

The Gods 1431

Chapter 1431 - Crimson Origin

Having the entire world as your enemy. That was Jasmine's current situation.

Furthermore, because she had become the embodiment of the "Evil Infant", this situation would never ever change... and it would be like this until her death!

When he'd suddenly heard that Jasmine was alive, Yun Che had undoubtedly become so emotional and ecstatic that he had thought that he was dreaming. But those few short words that Mu Xuanyin just uttered had instantly covered up the enormous joy and surprise that he felt in his heart with an extremely gloomy shadow.

His joy and surprise died down little by little and Yun Che exhaled deeply after that. When he finally spoke, it sounded like he was muttering to himself as he asked, "Jasmine, she... How did she become the Evil Infant... How did it..."

"Were you truly completely unaware that she possessed the Evil Infant's Wheel of Myriad Tribulations?" Mu Xuanyin asked.

Yun Che shook his head... He had been completely unaware. In fact, he did not have the slightest clue. He said, "Master, you previously said... that it was because of me?"

"Yes," Mu Xuanyin said as her eyebrows slightly scrunched up. Besides the people from the Star God Realm, she was the only person in the universe who knew the exact reason for the birth of the "Evil Infant".

The Evil Infant's Wheel of Myriad Tribulations was the artifact that possessed the most extreme and dreadful negative energies in the universe. Thus, anyone would be able to surmise that in order for it to be awoken, there needed to be a negative energy that had been amplified by several magnitudes.

Initially, even though she and Caizhi were both going to become sacrifices, the Evil Infant's Wheel of Myriad Tribulations had not even stirred... So the situation only changed dramatically after Yun Che's death.

Even though she had not personally borne witness to it, the moment Mu Xuanyin heard the news, she almost immediately understood the reason for the Evil Infant's re-emergence.

"It's obvious that the Evil Infant's Wheel of Myriad Tribulations had long ago fallen into her possession," Mu Xuanyin said in a measured voice, "but not a single trace of the Evil Infant or its aura had been leaked to the outside world. That is also to say that the Evil Infant's Wheel of Myriad Tribulations had originally been in a state of complete dormancy... But after you died, the power of the Evil Infant's Wheel of Myriad Tribulations awoke and she also transformed into the Evil Infant. Why do you think... that happened?"

"..." Yun Che stood frozen in place. He once again looked as if his soul had left his body and he remained in that state for a long period of time... After that, he closed his eyes, his entire body was trembling faintly as he tightly clenched his hands.

“Since she destroyed the Star God Realm back then, the Evil Infant has yet to appear again. All of the king realms in the three divine regions completely mobilized and they even rallied countless star realms to aid in their search, yet they were ultimately unable to find any clear traces of her... So do you think that you, with your powers, can find her?” Mu Xuanyin said in an ice-cold voice. “Even if you can find her, the current her has already become the Evil Infant and she is now a devil god that is more terrifying than any devil! If you managed to get close to her, do you know what the consequences will be? At that time, there will be no place under heaven that will even give you a foot to stand on.”

Yun Che, “...”

“The people of the Star God Realm did not expose the relationship that you and she had to anyone else, but that was because they did not dare to! That sacrificial ceremony was something that went against the laws of heaven and the precepts of society in the first place. If anyone were to discover that they were the ones who had forced the Evil Infant to emerge, they would become sinners denounced by the entire universe and the other king realms would definitely salivate at the chance to break their bones and scatter their ashes. So, if you are asked about the reason you went to the Star God Realm back then, you definitely must not mention that it had anything to do with her. The current you definitely won’t be able to find her and the further you are from her, the better it is!”

“Furthermore, if her soul has not been completely hijacked and the will of the Heavenly Slaughter Star God still remains, she herself will surely not allow you to find her!”

Mu Xuanyin had said many things and given him many warnings... This was because she understood Yun Che far too well and she understood even better that Yun Che could abandon everything for the sake of Jasmine. She had no choice but to warn him again and again.

Yun Che opened his eyes before speaking in a slow but resolute voice, “I will definitely find her... I definitely will!”

“...” Mu Xuanyin’s eyebrows tightly knit together.

“However, it won’t be now. The current me has no right to look for her,” Yun Che continued. He seemed to have calmed down and at the very least, his gaze was not trembling so violently anymore. He said, “She’s still alive and to me, that is already an enormous blessing. As for the rest... no matter if she is the Evil Infant, no matter if the entire world becomes my enemy, no matter how much resistance I face... At the very least, I will still be able to see her.”

“...” Mu Xuanyin could hear the resoluteness in his voice, and she could also hear the bleakness in his voice.

Reuniting with Jasmine had always been such a monumentally difficult task. They were separated by planes... separated by life and death... and even after they had stepped across it all, the greatest obstructing force in the universe had been shoved between them.

Mu Xuanyin was already unable to say anything else. As she faced a Yun Che who could resolutely choose to die together with Jasmine, she knew that any and all advice regarding this matter was useless. He would ultimately march to the beat of his own drum. She turned around and said, “I’ve said everything that needed to be said. As for what you should do in the future... Regarding the matter of the

Glazed Light Realm's little princess and the matter of the Heavenly Slaughter Star God, give it some proper thought."

"The Heavenly Netherfrost Lake has already been opened. If you want to enter it, you can do so at any time."

"Yes... This disciple will take his leave first."

Yun Che turned around and he left on swift footsteps... But the moment he stepped out of the Sacred Hall, he stopped again and asked, "Master, Caizhi... The Heavenly Wolf Star God, is she..."

"She is also still alive, and we can confirm that she is in the God Realm of Absolute Beginning," Mu Xuanyin said with an expressionless face.

As he walked out of the Sacred Hall and stood in the midst of the snowstorm, Yun Che's heart was filled with boundless indecision.

He had been determined when he had returned to the God Realm, but today was only the second day... and all the things that had happened so suddenly and all at once made him to feel as if the entire world had changed.

Luo Guxie, Huo Poyun, and even the crimson calamity... At this moment, all of these things were flung to the back of his head and the only thing that filled his heart and soul was the image of Jasmine.

She's still alive...

Evil Infant...

Evil Infant...

Because of me... she became the Evil Infant...

No, you're still alive and that's the most wonderful thing in the world. What devil, what Evil Infant, none of it is important!

Initially, you had promised me that if there was a next life, we would surely meet again... But now, our lives have not ended yet, so there is no need for a next life. I will find you no matter what!

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After bathing in the cold wind for a long period of time, Yun Che's emotions gradually grew steadier and more rational. He knew that Jasmine must be aware that he was still alive, because Jasmine had known from a very long time ago that the Phoenix Spirit had bestowed the Flames of Nirvana upon him. Even if she had not remembered it back then, it surely would have occurred to her at some point of time.

