‘duty’, but ‘fate’.” Xia Qingyue's eyes grew even deeper. No one could understand the things that were hidden behind her gaze. “I wish to feign ignorance and believe that everything I saw was just a phantom illusion... but what is the point of lying to oneself and pretending that something that I saw doesn't exist?”

“Moreover, I wasn't really surprised when I heard that Yun Che was alive. In fact, I had a strange feeling that that is the way it should've been. It almost feels like that feeling has proven something... and I dislike it very much.”

“...??” Mu Xuanyin had failed to understand Xia Qingyue's words at all. However, she could sense that the latter wasn't talking nonsense either.

“This is all I can say.” She closed her eyes. “I’m honestly surprised that I would tell you this. Maybe it’s because everything I’ve seen and heard has told me that you would never hurt him.”

“But I didn’t understand a word of what you just said, and I still don’t know what it has to do with my question.” Mu Xuanyin stared at her.

Xia Qingyue turned away and floated slowly into the air. Then, she said so softly it was almost missable, “Perhaps one day you’ll understand... perhaps one day no one will ever understand... But ‘that day’... is very close now.”

Then, Xia Qingyue pushed a glowing purple jade into Mu Xuanyin’s hands and said, “You may call me with this if the Snow Song Realm is faced with an unsolvable crisis. Qingyue will do her best to help you... Also, please don’t tell Yun Che about what I told you earlier.”

Xia Qingyue flew away and vanished before Mu Xuanyin’s eyes just like that.

Mu Xuanyin stayed where she was, her brows remaining furrowed until a long time later. “What... in the world was she saying?”

She had asked a simple question that puzzled her, but the answer she had gotten in return was even more puzzling.

Chapter 1428 - “Eternal Heaven General Assembly”

Inside the Ice Phoenix Palace, Yun Che sat in front of the Eternal Heaven God Emperor with both his palms facing outward. A white layer of holy profound light was gathering at the center of the Eternal Heaven God Emperor’s chest.

He had already been maintaining this posture for twelve hours straight.

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor looked to be at peace. His complexion had never looked better since the day he was plagued by the devilish energy.

Light profound energy was darkness profound energy’s greatest bane. Although Yun Che’s power was completely incomparable to the Evil Infant’s, the Radiant Divine Art he cultivated was absolutely a “Divine Miracle of Life” of the highest level. That was why the devilish energy stuck inside the Eternal Heaven God Emperor’s powers was slowly but surely being purified by his light profound energy.

His Evil God’s Profound Veins didn’t have a Light Seed, and the time he spent to cultivate his light profound energy was very short. However, his mastery of the light profound energy was already shockingly advanced. Back then, Shen Xi speculated that his extraordinary speed of mastery probably had something to do with his Evil God’s Profound Veins. They were Creation God level profound veins after all.

When twelve hours had passed, Yun Che was at the brink of exhaustion. The Eternal Heaven God Emperor opened his eyes and said gently, “Yun Che, let us stop here.”

Yun Che also opened his eyes and withdrew the light profound energy as advised. He lowered his arms and exhaled deeply, saying, “My cultivation is still too weak. Please stay in the Snow Song Realm a little longer, senior. This junior promises to purify all the devilish energy inside your body in five days’ time.”

“Hehe,” the Eternal Heaven God Emperor chuckled before saying, “I know better than you how scary the Evil Infant’s power truly is, so it already comes as a surprise to me that you’re able to purify this much in just twelve hours’ time. However, the crimson calamity is approaching swiftly, and the Eternal Heaven General Assembly will be held in nineteen days. I simply cannot afford the time any longer.”

“But with your aid and my own efforts, I can now guarantee that the devilish energy will not attack for at least a month’s time. This alone is of tremendous aid and a favor to me, to the Eternal Heaven General Assembly, and to the Eastern Divine Region,” said the Eternal Heaven God Emperor from the bottom of his heart. However, his eyes quickly turned dim as a long sigh escaped his lips.

Yun Che didn’t insist on prolonging the treatment. “It is this junior’s honor... Senior, forgive this junior for saying this, but am I right to assume that your thoughts regarding this crimson calamity are extremely pessimistic?”

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor was surprised, but he didn’t deny Yun Che’s claim. He smiled bitterly at the young man and said, “That is correct... although pessimistic is hardly adequate a word to describe what I’m feeling right now. Sigh.”

Yun Che frowned deeply before asking, “Does this mean that you’ve already figured out the danger... or should I say, the secret behind the crimson crack?”

“Mn.” Again, the Eternal Heaven God Emperor had acknowledged Yun Che’s question. The change of topic had even chased away his relaxation from being cured of part of the devilish energy and pressed a deep weight onto the god emperor’s shoulders.

“What on earth is the...” Yun Che caught himself just in time before apologizing, “This junior has overstepped his bounds and asked something that shouldn’t be asked. Please forgive me, senior.”

“It’s fine, it’s fine.” The Eternal Heaven God Emperor’s gentle smile never faded. He didn’t look like he blamed Yun Che for anything at all. “When the Profound God Convention was held, I only had vague guesses and assumptions as to the identity behind the crimson crack. But after the young generation had been sent into the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm... the truth of the crimson crack’s appearance was then revealed to me. The one who revealed to me the truth was none other than the Eternal Heaven Pearl itself.”

“...I see.” Yun Che nodded slowly. Considering that the Eternal Heaven Pearl was an incredibly high level artifact, and its artifact spirit still remembered everything from the Era of Gods, it was only natural that its experience and knowledge surpassed all existing living beings.