There was also Caizhi. He was unable to imagine just how dramatically changed and distorted her heart, soul, and personality had become after she went through all of that, especially since Jasmine had already told him that she originally had a "deep abyss in her heart" in the first place...

Yun Che shook his head as he gazed towards the north... where the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake was located.

Right now, he needed power... No matter what the method or the means of obtaining it!

Since he had already set his mind to it, he took to the air and flew to where the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake was located.

Upon arriving at the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake, the barrier surrounding it directly opened up after a slight push of his mind.

During the years he had spent in the Snow Song Realm, he had spent the most time in the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake and the person who he had spent the most time with was Mu Xuanyin. When he entered the area around the Heavenly Lake again, he saw icy lights gleaming in the air as ice spirits danced and frolicked. Everything was exactly the same as he remembered.

Yun Che first pushed down all of the thoughts that were raging inside his head before he took in a small and slow breath, and jumped into the Heavenly Lake, diving straight to the bottom.

Compared to his unhurried and cautious approach the first few times, he swam straight to the bottom at full speed, diving to the bottom of the lake. His feet soon came into contact with powdery sand but he felt like he had stepped onto a layer of crystal. That bright arc of deep blue light had also appeared in his vision.

This was the third time he had arrived at the bottom of the lake.

As he followed that arc of blue light, Yun Che quickly strode forward. The rhombus-shaped ice crystal that sparkled with a pure and translucent light then quickly appeared in this azure world.

The dream-like figure of a young girl lay curled up inside that ice crystal. Her jade arms hugged her knees as she buried her delicate head between her legs. Her body was completely bare, her long and limber snowy legs shining with a white luster. Her jade feet were as small and delicate as lotuses, the snowy skin on her body looked as smooth as jade and cream as it glowed with a brilliance that resembled the radiance of the moon and the stars.

Icy hair streaked with light blue highlights glowed with a white luster as it softly scattered down over her body, covering her face and also covering the most forbidden parts of the girl's body.

"Yun Che, you've finally come."

A young girl's voice rang in his heart, sounding as soft and gentle as water, as ephemeral as a dream.

Yun Che strode forward and stopped only a few steps away from the girl, where he could see every corner of her jade-like and snowy body. He said, "Ice Phoenix Divine Spirit, it's been a long time. Back then, you told me that 'when the world is engulfed in that crimson-colored despair', I definitely needed to come here and find you... At that time, I was completely clueless as to what you were saying. But today, the current situation the Eastern Divine Region is extremely similar to the 'crimson-colored despair' that you spoke of. That is why I'm here."

"Does this mean that you've already gained enough understanding?" she said softly.

"Yes." Yun Che said as he slowly nodded his head, "Since I have returned to the God Realm and arrived in this place, I have already made sufficient preparations and gained enough understanding of the

situation. The 'duty' that you spoke of back then, I will no longer question its validity or try to flee from it any longer."

"Good... then I will tell you the truth behind this crimson calamity and I will also tell you about that sliver of hope that has been entrusted to you... The speed at which this calamity is bearing down on us is simply far too quick, it is pressing in so quickly that even I have been caught unawares. So no matter whether you are prepared or not, it has come to a point where I need to tell you regardless."

"I am so thankful that you've come here before it's too late."

Yun Che sucked in a small breath, his expression solemn as he said, "I want to confirm something once more. The crimson-colored despair that you spoke of, is it referring to that crack in the easternmost part of the Primal Chaos?"

"Yes," the Ice Phoenix Divine Spirit replied.

"..." Yun Che's eyebrows twitched as he said, "Right now, the entire Eastern Divine Region is gathering up its power and they are preparing to deal with the crimson calamity that might erupt at any moment. Given the power of the Eastern Divine Region, is there any possibility that it can withstand this calamity?"

The Ice Phoenix Divine Spirit gave a gloomy sigh as it said, "Back then, I mentioned more than once that you were the only hope... and when I said 'only', I absolutely meant only. Only you, the person who has inherited the Evil God divine power, has any chance of resolving this calamity. Given the current strength of the divine region, even if they were ten times stronger than they are today, they still wouldn't stand the slightest chance."

"This is also the reason why the Evil God was willing to leave behind this glimmer of hope all those years ago, even at the cost of shortening his own life."

The only hope... and it really was "only", for all intents and purposes.

A calamity that the Eastern Divine Region would not be able to deal with even if they were ten times stronger!?

The heaviness that abruptly appeared in his heart swiftly dissolved into nothingness. Yun Che nodded his head and said, "Alright, I understand. Please tell me exactly what this calamity is? And what exactly my role is in all of this?"

Every millimeter of space at the bottom of the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake was extremely cold. The Ice Phoenix girl... the only ancient divine spirit that remained in this world slowly began to narrate her story.

"At the beginning of the Primal Chaos, before the Ancestral God dissipated, she left behind an 'Ancestral Divine Art' and split it into three before scattering the three parts into the universe. One of those parts ended up in the hands of one of the four Devil Emperors of the devil race, the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor."

"And in the Ancient Era of the Gods, the beginning of that calamity... Heaven Punishing Divine Emperor Mo E used another part of the Ancestral Divine Art as bait to lure the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor to him, using the pretext of comprehending the Ancestral Divine Art together. Following that, he used the

Heaven Punishing Ancestral Sword to split open the Wall of Primal Chaos, throwing that devil emperor and all of the devil gods that accompanied her outside of the Primal Chaos.”

Yun Che quietly listened to her tale... He had long been aware of what she was telling him and even some of the ancient books and records left behind from the Era of the Gods had recorded the event as well. It was something widely known to even the current God Realm.

The first to tell him about this was the Golden Crow Spirit that had dwelled in Golden Crow Lightning Flame Valley. At that time, the Golden Crow Spirit had told him that Heaven Punishing Divine Emperor Mo E, who was incredibly upright and had an extreme hatred for evil, thought that the devils who used negative profound energy were evil and sinful existences. Furthermore, the fragments of the Ancestral Divine Art had been left behind by the Ancestral God at the beginning of the Primal Chaos and they definitely couldn't fall into the hands of the devil race. Which was why he used this method to take it away by force.

But after he had met the Ice Phoenix girl, she had told him another truth... and that was a truth that very few people knew even back in the Ancient Era of the Gods:

Heaven Punishing Divine Emperor Mo E had not hesitated to use the Heaven Punishing Ancestral Sword, had not even hesitated to use a despicable scheme, just for the sake of killing the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor. And the main reason for this was absolutely not for the sake of obtaining another fragment of the Ancestral Divine Arts, the main reason was... that the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor had secretly fallen in love with each other and had become husband and wife.

And an even greater reason for his actions was the fact that they had had a forbidden child together.

The upright Heaven Punishing Divine Emperor Mo E, who hated evil and could not co-exist with the devil race at all, would certainly be unable to tolerate a god... and it was a Creation God who had actually fallen in love with a Devil Emperor at that, and they'd even had a child together! In his eyes, this was definitely the greatest shame of the god race and this shame could only truly be expunged if the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor disappeared forever.

This was the actual truth behind why he had used the Ancestral Sword to split open the Wall of Primal Chaos, banishing the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor and her retinue of devil gods outside the Primal Chaos Realm.

According to the words the Ice Phoenix girl had previously said, this was a secret that could not be made known to the world, and amongst the ancient god race, only the four great Creation Gods knew of this secret. It was only because the Ice Phoenix girl had personally attended to the Creation Goddess of Life that she had coincidentally stumbled upon part of the truth.

“This matter is the origin of this current crimson calamity. At that time, Heaven Punishing Divine Emperor Mo E would never have imagined that the sword stroke he had used to banish the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor and nine hundred devil gods, the act he had accomplished by breaking open the Wall of Primal Chaos, would end up leaving such a ticking time bomb for future generations.”

“...” Those words struck Yun Che dumb.

The Heaven Punishing God Emperor had banished the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor... and that was the origin of the... crimson calamity!?

He racked his brains over this, using all of the knowledge and imagination he had accrued over two lifetimes, but he was still unable to understand the meaning of those words.

Chapter 1432 - The Terrifying Truth

“How could the events that happened in the previous era drag on until this day? What exactly is going on with the crimson crack?” Yun Che asked with sunken brows.

The Ice Phoenix girl replied, “In the latter stages of the terrible war between the gods and devils, due to the fact that they were losing ground step by step, the devil god race lost their minds and brought out the Evil Infant’s Wheel of Myriad Tribulations. The Evil Infant’s Wheel of Myriad Tribulations, which had been sealed away for a very long time, seized control of the Eternal Night Devil Sovereign due to its boundless rage and resentment. It then used the Sky Poison Pearl as a medium to release the poison known as the ‘Myriad Tribulations’, which ultimately brought about the destruction of the god and devil races, making it so that there were no longer any True Gods or True Devils in the Primal Chaos Realm.”

“However, there was a group of devils who managed to escape this apocalyptic calamity... and those were the members of the Heaven Smiting Devil Clan that had been banished outside the Primal Chaos along with Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor!”

Yun Che, “...!?”

“As a result, they survived... they have even managed to survive until this very day, and they have always wanted to return to the Primal Chaos Realm!”

These soft and gentle words that the Ice Phoenix girl had just spoken exploded in Yun Che’s ear like thousands of thunderclaps. Yun Che was rendered completely and utterly stunned by what he had just heard. After that, he shook his head as quick as lightning as he said, “That’s... That’s not right! Even though my knowledge is shallow, I also know that the world outside of the Primal Chaos is a world of death and destruction. The moment someone is flung outside the Primal Chaos, the only outcome is for them to dissolve into nothingness. So how could they still be alive?”

“Could it be that... the rumours were wrong?”

“No,” the Ice Phoenix girl said in a slow and measured voice, “The place outside the Primal Chaos is indeed a world of destruction. Even beings as strong as the Creation Gods or Devil Emperors would also die before too long if they were blasted outside of the Primal Chaos. As a result, to the knowledge of the gods and devils who existed back then, the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor and the devil gods who had been banished outside the Primal Chaos all died a long time ago.”

“Then how did it...” Yun Che said with a bewildered look on his face.

“However, in this universe, there indeed exists a treasure that can allow someone to survive outside of the Primal Chaos for a long period of time. The treasure I am talking about is the treasure that was ranked sixth amongst the Seven Great Heavenly Profound Treasures—the **【World Piercer】** !”

“The World Piercer possessed the strongest, highest level and extreme form of spatial power. It could easily open up dimensional spaces and travel through dimensions. It was so powerful that it could simply create a dimensional space from ‘nothing’, without having to use any sort of medium.”

Yun Che had long ago heard the name of the World Piercer. However, he had only heard of its name; he had not heard any news of its whereabouts or any rumors regarding it. He only knew that the most powerful spatial item in the current universe—the Void Illusion Stone, was an object that contained an extremely small amount of the World Piercer’s power.

So Yun Che definitely would not be able to imagine or understand just how strong the spatial power the World Piercer itself possessed, especially its ability to create space from ‘nothing’. If the people of today were to hear of that power, they would think it was the most fantastical and mystical power they had ever heard of.

“The World Piercer can create space from ‘nothing’, so it should be possible for it to open an independent space swiftly between the gaps of the void! As long as that space is maintained, then not even the destructive power beyond Primal Chaos will be able to harm those on the inside... The problem is, no one knew that the World Piercer was with the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor!”

“It was a secret even after the Heaven Punishing God Emperor had passed away, and both gods and devils had become extinct.”

The climaxes kept coming one after another. Yun Che frowned deeply as he asked in a low tone, “The Heavenly Profound Treasures whereabouts... should be one of the gods’ greatest concerns, shouldn’t they? How could no one know that the World Piercer is with the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor?”

“It’s because the World Piercer already belonged to someone since a long time ago, a certain someone who’s famous throughout Primal Chaos... can you guess who the original owner of the World Piercer was, Yun Che?” asked the Ice Phoenix girl.

“...” Yun Che shook his head in response.

“Four out of seven of the Heavenly Profound Treasures were in the God Race’s possession back during the Era of Gods, and each one of the four Creation Gods possessed one Heavenly Profound Treasure. The leader of the Creation Gods, Lord Mo E possessed the Heaven Punishing Ancestral Sword; the Creation God of Order, Lord Xi Ke possessed the Eternal Heaven Pearl; the Creation Goddess of Life, Lord Li Suo possessed the Primordial Seal of Life and Death, and finally the Creation God of the Elements... who was later known as the Evil God possessed the World Piercer!”

“You’re saying that... the Evil God... had gifted the World Piercer to the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor?” Yun Che muttered in disbelief as he did his best to digest the terrifying information he had just gotten...

This information and the possibility that was on the verge of being revealed along with it was truly scary beyond belief.