Although Yun Che wanted very much to know the truth, he understood that it was something that he couldn’t ask about until it was revealed. The fact that this truth hadn’t been made known to the God Realm yet was proof of that.

“It is an incredibly frightening ‘truth’, so frightening that I dare not reveal it to anyone until the time is right. It is because the truth will cause great panic among the people, and things might devolve into something that’s even worse than the ‘crimson calamity’ itself.” The Eternal Heaven God Emperor sighed.

Yun Che nodded understandingly, knowing exactly what the Eternal Heaven God Emperor was talking about. He said, "This junior heard from his master that only Divine Masters are allowed to participate in this 'Eternal Heaven General Assembly'. Moreover, all from the Eastern Divine Region are required to participate without exception. Does this mean that you're ready to announce this 'truth' soon?"

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor shot Yun Che a deep look before saying, "You have a good nose on your head. That's right, things have become so urgent that I have no choice but to publicize the truth within a small circle, no matter how terrible it is. The reason I'm doing this is because the Eternal Heaven Pearl has informed me that the crimson calamity... is on the brink of eruption."

Yun Che's heart abruptly sank.

Although many large-scale profound beast riots had been happening throughout the Eastern Divine Region as of late, they weren't nearly at a level where they could be considered a "calamity". At the very least, the chessboard that was the Eastern Divine Region hadn't been majorly affected.

However, no one except the Eternal Heaven God Emperor knew that a great disaster was right around the corner... As the only person who knew the truth, the Eternal Heaven God Emperor, without a doubt, bore the heaviest fear and burden of them all.

Even worse, the heavy responsibility of organizing this resistance had also fallen on his shoulders.

Back at the Profound God Convention, Yun Che's "cheating" had made the Eternal Heaven God Emperor so angry that he had nearly exiled him from the Eternal Heaven Realm on the spot. Angry, Yun Che had rebuked him at the time... But now, all Yun Che felt towards the Eternal Heaven God Emperor was respect.

The Eternal Heaven God Realm wasn't the strongest king realm of all king realms, but it was probably the one that deserved its title as a "king realm" the most. Its existence was a blessing upon all of the Eastern Divine Region, and it was no wonder that they were accepted by the Eternal Heaven Pearl, and provided guidance to this day, even after the Great Eternal Heaven Ancestor, its original master was long gone.

Yun Che thought to himself for a moment before asking suddenly, "This junior has also heard that you gathered all of Eastern Divine Region's power to build a dimensional formation that spans nearly half of the Primal Chaos. This great dimensional formation allows immediate teleportation to the eastmost region of Primal Chaos from the Eternal Heaven God Realm. Could it be that we will be traveling to the eastmost region of the Primal Chaos to witness the crimson crack with our own eyes?"

"Hehehehe," chuckled the Eternal Heaven God Emperor. "You truly are a smart person. That's right, with this great dimensional formation, we will be able to travel to the eastmost region of Primal Chaos and respond to the crimson calamity immediately when it happens."

But he then shook his head. "This is really all we can do, fight for our biggest chance to succeed... but even this chance is infinitesimally small before the truth we will be facing."

The Eternal Heaven God Emperor looked at Yun Che's face and realized that he might've said a little too much already. He said apologetically, "You are still very young. You are nowhere near the age where you should be bearing these responsibilities. It is my fault for having said what shouldn't be said, so please

don't let it affect your mind. Perhaps the situation isn't as bad as I think it is. Surely all the minds of the Divine Masters combined are sufficient to come up with a good response to this disaster. Feel free to forget what I said before."

Yun Che frowned deeply until he came to a decision. He said, "Senior, seeing that I have purified part of the devilish energy in you, can I make a wanton request?"

"Oh?"

Yun Che said with determination in his eyes, "I would like to participate in the Eternal Heaven General Assembly and witness the crimson crack with my own eyes as well."

"I see..." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor's brows furrowed slightly, but they immediately relaxed as he nodded, "Alright."

"Er..." Yun Che was caught off guard by the quick response. He thought that his request would be met with resistance, but the Eternal Heaven God Emperor had barely even hesitated before he agreed. "Is it really... fine?"

"Of course it is," said the Eternal Heaven God with a chuckle. "The reason I limited the participation of this Eternal Heaven General Assembly to Divine Masters only is because anything below that can hardly affect the situation, and because I don't wish to make the truth widespread. Otherwise, I have no other special reason. I currently owe you a big favor, and I see no reason to bar you from participation if that is your wish."

Yun Che immediately said, "Thank you for accepting my request, Senior. My master and I will be venturing to the Eternal Heaven God Realm as soon as we are able so I may purify the devilish energy in you at least one more time."

"Hehe, alright." The Eternal Heaven God Emperor accepted the offer with a smile.

After Yun Che had sent off the Eternal Heaven God Emperor personally, he discovered that Xia Qingyue and the Shui father and daughter pair were both missing.

"Where's Qingyue and Senior Shui?" Yun Che looked left and right.

"They're gone," replied Mu Xuanyin.

"They're gone?" Yun Che was stunned by this. "When did they leave?"

"Twelve hours ago."

"....."

Mu Xuanyin shot him a sideways glance before saying in a chilly tone, "What's wrong? Do you think that they should hang around, wait for you longingly, and 'spare' you their time when you're finally done?"

Her rather heavy rebuke made Yun Che jump a little. He replied hastily, "Not at all. This disciple just... missed them a little."

"..." Mu Xuanyin didn't say anything to that.