“That’s right. At the time, he was still known as the Creation God of the Elements, not the Evil God. Now that you know that he had fallen in love and even married the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor, it no longer seems like a surprise to hear that he would gift the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor the World Piercer, does it? He clearly loved the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor deeply, and the World Piercer is the

greatest talisman in the entire world thanks to its pinnacle level spatial divine power. That is why he had decided to give it to her as a gift. Perhaps it was a token of love or perhaps it was even a token of their marriage. Or perhaps it had just been given to her purely for the sake of allowing her to protect herself from any sort of danger.”

Yun Che, “...”

“Furthermore, besides the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor, nobody else had been aware of this matter. Even the Creation Gods of the god race or the Devil Emperors of the devil race, none of them were aware of this and none of them could even have imagined that this sort of thing would happen... In fact, until the end of the Era of Gods, no one had been aware of this.”

“Then... Then how... did you find out about this?” Yun Che blurted out without thinking.

“Because... the aura that is spreading out from that crack in the Wall of Primal Chaos belongs to the World Piercer and it is growing stronger and clearer with each passing day.”

“The Wall of Primal Chaos is something that even the Creation Gods are unable to blast open. However, there are three things that can smash aside the Wall of Primal Chaos. The first two are the Heaven Punishing Ancestral Sword and the Evil Infant’s Wheel of Myriad Tribulations. The reason they can break open the Wall of Primal Chaos is because their power is of a very high order. The last thing that can break open the Wall of Primal Chaos is the World Piercer itself! Even though the World Piercer does not possess any destructive power, at its core, the Wall of Primal Chaos is basically an extremely strong spatial barrier. Given the ultimate spatial power possessed by the World Piercer, it can definitely interfere the Wall of Primal Chaos!”

“The original divine light given off by the World Piercer was also crimson in color!”

“...” Yun Che was stunned silly, and it was as if he had been turned to stone.

The words that the Ice Phoenix girl had said were undoubtedly telling him that the crack in the Wall of Primal Chaos and that crimson light both originated from the World Piercer!

The World Piercer was not in the Primal Chaos but outside of it and the only possible explanation was that it had been banished together with the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor all those years ago. Thus, the person who was controlling the World Piercer, the one who desired to break open the Wall of Primal Chaos... could only be the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor who had been banished all those years ago!

Before he had entered the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake, he had already been prepared to hear any sort of truth, no matter how horrifying. However, he would never have imagined that it was actually this horrific...

The Ice Phoenix girl continued recounting her tale in a slow and measured voice, “Back then, after the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor and a bunch of devil gods had been banished outside the Primal Chaos, the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor must have immediately activated the power of the World Piercer. The World Piercer would not be able to pierce through the Wall of Primal Chaos, but it could open an independent space in the area outside the Primal Chaos. From that moment on, she and those devil gods continued to live on in that independent space established outside the Primal Chaos.”

“While they lived outside the Primal Chaos, the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor and her kinsmen were definitely doing their utmost to return to the Primal Chaos Realm and after a few million years, they finally came into contact with the Wall of Primal Chaos once more... Or perhaps, they managed to open up some strange connection between the independent space that they lived in and the Wall of Primal Chaos. Or perhaps they managed to successfully graft their independent space onto the side of the Wall of Primal Chaos that faced outwards. After that, they once again used the power of World Piercer to devour the spatial power within the Wall of Primal Chaos, gradually tearing open a crack that is growing bigger and bigger!”

“And once this crack had grown large enough, a gap will once again appear in the Wall of Primal Chaos... and then once the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor and her devil gods make their return to the Primal Chaos! However, what they will not have known is that all of the other gods and devils have already been completely wiped out a million years ago, and the current Primal Chaos is a world without gods and devils. Back then, they had been banished by the Heaven Punishing Divine Emperor but it was also due to this freak incident that they managed to escape the ultimate destruction that befell their race.”

Yun Che remained motionless for a very long time. He did not say a single word... because there was nothing he could say in the first place.

Everything the Ice Phoenix girl had said had been guesses, but it was as if there was a voice telling him from the depths of his soul that all of this was true... all of this was really happening!

The crimson light coming from the Wall of Primal Chaos had come from the spatial power of the World Piercer.

And what lay behind that crack in the Primal Chaos were actually devils from the Ancient Era, devils who should have died out long ago!

What did the re-emergence of a True God or a True Devil in this current world mean?

The power of the gods had stopped existing in this universe a long time ago and the universe had long ago “atrophied” to the point where it could no longer endure that sort of power. It had also reached the point where it was no longer able to produce any power on the level of the gods, so if such a power were to suddenly reappear, then the entire Primal Chaos would be at the mercy of that power. No living being or power could resist such a power and as long as the wielder of that power so desired, they could enslave all living beings or wipe them all out, and no one would be able to resist them.

What was even more terrifying than this was that there would be more than one of those devils out there.

What was even more terrifying than that was that... the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor herself was no ordinary devil. Rather, she was a Devil Emperor who was at the same level as the Creation Gods!

Even if the other devil gods had died long ago outside of the Primal Chaos and only the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor herself was left, if she returned to the present world... Even if there were ten or a hundred of the current God Realm, there was no way for them to put up a fight, much less the Eastern Divine Region itself!

What Divine King, Divine Sovereign, or Divine Master... In front of powers that stood at the same level of True Gods and Creation Gods, all of them were nothing but ants!

"So now, do you understand?" the Ice Phoenix girl said in a gloomy voice.

"Whew..." Yun Che deeply exhaled before he spoke in a low voice, "I really wish I didn't understand."

Devil Emperor... Yun Che felt a chill run up and down his entire body just from seeing those two words flash in his head. She was such a terrifying existence that Yun Che could not even imagine truly trying to resist her, much less putting up a fight against her.

Upon thinking of the root of it all, Yun Che silently gritted his teeth... Right now, he really wanted to jab a finger at the nose of the head of the four great Creation Gods Mo E and cuss him out:

What the hell is wrong with you!? What the hell does the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor developing a relationship have to do with you!? It's not like he stole your wife! What dignity of the god race, what expunging all shame, all of that is dogshit! You really had way too much energy and time, that's why you did such a stupid thing... and you've also left behind such a huge disaster for us, the present generation!

The damn Evil God as well! Just how much charm did that Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor have for you to actually give the World Piercer to her! If not, she would have long ago been reduced to nothingness outside of the Primal Chaos... and all of these damned things wouldn't have happened!

"It is unknown whether those devil gods are still alive but the activity of the World Piercer proves that at least the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor herself is still alive," the Ice Phoenix girl continued to speak of that incomparably terrifying truth. "The power of a Devil Emperor definitely isn't something this current world can resist. Back then, she had been ensnared by Lord Mo E's trap and she has been struggling for survival outside of the Primal Chaos for millions of years. When she returns, she will definitely be overflowing with hatred and upon hearing of the death of Lord Mo E and the destruction of the gods. It is very likely she will vent the hatred and resentment she has accumulated over millions of years on the current world... and the consequences of that are impossible to predict."

Now that he had heard all of this, Yun Che was already beginning to understand something. He looked straight at that girl's flawless jade body as he said, "You said that I was the 'only hope'. When you said that, did you mean that you wanted me, the person who had inherited the power of the Evil God... to go and dissuade... the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor?"

"That's right." The Ice Phoenix girl said, "The aura of the World Piercer is growing clearer and clearer and there will be a day when the Wall of Primal Chaos splits open. At that time, the only thing that can stop the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor will not be power. Rather, it will be that one word, 'feelings'."

"The Evil God had always been well aware of the fact that the World Piercer was in the possession of the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor. After the Evil Infant destroyed the universe, he used up all of his remaining existence to leave behind a drop of indestructible blood.... All because he had anticipated that this day would one day come."

Yun Che's lips parted slightly, "..."

“So what you have inherited is not only the power of the Evil God, you have also inherited the will of the Evil God.”

“Only you, the person who has inherited the power and the will of the Evil God, can remind the newly returned Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor of the feelings she shared with the Evil God and prevent this disastrous calamity from descending upon us.”

Chapter 1433 - The Evil God's Daughter (1)

Yun Che's current reaction could only be described as stunned and stupefied.

Several years ago, the Ice Phoenix girl had told him that he had inherited not just Evil God's divine powers, but his duty as well. As for what exactly this “duty” entailed, he never gave it much thought besides mentally preparing himself for anything prior to entering the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake.

He had imagined having to sacrifice his bloodline, his profound veins, or even his life to perform this duty.

But of all the things he had imagined his duty might entail, persuasion... was definitely not one of them!

As the inheritor of the Evil God's divine powers and the avatar of the Evil God himself, it turned out that his duty was to quell the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor's anger, hatred, and grudge, and stop her from harming this world... It was because the current Primal Chaos was so fragile that it couldn't endure her fury or the devils' wrath at all.

It meant that he must face down an ancient devil emperor when the time was right!

“The terror that is the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor is far beyond your imagination,” said the Ice Phoenix girl. “Her powers should've weakened after roaming the world beyond for over several million years, but if she even has even a shred of devilish energy left in her, she could still destroy the entire God Realm in just the flip of a palm.”

Yun Che, “...”

The Ice Phoenix girl wasn't exaggerating in the slightest... Their opponent was a devil emperor after all!

An emperor among devils!

It was the equivalent of a Creation God among the gods!

“You, and only you have a chance at persuading her.” The Ice Phoenix girl almost sounded almost she was begging. “The Evil God is a divine being of immeasurable greatness. Everything you have inherited is the hope he left behind for future generations, and his will must contain his love and will to protect all of Primal Chaos. Therefore, you are the only one who can transmit his will to the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor and cure her of her fury and hatred.”

“The best case scenario would be her becoming the ruler of the Primal Chaos. As the ruler, it would be her natural duty to protect all of the Primal Chaos... and since she is also the devil emperor of the Heaven Smiting Devil Clan, the devils will obey her command. The rest of the devil gods would have no choice but to obey her and restrain themselves.”

“...” Yun Che’s face was trembling. He still wasn’t able to say a single word in response.

Facing down an ancient devil emperor... It was a scene he couldn’t imagine no matter how he tried.

The devil emperors of ancient times... were terrible beings that could destroy him a million times over with just a glance or breath.

He lifted his hands and felt for the Evil God divine power circulating inside his body. A long silence later, he suddenly said, “Ice Phoenix Spirit, you read my mind before, didn’t you? Then you should know that hatred had once driven me into a devil who lost all of his humanity. That is why I’m well aware what a terrible thing hatred is.”

“No matter how righteous Mo E’s cause was, there is no changing the fact that he tricked the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor using the most despicable method possible.”

Yun Che wasn’t a member of the Era of Gods. Naturally, he didn’t feel the same respect the Ice Phoenix girl had for the leader of the Creation Gods. “The Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor and the rest of the Heaven Smiting Devil Gods must have hated him to the bone for his deception.”

“The world beyond the Primal Chaos is a world of death and destruction. Even if the World Piercer has kept them all alive, it must have been a most difficult life... Several million years. Their hatred and fury has accumulated for several million long years, and it is these emotions that has fueled their will to survive and return all these years...”

“Several million years worth of hate...” said Yun Che before inhaling deeply. He couldn’t imagine how terrible this hatred would be. At the very least, it wasn’t something that even ten thousand “hatred that filled the universe” could describe. “Is it really something the old bond between the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor can resolve?”

After experiencing several million years worth of hell and accumulating all this hatred, the first thing they would surely do was to vent it all onto the world... Yun Che had personally experienced this during his previous life in the Azure Cloud Continent. The return of the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor and the devil gods could only be a billion times worse than that.

Moreover, he was just a man, but they were the devils!

A devil’s negative emotions had always been intense!

Even if they weren’t the devils, several million years worth of grudge and hatred was still more than capable of distorting any living being’s heart and soul. Furthermore, setting the rest of the devils aside, was the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor... even the same Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor from several million years ago?

The Ice Phoenix girl could sense Yun Che’s worry. If she were to be honest with herself, she... had absolutely no confidence that this plan could work. She only knew that Yun Che was the only hope, no matter how infinitesimally small it was.

Her entire clan had been tricked and exiled to the world beyond the Primal Chaos... their grudge and hatred had grown unbridled for several million years... there was no man, creature, True God or True Devil who could tell what the final form of their hatred would take when they finally returned.

“Yun Che,” the Ice Phoenix girl said quietly, “be it in the ancient times or now, the world has always had an extremely biased and distorted view of devils and darkness profound energy.”

“...” As the bearer of darkness profound energy himself, Yun Che fully acknowledged this point.

“The Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor is the emperor of devil gods, but she may not be as scary as you imagine her to be. The great, righteous, and kind Evil God wouldn’t have fallen in love with her and married her otherwise. At the very least, the Heaven Smiting Evil Emperor has never been known to be brutal or tyrannical be it during the ancient times or now.”

“The God Race knows little about the Heaven Smiting Devil Clan. All they know is that they are a clan of monarch devils that can transform into swords just like the Sword Spirit God Clan.”

Yun Che, “...”

“The Evil God clearly loved the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor deeply, or he wouldn’t have gifted her something as precious as the World Piercer willingly. Just the same, the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor must love the Evil God just as deeply, and she will surely not ignore the Evil God’s final will and power completely.”