“Did... Qingyue leave a message for me before she left?” Yun Che asked a little worriedly. He didn’t quite understand why Mu Xuanyin had “attacked” him all of a sudden.

Mu Xuanyin sent Xia Qingyue’s Sound Transmission Purple Jade flying into Yun Che’s palm. “Message her yourself if you were to run into any trouble or danger in the future. In the Eastern Divine Region, there is nothing she cannot solve unless you go and provoke the Brahma Monarch God Realm itself.”

Yun Che’s disappointment finally lessened a little when he saw the purple jade. He looked up and asked, “Master, is Qingyue... truly the Moon God Emperor now?”

Even now, he found the fact to be hard to believe. Originally, he was going to ask Xia Qingyue this face-to-face, but now Mu Xuanyin was his only choice left.

Moon God Emperor... It was an incredibly profound title that he just couldn’t relate to Xia Qingyue no matter how he tried.

“I will talk to you about this and the Evil Infant later,” said Mu Xuanyin in an indifferent tone. “Is there anything you wish to ask regarding the Glazed Light Little Princess?”

“...” Yun Che thought for a moment before shaking his head. “No.”

Mu Xuanyin turned around and looked at him. “Is that a sigh of relief that I hear? Does that mean that you feel nothing intimate for her?”

Yun Che raised his eyebrows, but he still nodded. “Of course not. She and I barely interacted with each other or knew each other at all. Of course there are no such feelings between us.”

“Your engagement with the Glazed Light Little Princess is practically known to all,” said Mu Xuanyin. “What is your opinion on this?”

Yun Che exhaled slightly before answering, “I... Both Palace Master Bingyun and the Great Elder knows that this engagement was originally a plan of convenience to avoid the wrath of the Glazed Light Realm King. The Glazed Light Realm King himself was aware of this. At first I thought that she was just playing around, and that she would forget about this engagement completely after three thousand years, but... ugh...”

He discovered that he was understanding women less and less recently.

All of the women around him were the products of incredibly long association or great sacrifices... But Shui Meiyin had become attached to him without any warning after the God Conferred Battle. Moreover, her obsession had lasted for three thousand years... and showed no signs of fading whatsoever.

He couldn’t understand her at all!

Even better, the reason behind it all was that soul battle.

Logically speaking, she should be absolutely disgusted and ashamed at him because he had beaten her using the most lowly, despicable, shameless and obscene method. He had even been prepared to be destroyed by her older sister, Shui Yingyue back then...

However, the outcome was something he couldn't have imagined even in his dreams.

Maybe the girl was secretly a weird masochist or something?

Mu Bingyun narrowed her eyes and stared at him for so long that he was even starting to feel anxious. Finally, she said, "I heard that she stole the Divine Water of Life to save your life during your first battle against Luo Changsheng. Is that true?"

"Mn." Yun Che nodded.

"Did you know that she had arrived at almost the same time as Luo Guxie? This meant that she flew out of the Glazed Light Realm immediately after she had received news of your survival. She even dragged her father, the Glazed Light Realm King with her. Do you understand what this means?" Mu Xuanyin asked again.

"...I understand."

"How do you plan to respond to this?"

"..." Yun Che fell silent for a while before answering, "I will do my best to repay her... and the Glazed Light Realm."

"Repay?" Mu Xuanyin frowned slightly. "You are much better at dealing with woman than you are in cultivating the profound way. Are you seriously telling me that she wants you to... repay her?"

Yun Che, "..."

"I don't care what your thoughts are on this matter, or what is holding you back from taking the right action. But..." Mu Xuanyin looked away from Yun Che and turned her back on him, her voice imposing. "Not only do you have an engagement with the Glazed Light Little Princess, this engagement is known to the entire world... If you're dead, then it doesn't matter. But you're alive now, and so you're forbidden from breaking your promises!"

"You. Must. Marry. Her!"

Chapter 1429 - Broken Heart

"..." Yun Che's head jerked upwards as he said with a stupefied expression on his face, "Master, this matter..."

"There is no need to say another word!" Mu Xuanyin cut off his words in a cold voice, "I am not asking for your opinion in regards to this matter. Whether you personally want to or not, you have no choice but to agree in the end!"

Yun Che, "..."

"As a man, you must never make promises so rashly. Marriage concerns one's life, and even more than that, it concerns the reputation of the girl in question as well, and that is something that can't ever be taken lightly! Since you have already made a promise and this matter is known to all, then you must not break your word. What's more..."

“When it comes to family backgrounds, she is the little princess of the Glazed Light Realm and as long as she is willing, she will definitely become the Glazed Light Realm King in the future. When it comes to aptitude and innate talent, she possesses the only Stainless Divine Soul in the entire universe and she is already a seventh level Divine Master despite being only three thousand years old. As such, everyone says that she will definitely reach the level of the god emperors based on her own power alone in the future. When it comes to looks, I’m afraid that she is second only to the Qianye in the Eastern Divine Region.”

“You just returned to the God Realm, so it’s natural that you do not understand what the two words ‘Goddess Meiyin’ mean in the Eastern Divine Region. Her fame and reputation has long since far surpassed her father’s reputation, has long since far surpassed the fame of all of the other upper realm kings by leaps and bounds... Before her, the only other person in the Eastern Divine Region who truly held the moniker of ‘Goddess’ had been Qianye Ying’er alone.”

“...” Yun Che’s mouth parted slightly. To think that girl who had been so outrageously infatuated with him back then, the woman who still giggled and smiled like a young girl, had actually become such a dazzling figure now that they had met again.

“No matter how you look at it, she is worth more than a hundred of you. What’s even more admirable is that she has deep feelings for you and there definitely isn’t any falsity in those emotions. Furthermore, her own father doesn’t have any intention of objecting to this. So for the current you...” A complex look flashed through Mu Xuanyin’s eyes as she proceeded, “At the very least, there are absolutely no downsides.”

This was just the second day since Yun Che had returned to the God Realm and before he could even get started on what he wanted to do, an engagement he had agreed to thanks to his “quick wit” back then had now come crashing down on his head, completely catching him off guard. Furthermore, the most important thing was that the person who was suddenly forcing this engagement was not the other party, it was Mu Xuanyin herself.

“But, this matter...”

“There are no buts!” Mu Xuanyin was clearly not giving him any opportunity to refuse and her voice was strangely cold and mighty as she spoke, “Listen here, the fact that you are still alive has already been exposed to the world and very soon, everyone will come to know of it. So think about how you had been afflicted by the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark all those years ago and think about the circumstances that forced you to enter the Dragon God Realm.”

Yun Che, “...” (To think that she actually knows about the Brahma Soul Death-Wishing Mark. Did Qingyue tell her?)

“Among your peers, you are indeed unrivaled. However, never forget just how scary the people who have targeted you are. Just like with Luo Guxie today, if no other person had been by your side, you would have long ago died a dog’s death if you had to rely on your power alone! Furthermore, the current strength of her disciple is far beyond your own. In fact, Luo Changsheng’s strength is so far above yours that you barely have the qualifications to admire him... Let alone that Brahma Monarch Goddess whose power, ability to scheme, and methods are all extremely terrifying!”

“After the past few years, you should understand better than anyone else the meaning behind the words ‘an innocent man gets into trouble because of his wealth’.” Mu Xuanyin’s words were heavy; each and every one of them were filled with an extremely deep admonishment, “Since you lack the ability to protect yourself, then you must do your utmost to find a good and reliable patron!”

“Currently, the Moon God Emperor is your backer, but that is only in her own personal capacity and her support does not represent the support of the Moon God Realm! Since you also helped the Eternal Heaven God Emperor, he will definitely protect you, but he will also only protect you. This ‘debt of gratitude’ isn’t so deep that he will be willing to protect you to the point of harming the Eternal Heaven God Realm. However, if you marry the little princess of the Glazed Light Realm, then, the entire Glazed Light Realm—this upper star realm that is currently ranked first among all upper star realms—will be your patron... Do you understand now?”

“...” Yun Che was rooted in place. He did not quite know how to answer Mu Xuanyin.

“This is indeed meant to make use of the Glazed Light Realm’s little princess. However, even though she clearly knows we have such an intention, she is still willing to go along with it wholeheartedly.” As she recalled Shui Meiyin’s eyes, eyes which resembled a pair of black onyxes, Mu Xuanyin’s emotions grew complicated for a moment as she said, “Do you understand what I mean?”

Yun Che nodded in a rather stupefied manner, “... I understand.”

“In regards to the emotional aspect of this, you can slowly cultivate a relationship with her.” Mu Xuanyin’s eyes faintly slanted as she suddenly gave a cold snort, “Hmph, for someone like you, a person for whom lasciviousness is second nature and who loves any and all women, given the charming beauty of the Glazed Light Realm’s little princess, I can believe that you don’t have any feelings for her, but I definitely won’t believe that you don’t have any designs on her!”

“...” Yun Che’s head drooped low... This tone and the implication behind her words, why was it so similar to Jasmine’s back then?

“I will discuss the matter of your engagement with the Glazed Light Realm King during the Eternal Heaven General Assembly to be held nineteen days from now. There’s no need to trouble yourself with this, you just need to be obedient and listen.”

Yun Che pressed down on the tip of his nose as he said in a small voice, “Master, didn’t you say before that I was already no longer your disciple?”

“...” Mu Xuanyin slowly turned around, her absolutely beautiful icy eyes narrowing into long slits as she said, “Even if I am not your master, you still need to obediently listen to me! Those two things have nothing to do with each other!”

Yun Che could not find a rebuttal to that statement.

“Huo Poyun has been waiting for you over there all this while, he probably has something he wants to say to you.” With a single turn, Mu Xuanyin’s figure had already disappeared from Yun Che’s sight and only her voice still rang in the air, “After you’ve ‘resolved’ this, come and look for me in the Sacred Hall!”

Yun Che had long ago noticed Huo Poyun’s presence and since everyone else had already left this place, he was the only one who was still waiting there.

Yun Che walked over and Huo Poyun also turned around at the same time. The gazes of the two people met before Yun Che said, "Brother Poyun, how are your injuries?"

Huo Poyun laughed as he shook his head and spoke in a nonchalant manner, "They've stopped troubling me for a while now, there's no need for you to worry. Brother Yun, I truly find it hard to believe that you're really still alive."

"Actually, I was also not able to believe that I had survived back then," Yun Che said with a laugh. He arrived at Huo Poyun's side as he said in a heartfelt voice, "Brother Poyun, congratulations on becoming a Divine Master. The Flame God Realm will forever hold you in glory and honor."

Huo Poyun was not the least bit complacent or arrogant. He merely gave a gentle smile as he said, "At least I didn't disappoint Master and the others. I also never imagined that I would actually be able to scale such heights within three thousand years. Speaking of which, this was not solely due to the Golden Crow Divine Spirit's gift and the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm's extremely high-grade spiritual energy, it was also because of you."