“Besides that, several million years is an extremely long period of time to most living beings, but not so much to a devil emperor. Also, a devil emperor wouldn’t be so weak as to succumb to the hatred and the passage of time so easily.”

“If she can sense the Evil God’s last will to protect the world, then maybe, just maybe, there is a chance that she may choose to honor it. Furthermore, the reason the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor has even survived to this day is because the Evil God gifted her the World Piercer. Her love for her husband isn’t the only thing that will change her mind.”

“I’ve never fallen in love with anyone myself, but even I know that ‘love’ is the one thing that can transcend everything regardless of plane, or dimension.”

The Ice Phoenix girl worked hard to encourage, console, and give hope to Yun Che from multiple angles. Some of her attempts might seem forced and deliberate, but Yun Che was literally the God Realm’s only hope. She had to supply him with enough confidence no matter what.

“You’re right,” was what Yun Che said, but his expression hadn’t relaxed in the slightest. “But there is one problem with your plan: I’m not the Evil God, I’m just the inheritor of his power. Her love for the Evil God and her love for the inheritor of the Evil God’s power are two completely separate things, not to mention that the ‘Evil God’s will’ you’re speaking of is unreal to say the least, even if she did sense something like that... Whew.”

If the Evil God was still alive to this day, then there was a high chance that he could calm down the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor and persuade her to put down her hatred. But Yun Che himself... ultimately wasn’t the Evil God himself.

It just wasn’t a thing anyone could feel optimistic about.

“I understand your concerns,” said the Ice Phoenix girl, “the Evil God’s will and the Evil God himself are two separate things, of course. However, you don’t just possess the Evil God’s will and inheritance. You

have another trump card that may be far, far more persuasive than even the will and inheritance of the Evil God.”

“Huh?” Yun Che was caught off guard by her declaration. “What’s that?”

The Ice Phoenix girl explained, “The Heaven Punishing Divine Emperor fought a battle against the Evil God after exiling the Heaven Smiting Devil Clan. That great battle between Creation Gods shook the entire Primal Chaos to the point where detailed records of the battle still exist to this day. As for the reason behind the battle... it was stated in both ancient and current records that the Evil God challenged Lord Mo E to battle because he was disgusted by Lord Mo E’s methods, and because Lord Mo E’s actions were undeserving of his title as a Creation God.”

Yun Che nodded. Only the Creation Gods of the ancient times knew that the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor were husband and wife back then.

“Do you remember me telling you that the Evil God’s loss of his wife wasn’t the only thing that drove him into fighting Lord Mo E? Do you also remember me telling you that this battle had decided the fates of the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor’s offspring? It was something I accidentally heard from Lord Li Suo a long time ago.”

Yun Che nodded again. Everything the Ice Phoenix girl had said back then was a shocker, so it was no surprise that he remembered it as well as yesterday.

“No one knew who had won that battle, not even Lord Xi Ke or Lord Li Suo. The only ones who knew about the result were probably the combatants themselves, Lord Mo E and the Evil God. Naturally, I was also clueless about the final victor of that battle... until I’d read all of your memories a few years ago. Thanks to your memories and my own knowledge, I’d uncovered much of the secrets and truths that were hidden in my history, including the result of the battle between Lord Mo E and the Evil God...”

“...and the final fate of the offspring of the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor.”

“Me? You’re talking about my... memories?” Yun Che was confused. His knowledge regarding the Era of Gods was completely hearsay. Everything he knew had come from either Jasmine or the Golden Crow Spirit. In fact, most of his revelations regarding the Era of Gods had come from the Ice Phoenix girl herself. He himself knew nothing about the Era of Gods.

However... the Ice Phoenix girl claimed to have learned the truth from his memories, a truth that not even the gods or even the Creation Gods of ancient times were privy to!

If this wasn’t nonsense, then what was!?

If the truth was in my memory, then how did I not know about this!?

“That’s right,” said the Ice Phoenix girl without explaining what she had seen in his memories. “Judging purely from the results alone, the Evil God had won, and then lost the battle against Lord Mo E.”

Yun Che: “???” (Won... and then lost?)

“I told you about this before... there are also some records that still exist to this day. Although Lord Mo E was the leader of the four great Creation Gods, he was also the one who passed away the soonest. He had died before the war between gods and devils had even truly begun.”

“His passing wasn’t caused by an injury or an accident. He passed away simply because he had reached the end of his lifespan.”

“As the Creation God with the strongest divine power, Lord Mo E undoubtedly had the longest lifespan out of any living being. But for some reason, he ran out of lifespan earlier than any other gods. There is only one thing that can explain this, and that is the Heaven Punishing Ancestral Sword. This is public knowledge.”

“However, Lord Li Suo also told me that Lord Mo E had only used the Ancestral Sword once in his whole life... and it was the time he had cut open the Wall of Primal Chaos and subjected the Heaven Smiting Devil Clan to the world beyond Primal Chaos. Although his lifespan had been reduced greatly as a result, he still shouldn’t have passed away as early as he did.”

“It doesn’t make sense... unless he didn’t use the Ancestral Sword once, but twice in a short time, burning his lifespan at an accelerated rate as a result. If that is the case, then anything is possible.”

Yun Che’s pupils shrank. “Are you saying...”

“That is correct. It is very likely that the second time he used the Ancestral Sword was during the battle against the Evil God!”

Yun Che, “...”

“That battle also decided the fate of the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor’s offspring. Undoubtedly, their offspring would turn out to be a half-man and half-devil, and Lord Mo E is such a righteous and evil loathing person that he would never allow such a person to exist in this world... especially because they are the offspring of a Creation God. That is why he wouldn’t allow himself to lose that battle no matter what.”

“However, the battle didn’t go as Lord Mo E had expected it to go. Lord Li Suo once said that the Evil God’s strength may have surpassed Lord Mo E’s, so Lord Mo E probably lost that battle... but he couldn’t accept his defeat or the consequences of his defeat, so he ultimately decided to use the Ancestral Sword.”

“The Evil God... lost, because of the Ancestral Sword’s power.”

“When the two engaged in battle, Lord Mo E had just used the Ancestral Sword to cut apart the Wall of Primal Chaos a short time ago.”

“The consequences of using the Ancestral Sword twice in such a short time isn’t just as simple as losing twice the amount of lifespan. That was why Lord Mo E passed away so early... Lord Mo E must’ve known about the full consequences of his decision, but that was just the kind of person he was. He was the highest monarch of the God Race and the leader of the Creation Gods. He couldn’t allow even a single grain of sand to sit in his eyes... especially when this ‘sand’ had offended the pride and bottom line of the God Race.”

Yun Che asked, “So... the offspring between the Evil God and the Evil Smiting Devil Emperor was killed just like that?”

But the answer the Ice Phoenix girl gave caught Yun Che by surprise. “No, they weren’t killed... they were ‘split into two halves’.”

Chapter 1434 - The Evil God’s Daughter (2)

Split in... two halves?

The Ice Phoenix girl was saying something that he couldn’t understand at all again.

“What do you mean by split in two halves?” asked Yun Che in astonishment.

The Ice Phoenix girl replied, “The offspring between the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor is a girl. Since she inherited both the Evil God’s divine power and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor’s darkness devilish power, she is undoubtedly a half-man and half devil who is unaccepted by the god race or the devil race.”

“Although Lord Mo E had beaten the Evil God, my guess is that Lord Mo E knew that it was an unfair battle, and that he had no face to wipe the daughter of the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor from existence completely. That is why he had suggested a middle ground instead.”

“His request to the Evil God was to wipe out the ‘devilish’ part of her and leave the ‘non-devilish’ part of her untouched. That way, she’d be able to stay with the god race.”

Yun Che, “...”

“The Evil God had no other choice. This was the best and only path that was left for him. Therefore, he destroyed his daughter’s body and split her soul in half... separating the ‘devil soul’ from the ‘divine soul’. I know that the notion of remaking a divine soul’s body may sound unbelievable to you, but it is something a Creation God can achieve easily.”

“The splitting of one’s soul meant that the soul’s original memories would fade away completely. This means that the divine soul who was reborn in a new body would become a completely new existence. In fact, that wasn’t Lord Mo E’s only request. He may have allowed her divine soul to remain with the god race, but no one was allowed to know that she was the daughter of the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor. The Evil God was forbidden from meeting her for the rest of his life too.”

Yun Che frowned deeply and clenched his fists without realizing it. From the standpoint of the gods and devils, Lord Mo E’s request was perfectly normal. But from the standpoint of a father, he understood just how cruel a request it was to the Evil God.

He just couldn’t imagine himself being unable to see Wuxin, and Wuxin not realizing that she had him as a father, for eternity.

“After that, the Evil God entrusted his daughter’s ‘divine soul’ to the god he trusted the most to remake his daughter’s divine body, and she stayed with the clan of that god after she was reborn... Maybe the Evil God himself was completely disappointed, disheartened, or guilt-ridden by everything that had happened to his daughter, but some time later he abandoned his former title as the Creation God of Elements and called himself the ‘Evil God’. After that, he hid himself from the world and never concerned himself with the god race or the god he had entrusted his daughter to ever again.”

He abandoned his supreme title as a Creation God and called himself the Evil God...

The title "Evil God" was a divine title that was highly respected and admired by all living things... and yet Yun Che could clearly pick up a deep sense of sorrow from it.

"The god the Evil God had entrusted his daughter's divine soul to was a clan leader, and this clan leader made preparations so that the Evil God's daughter would appear to be his daughter to everyone. At the same time, he gave her the best treatment and protection he could afford... The reason he treated her so well was because his clan owed the Evil God a great favor. That was why he was willing to spend everything he had to protect his daughter and guard this secret for eternity."

"As for the Evil God daughter's 'devil soul'... the Evil God couldn't find it in his heart to wipe her out no matter how he tried, so he used an unknown method to fool Lord Mo E's senses and hid her in a secret place he had created at the last moment. He transformed it into a world of darkness that was suited for her, and he populated the world with many dark creatures because he was afraid that she would be too lonely."

The Ice Phoenix girl's story ended here. The story was obviously a combination of rumors from ancient times and the Ice Phoenix Girl's own assumptions, but for some reason it felt almost... familiar to him? Déjà vu?

"Ice Phoenix Spirit, what does this have to do with the 'trump card' that will help me persuade the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor better than even the Evil God's will you mentioned?" asked Yun Che.

The Ice Phoenix girl said slowly, "The daughter of the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor... is still alive."

"What!?" Yun Che exclaimed.

"That terrible battle directly led to the destruction of the gods and the devils and the Evil Infant calamity, but due to the clan doing everything they could to protect the girl with the divine soul, she was miraculously able to survive the calamities in a profound ark imprinted with the World Piercer's power... As for the one with the devil soul, she was completely unaffected by the calamities because she had been hidden in a pocket world in the lower realms. She too continues to exist to this day."

Yun Che, "... (That strange feeling of familiarity and déjà vu is growing stronger.)

"None of this is knowledge that I'd learned during the ancient times. It all comes from you, the very first person to know that the daughter of the Evil God is still alive in this day and age."

The Ice Phoenix girl's words completely stupefied Yun Che. "Me? You mean I saw her... them, before?"

The Ice Phoenix girl gave Yun Che an obvious hint. "The God Clan the Evil God had entrusted his daughter's divine soul to was called... the Sword Spirit God Clan!"

"This God Clan possessed a certain profound ark that was famous since the Era of Gods! The interior of this profound ark is an individual world of its own. It is a gift from the Evil God to the Sword Spirit God Clan while he was still the Creation God of Elements, and it possesses incredible space traveling abilities because the Evil God had engraved its power of space with the World Piercer itself!"

"This profound ark is none other than the Primordial Profound Ark in your memories!"

"....."

“.....”

“..... ! !”

Yun Che's eyes widened bit by bit. His mind turned blank like he was struck by thunder, and it wasn't until a long time later that he opened his mouth and spat out a certain girl's name with great difficulty, “Hong... er!??”

“Her real name is ‘Ling Wanhu’, and in public she is known as the daughter of the chief of the Sword Spirit God Clan, ‘Ling Zhen’. I even met her in person back then.” The Ice Phoenix girl said, “Of course, I could never have imagined that she was the daughter of the Evil God back then.”

“...” Yun Che's mouth was wide agape. He just couldn't close it no matter what.

A long time ago, Jasmine had told him that there was a clan called the Sword Spirit God Clan among the ancient gods who could transform into swords...

Given enough spirit energy, the Primordial Profound Ark supposedly could travel to any space...

And finally, the profound, meaningful words that dying soul had said to him before he entrusted Hong'er to him...

“I am only a guardian... my little mistress.. and my race... has long been forgotten by the world... there is no need to mention them anymore... my little mistress... her body has been inflicted with a terrible devilish poison... within all the realms... only the Sky Poison Pearl can cure her... in order to stem the invasion of this devilish poison... our little mistress was sealed into the Coffin of Eternity....”