"Me?"

"Mnn." Huo Poyun nodded his head solemnly, "Back then, before I entered the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm, if you had not helped me resolve my emotional knots and my inner demons time and time again, the me who would have carried these emotional knots and inner demons into the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm, would definitely have run into extremely huge impediments along my path of cultivation. Master also told me that Brother Yun is my great benefactor, that you are also the great benefactor of our Flame God Realm, and that no amount of recompense would ever clear our debt to you."

"Heh heh..." Yun Che chuckled as he shook his head, "there's no need for that. At that time, you were the only friend I had in the God Realm. No matter whether it was ruthlessly suppressing Jun Xilei in order to help you vent your anger or helping you resolve your inner demons, these are all things that I should have done anyways. So you never ever need to mention the word 'recompense' to me."

"..." Huo Poyun's eyes swiveled as he said, "At that... time?"

Yun Che did not follow his gaze. Instead, he kept staring into the distance and there was a calm and profound look in his eyes as he said, "What's more, a person's mental state and way of thinking will gradually change over time. Even if I had not been there back then, you would have been able to resolve your own emotional knots and inner demons by yourself when you were in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm. That's right, I guess that... your relationships with Luo Changsheng and the others shouldn't have been too bad during the three thousand years all of you spent in the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm."

"..." Huo Poyun's lips parted as his gaze shook violently.

"If you were able to become a Divine Master, then the Flame God Realm, which already had a mighty overall strength along with three top level Divine Sovereigns, would undoubtedly rise up to become an upper star realm," Yun Che said with a faint smile, "and you would also definitely become the supreme ruler of the Flame God Realm in the future. Once you have reached the level of an upper star realm, in order to gain your footing and stabilize your position, it was undoubtedly the most wise and correct choice to build good relationships with those people who would also stand at the top of their realms once they exited the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm... Especially someone like Luo Changsheng."

“To the you whose heart was solely focused on the profound way back then, the you who would grow despondent if you suffered a defeat in a contest of profound strength, the current you has truly been reborn... and this rebirth is far from limited to your cultivation in the profound way. The way you are now, perhaps you already have the qualifications to take responsibility for the future of the Flame God Realm and become the Flame God Realm King.”

Every single word that came from Yun Che’s lips was a word of acknowledgement and praise. But when Huo Poyun heard those words, the pupils of his eyes started to shake, and after that, they had even begun to contract slightly... Yet he could not say a single word even though a long period of time had passed.

Yun Che seemed to have not noticed his incomparably bizarre reaction at all. Instead, he turned around and calmly said, “Master summoned me for some matter, so I will have to take my leave first. Send my regards to Sect Master Huo. If I have some free time in the future, I will definitely pay a visit to the Flame God Realm.”

After saying his piece, Yun Che did not tarry any longer and began to walk away.

“Wait a moment!”

Huo Poyun’s voice rang out behind him... Those three short words had been yelled out and they were accompanied by the sound of Huo Poyun’s rough and heavy breathing.

Yun Che’s footsteps halted.

“It was me... I was the one who sent a sound transmission to Luo Changsheng telling him that you were still alive! It was me!!” he yelled loudly at Yun Che’s back, his voice trembling.

“I know.” Yun Che’s expression did not change as he calmly replied, “When we were in Illusory Smoke City, you eavesdropped on the conversation between Mu Feixue and I.”

Luo Guxie’s arrival had been too swift and too sudden, so there was only one possible explanation... and it was that his identity had already been exposed before he returned to the sect.

Moreover, before he returned to the sect, the only person who had known of his identity was Mu Feixue.

When he had admitted who he was to Mu Feixue, he had not only suppressed his voice as much as he could, he had also used his spiritual perception to sweep the surroundings in order to confirm that no one else was nearby.

However, the only possible exception was Huo Poyun himself.

For Huo Poyun, who had already become a Divine Master, evading Yun Che’s spiritual perception was simply far too simple a task.

He was not willing to believe this conclusion... but it just so happened to be the only possible conclusion.

“Then why did you not expose me!?” Huo Poyun exclaimed, his voice growing hoarse, “Are you taking pity on me... or are you simply looking down on me!?”

“Then what should I have done? Yell and roar hysterically like you are doing right now?” Yun Che’s expression and tone still remained extremely calm. It was as if he was talking about someone else’s business.

“...” Huo Poyun took a single step forward, his hands knotted into fists, his face distorted by pain, “Luo Guxie is the person who wants to kill you the most! The entire Eastern Divine Region knows this! I told Luo Changsheng so that Luo Guxie would come and kill you... Come and kill you! Do you understand!? Do you!!? And you... You’re letting me off just like that? Your master is so powerful that she can even defeat the likes of Luo Guxie, that she would even dare to kill Luo Guxie. With a single word from you, she could easily cripple me, kill you, you... Why did you... Why did you...”

His voice was becoming increasingly hoarse and towards the end, he had gritted his teeth so hard that they were about to crack. Two trail of tears actually flowed down his face as he spoke.

He slowly sank to the snowy ground, his body trembling in an incomparably violent manner. When he spoke, his words came out in a garbled murmur, “When I... became a Divine Master back then... The first person I wanted to tell this news to wasn’t Master... It was you... Yet what I obtained was the news of your death... I had never felt as grieved as I felt in that moment...”

“But... why are you still alive... and why did you return... Why...”

“...” Yun Che let out a long breath before he spoke in a low voice, “The reason why I did not expose you in front of everyone was because I know that when a person’s heart and emotions are thrown into extreme chaos, they will do things that are completely irrational, things that they dare not believe that they had done afterwards... The reason you came to the Snow Song Realm was because you regretted your actions. When Luo Guxie suddenly launched her attack against me, the reason why you protected me with your life was partly because of guilt but it was also because you truly wanted to.”

“Also, the most important reason is that...” Yun Che said as he closed his eyes, “you were previously the only friend I had in the God Realm.”

Huo Poyun lowered his head as a cold and bleak laugh leaked from his mouth, “Friend... Friend... He... Hehe... Have you ever truly... regarded me as your friend?”

“...” Yun Che’s eyebrows furrowed when he heard those words.

“Back then, in the Eternal Heaven Realm, when I was attracted to Mu Feixue, do you still remember... the words you said to comfort me?”

Yun Che, “...?”

“Yet...” Huo Poyun raised his head, his breathing growing rougher and heavier by the second, “yet... I personally heard... from a discussion between two Ice Phoenix disciples that she had long ago been given to you by your master as a dual cultivation partner!! That was something that I personally heard... Personally heard! Yet you did not mention a single word of this to me! You only gave me your insincere consolation, you were basically... basically seeing my joke play out!”

Yun Che turned around, his brows were deeply furrowed as he spoke, “Listen, after I had just finished the ceremony of taking her as my master back then, Master did indeed nominate Feixue to be my dual

cultivation partner and she even announced it in front of everyone. However... I rejected it after that and Master consented to my decision as well.”

“...” A shudder went through Huo Poyun’s entire body, his eyes growing blank.

“But because Master had announced this thing in front of everyone, if she were to then announce publicly that I had rejected Mu Feixue, it would have undoubtedly led to Mu Feixue being ridiculed by others. As a result, this was not announced to the public. But Feixue and I never had a relationship as dual cultivation partners and the amount of time I spent interacting with her during the years I spent in the Snow Song Realm did not even amount to the few words exchanged between us in the Illusory Smoke City!”

“If you don’t believe me, you can go straight to my master and ask for proof right now!”

“...” Huo Poyin stood there completely rooted in place, it was as if he had been struck by a thunderbolt. He had gone completely silent and it was as if he had lost his very soul.

“It’s fine,” Yun Che turned around and did not spare him another look, “Whether you believe it or not is up to you. This is no longer something important to me. Also, this is the last time I will call you Brother Poyun.”

His steps were heavy as he left without turning his head back, “Young Sect Master Huo... See you some other time.”

Chapter 1430 - Having the Entire World as Your Enemy

When he arrived at the Ice Phoenix Sacred Hall, Yun Che did not immediately go to find Mu Xuanyin. He stood amidst the flying snow as he raised his head towards the sky. His heart felt as if it was being weighed down by a great weight and he was not able to breathe for a long while.

The calmness and indifference that he had when he had faced Huo Poyun were no longer present.

His life in the Azure Cloud Continent had greatly influenced his nature and temperament. Because of Su Ling’er’s death, he was willing to cherish and protect the women who were good to him at all costs. It was also because he had been enemies with the entire world in that life that it was extremely rare for him to truly accept and trust a person. As a result, he had very few friends.

In the lower realms, the only people he truly regarded as friends were Xia Yuanba and Ling Jie.

In the God Realm, the only person was Huo Poyun.

The good feelings he had for Huo Poyun were initially because of his Golden Crow legacy... This was because the Golden Crow Divine Spirit had done him many great favors in the past and had done so even to the point of dissipating itself. Yet he had been unable to repay a single one of them. On the other hand, if one’s character was dishonorable, it would definitely not be possible to obtain the God Realm’s Golden Crow Divine Spirit’s complete inheritance.

As a result, Huo Poyun was the only person Yun Che did not guard against initially after he had entered the God Realm.

They got to know each other through battle and from the Snow Song Realm to the Flame God Realm, they had always been appreciative of the other's talent and had continued to help one another. After that, they both entered the Eternal Heaven Realm, and after that...

Yun Che shook his head several times as he forced himself to not think about those things anymore.

He had felt Huo Poyun's regret and remorse, he had personally witnessed Huo Poyun throwing himself in front of him at the last possible moment when he faced Luo Guxie's power. He also believed that even though Huo Poyun had changed greatly, his base character still had not changed in the end... However, what was done was done. There was no way to turn back, no way to correct it.

Whether he had collapsed or he had lost his mind, when he had sent a sound transmission to Luo Changsheng... Huo Poyun, at the very least, had wanted him to die.

This was a scar that could never be erased.

It seemed as if Yun Che's reaction to all of this had been very mild... But in reality, the impact this series of events had on Yun Che was far greater than what it looked like on the surface.

Mu Feixue drew near to him on silent footsteps. Upon seeing Yun Che's rather dispirited look, her lips lightly moved but in the end, she did not ask him anything. She merely said in a mild tone, "Senior Brother Yun, Master is waiting for you."

"...Eh, I got it." Yun Che came back to his senses as he gave a small nod of his head. He took two steps forward before he suddenly stopped and said to Mu Feixue, "Junior Sister Feixue, you..."

Mu Feixue, "?"

"..." Yun Che's stopped speaking and after his expression went through a series of changes, he instead smiled as he shook his head and said, "It's nothing, I'll go see Master now."

Mu Feixue stood in place as she silently watched his back grow small in the distance. As her eyes blurred, she suddenly recalled the words that Mu Bingyun had said to her once more...

As he expelled a mouthful of turbid energy, Yun Che steeled his heart and stepped into the Ice Phoenix Sacred Hall. After that, he arrived in front of Mu Xuanyin and said, "Master."

Mu Xuanyin's heart was like a clear mirror but she did not ask about the matter concerning Huo Poyun. Instead, she directly said, "Just now you asked me about how Xia Qingyue became the Moon God Emperor. But before I tell you all the answers, you better prepare yourself first and not let me see an overly ugly scene."

"..." Upon hearing Mu Xuanyin's words, Yun Che's heartstrings could not help but tighten up as he asked, "So what exactly did happen?"

"The previous Moon God Emperor, Yue Wuya, died three years ago." Mu Xuanyin calmly pronounced a fact that was known to the entire God Realm.

"He's... dead?" Even though he had a faint feeling that this had happened, a great shock ran through Yun Che's heart upon hearing it from Mu Xuanyin herself. He asked, "How did he die? Does a power that can kill a god emperor truly exist in this universe?"

Back then, Xia Qingyue had told him when they were aboard the Vanishing Moon Celestial Palace that Yue Wuya had received a heavenly prophecy telling him that he was sure to die within five years. The wedding that was meant to trick everyone under heaven was one of the arrangements he had made and it was part of his final wishes... Even though Yue Wuya placed a great amount of faith in this prophecy, Yun Che had thumbed his nose at it.

But he had actually really died!

“It was not only Yue Wuya.” Mu Xuanyin continued, “On the same day, many Star Gods, Moon Gods, Guardians, and Brahma Kings fell one after the other. Even the Star God Emperor, Eternal Heaven God Emperor, and the Brahma Heaven God Emperor sustained serious injuries. The events of that day are also the reason why the Eternal Heaven God Emperor was being tormented by devilish energy.”

Yun Che was completely dumbstruck by her words.

“But the one who suffered most terribly was the Star God Realm itself. Nearly the entire realm was destroyed and the remaining Star Gods and elders are all presently residing in their auxiliary star realms. In other words, the current Star God Realm could be said to be alive in name only.”

“Does such a power... truly exist in this universe?” Every single word that rang in Yun Che’s ear filled him with great shock. If he had not heard these words from Mu Xuanyin herself, he definitely would not be able to bring himself to believe them. He asked, “Could it have been something to do with the crimson calamity?”

“No, it had nothing to do with the crimson calamity at all,” Mu Xuanyin said as she stared straight at him. “It actually has something to do with you.”

“... Me?” Yun Che pointed a finger at himself, a stunned expression on his face.

Even if he had a hundred more brains, he would not be able to think of how this outrageous and unimaginable event had anything to do with him.

“Do you know the identity of the culprit who destroyed the Star God Realm, killed the Moon God Emperor, heavily wounded the other three god emperors, and killed a several Moon Gods and Star Gods?”

“The Eternal Heaven God Emperor seemed to have mentioned it before. He said that the devilish energy that was circulating in his body had come from the... ‘Evil Infant’?” Yun Che said as he thought about it.

“And do you know who this ‘Evil Infant’ is?”

“...” Yun Che shook his head as he said, “They possess such dreadful power and they are using darkness profound energy at that. Could it be that an extremely dreadful devil suddenly emerged out of the Northern Divine Region?”

“No, it has nothing to do with the Northern Divine Region,” Mu Xuanyin said as her voice grew deeper. “When you hear the words Evil Infant, what do you think of?”

Evil Infant... Yun Che’s brows furrowed as he pondered the question. After that, a terrifying name suddenly flashed through his mind as he blurted out, “The Evil Infant’s Wheel of Myriad Tribulations!?”

No matter how little knowledge he had, there was no way he would not know the name of the world-destroying devil wheel.

"You're exactly right," Mu Xuanyin said as her eyes narrowed slightly. It was as if she was trying to see something from the look in his eyes. She continued, "What killed the Moon God Emperor, destroyed the Star God Realm, and cast a dreadful shadow over the entire Eastern Divine Region was the power of the Evil Infant's Wheel of Myriad Tribulations. Moreover, the person who possesses the Evil Infant's Wheel of Myriad Tribulations will naturally also become the embodiment of the 'Evil Infant'. However, from the way you look, it really seems like you are completely in the dark about this."

Yun Che shook his head in bewilderment... He was undoubtedly the person who was closest to Jasmine, the person who had spent the most time with Jasmine... But, he was indeed completely unaware of the fact that Jasmine possessed the Evil Infant's Wheel of Myriad Tribulations.

Jasmine had never told him and had never intended to let anyone find out in the first place.

"Since this is the case, then let me tell you the frank truth," Mu Xuanyin said without elaborating any further. "The one who controls the Evil Infant's Wheel of Myriad Tribulation, the 'Evil Infant' that the Eternal Heaven God Emperor spoke of, is precisely the Heavenly Slaughter Star God!"

Those four earth-shattering words made Yun Che feel as if he had been struck directly in the face by a heavy hammer. His eyes instantly widened and he was left completely stunned for two full breaths before he asked a question that would sound ridiculous to anyone else, "Which... Heavenly Slaughter Star God?"

"There's no need for any self-denial or doubt, it is precisely the person that has appeared in your mind's eye, that person that you had long ago determined was dead."

Yun Che, "..."

As she looked at Yun Che's face, a face that had become completely expressionless, Mu Xuanyin already knew what he was thinking without even having to try. She continued, "She did not die three years ago. Instead, she awakened the Evil Infant's Wheel of Myriad Tribulations that had been in her possession after your death, transforming into the Evil Infant, and burying the Star God Realm which sought to take her life in a hell of destruction!"

"..." Yun Che simply stood there dumbly and he felt as if millions of gongs and thunderclaps were going off in his head. He had practically been robbed of the ability to think... He was in this condition for a long time and it was only a full ten breaths later that he finally managed to speak with much difficulty, "Jasmine, she... she... she... is... still... alive?"

He had croaked out those words with incredible difficulty and something seemed to be flashing through his eyes... It was as if he was sleep talking.

What Evil Infant, what Star God Realm, all of this wasn't important anymore... The only piece of news that was crazily churning in his mind was that... Jasmine was not dead...

When he had followed Mu Bingyun to the God Realm all those years ago, everyone close to him had known that he was going to the God Realm to find Jasmine. But during the three years after he had

returned to the lower realms, besides the time when he had reunited with Chu Yuechan, he had never mentioned anything about Jasmine even once...

That was because it was a name he did not dare to touch again.

It was akin to pricking the innermost parts of his soul; even the slightest of touches felt like a thorn prick that was so painful that he wished for death instead.

This was a thorn that he never wished to pull out... Even if it was ten or even a hundred times more painful.

Even though he had died before Jasmine, and as a result, he had not witnessed the “sacrificial ceremony” being carried out or the scene of Jasmine and Caizhi dying, in his mind, Jasmine’s and Caizhi’s deaths had been a foregone conclusion... A barrier and ceremony that had been formed by the strongest powers in the Star God Realm, there was no way any power could have changed the outcome of that situation.

There wasn’t even the slightest possibility.

“She’s still alive... She’s still alive... She’s still alive...” Yun Che’s pupils trembled and the corner of his mouth twitched. He was simply completely dispirited and lost at one moment and he seemed to be in a complete fluster the next. After that, he cried out involuntarily, “Jasmine, is she really still alive!?”

As she observed that extremely unsightly reaction of his, Mu Xuanyin’s brow furrowed. She was just about to reprimand him, but before the words even left her lips, she felt an inexplicable pain in her heart. In the end, she did not scold him and on the contrary, her voice had grown slightly softer when she finally spoke, “That’s right, she’s still alive.”

As he clearly heard Mu Xuanyin’s confirmation, Yun Che’s body swayed, and as his body rocked backwards, he nearly fell to the ground. He raised a hand and fiercely gripped his own skull. The sensations of pain that were coming from his tightening fingers clearly told him that he was not dreaming.

“Jasmine is still alive... Jasmine... He... Hehe... Ah... Haha... Hahahaha...” he muttered to himself as he shook his head and giggled inanely, “That’s right... she’s definitely still alive... Surely the heavens would not be so cruel to her... Even someone like me who deserves to go to hell is still alive... I should have long realized that she was definitely still alive...”

Anybody would know what the Heavenly Slaughter Star God meant to Yun Che just by seeing his reaction at this moment. Mu Xuanyin coldly said, “So now that you know she is still alive, what are you going to do?”

Yun Che slowly raised his head as he regulated his terribly disordered breathing and emotions. He strove to calm himself down but all of the blood in his body was still surging in an incomparably crazy manner, “Master, where is she... right now?”

“Nobody knows where she is,” Mu Xuanyin said. “However, there are rumors that say that it is most likely that she is in the God Realm of Absolute Beginning.”

“The God Realm of Absolute Beginning...” Yun Che softly breathed out those words. That was a name that had left an extremely deep shadow in his soul. Because it was in that place where Qianye Ying’er had afflicted him with the Braham Soul Death-Wishing Mark.

“Even if you knew where she is, what can you do about it? Could it be that you’re prepared to go and look for her?” Mu Xuanyin’s voice grew cold as a formless cold energy encased Yun Che, freezing his frenzied aura. His mind also became much clearer after that. She continued, “At the same time as you process that she’s still alive, you better use your brain to think about what her current situation is!”

Yun Che’s gaze froze for a moment but after that, he shook his head and said, “It’s fine. To me, as long as she is still alive, then that is already the best news that I could have heard. Everything else is unimportant...”

“How naive!” Mu Xuanyin said with a cold snort, “Right now, she isn’t considered the Heavenly Slaughter Star God in the eyes of the world anymore, she’s thought of as the Evil Infant!”

“The Evil Infant’s Wheel of Myriad Tribulations is the world-destroying devil wheel and the Evil Infant is the most dreadful world-destroying devil spirit that exists in this universe. It was also the one that caused the end of the Era of the Gods! On the very first day the ‘Evil Infant’ re-emerged, it killed a god emperor and destroyed a king realm. Can you imagine just how dark and dreadful a shadow it casts on the entire God Realm!?”

Yun Che, “...”

“The God Realm is most repulsed by darkness profound energy and the power of the Evil Infant is the ultimate form of darkness profound energy. Coupled with the dark and dreadful shadow she cast over the current universe, every day that she is still alive is a day that all of the divine regions can’t rest easy. During the past three years, all of the king realms in the three divine regions have been mobilized and they have even called on the upper, middle and lower star realms to comb through different star regions. They did not even hesitate to extend the parameters of their search to the lower realms! All of this was for the sake of catching the Evil Infant’s tail. Once they find her, they will mobilize in force and seek to root out and eradicate the Evil Infant.”

“In other words, right now, she is enemies with the entire world! Do you understand the meaning of these words?”