“Chaotic turmoil... the terrible battle of Gods and Devils... the overturning of the sky... the weeping of the Gods and the Heavens... I brought my little mistress with me into the ark to flee.... The ‘Coffin of Eternity’ sealed her body and soul... allowed her presence to disappear into the chaotic space... and allowed her to escape that heaven-destroying calamity... if one day the Sky Poison Pearl can cleanse the devilish poison from her body... and she can once again awaken... then my bitter life will finally come to a happy end....”

Everything matched up to the Ice Phoenix Spirit's words perfectly!

Even the sword Hong'er could transform to... was called the Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword...

Heaven Smiting...

The Heaven Smiting Devil Clan!

Was Hong'er really... the daughter of the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor!?

“In that age, the younger daughter of the Sword Spirit God Clan Chief, ‘Wanhu’ was known to everyone because she was the most pampered child in the entire Sword Spirit Clan. The clan chief and his wife loved her more than any of their offspring, and absolutely no one suspected that she wasn't actually the Sword Spirit God Clan Chief's true daughter.”

“Later on, after Lord Mo E, the Heaven Punishing God Emperor had passed away, and the Heaven Punishing Ancestral Sword had become masterless, the grudge that had been accumulating between the

gods and the devils since forever finally erupted in full force. The Sword Spirit Clan was blessed Lord Li Suo's light divine energy, and the sword they transformed into was the 'Devil Slayer Sword', a great bane against any devil. That was why the devil race had spared no effort in attacking them and wiping them out before any other races of the gods."

"It is said that the devil race had despicably used a terrifying devil poison that not even Lord Li Suo could purify before it kills its victims. Countless sword spirits including the chief and his wife passed away because of the poison..."

"However, it was later discovered that the body of the sword spirit little princess, Wanhu was nowhere to be found. The Sword Spirit God Clan's main profound ark, the Spirit World of Heaven and Earth was missing as well."

The Spirit World of Heaven and Earth... was the Primordial Profound Ark currently in Yun Che's possession right now!

"At the time, the gods thought that the sword spirit little princess had died in both spirit and body, and that the devils had claimed the Spirit World of Heaven and Earth for themselves. In reality, the Spirit World of Heaven and Earth had concealed their presence completely and slipped into a spatial rift... I'm sure that even the Evil God thought that she had died as well, since he couldn't verify her whereabouts without the World Piercer."

"After passing through countless space and time, fate finally arranged her to meet you, the owner of the Sky Poison Pearl."

"..." Right now, Yun Che was feeling completely dizzy. It was because the Ice Phoenix girl's story was just too... extraordinary!

Hong'er had come to him as a complete "accident". She was a naughty, hyperreactive, gluttonous, sleepy, eccentric, undisciplined, and queer little monster who was even more monstrous than your usual monster...

But now the Ice Phoenix Spirit was telling him that she... was the Evil God's d-d-d-daughter!?!?

Yun Che's brain and heart shook uncontrollably...

The f*ck...

"I'm guessing that the Sword Spirit God Clan Chief himself was the one who remade her body after the Evil God had entrusted his daughter to him. However, her divine soul was ultimately incomplete because it had been split in half, so in order to complete her soul and convince everyone that she really was her daughter, he gave up his own divine power and divine soul so that her divine soul could 'grow' into completion. After that, she became Ling Wanhu and... Hong'er. Thanks to the Sword Spirit God Clan Chief, she possessed both the divine powers and the characteristics of a Sword Spirit God. She had light divine energy and the divine aura of a Sword Spirit God, and the sword she transformed into possessed the 'devil slaying' attribute as well."

"However, she wasn't just a Devil Slayer Sword!"

“Heaven Smiting... Devil Slayer Sword.” Yun Che whispered, “Did the ‘heaven smiting’ part of her title... come from the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor herself?”

“That is correct,” said the Ice Phoenix girl. “Even with the devil half in her separated from her soul, her ‘essence’ was still the same because nothing could change the fact that she was the daughter of the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor. Even if Hong’er didn’t have the Sword Spirit God Clan Chief’s divine power and soul in her, she still would’ve had the ability to transform into a sword because the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor herself and her race, the Heaven Smiting Devil Clan, was a race that could transform into swords in the first place.”

“...” Yun Che nodded numbly in response. When he had “picked up” Hong’er at the Primordial Profound Ark, Jasmine had told him that there was a race each among the god race and the devil race that could transform into swords. One was called the Sword Spirit God Clan, and the other the Heaven Smiting Devil Clan.

When Hong’er had transformed into a sword for the first time, Jasmine had had a strange reaction when she saw the words engraved onto the body of the sword, “Heaven Smiting” and “Devil Slayer”. There were several times Jasmine had looked like she wanted to say something when he asked her about them... but in the end, she simply said “it’s not possible” and left things there.

“The sword a member of the Sword Spirit God Clan transforms into is called the Devil Slayer Sword. It is the bane of all devils. On the other hand, the sword a member of the Heaven Smiting Devil Clan transforms into is called the ‘Heaven Smiting Devil God Sword’. It is the bane of all light profound energy.”

The name “Heaven Smiting Devil God Sword” caused a shiver in Yun Che’s heart... It was because he recalled what the Moon Slaughter Devil Sovereign had shouted during the battle when he was summoning Hong’er. The Moon Slaughter Devil Sovereign had cried out the name “Devil Slayer Sword” first, followed by an even more surprised shout, “Heaven Smiting Devil God Sword”.

“As the devil emperor of the Heaven Smiting Devil Clan and one of the four devil emperors that of the devil race, the sword the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor transforms into is the ultimate form of the Heaven Smiting Devil God Sword, the ‘Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor Sword’.”

“However, the sword Hong’er transforms into is incredibly strange. It is a ‘Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword’ that contains the characteristics of both the Devil Slayer Sword and the Heaven Smiting Devil God Sword, and something like this has never appeared even during the ancient times. She is an existence that defies all common sense, and her future and her limits are both unpredictable and unimaginable.”

“So... which one of the two sword spirit clans eat swords to increase their powers?” asked Yun Che.

“The answer is none of them. I am not talking about just the Sword Spirit God Clan or the Heaven Smiting Devil Clan either, I’d never heard of a race in the past or now who can consume swords to increase their strength... not to my knowledge at least.”

Yun Che, “...”

“The only explanation I can give is that Hong’er’s... extraordinary background and tragic fate have caused her to undergo some sort of unusual change that is beyond even my understanding. After all, she is the daughter of the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor, a first in the history of the Primal Chaos and the only proof that gods and devils have ever bonded with one another. Moreover, Hong’er is an existence at the level of a Creation God, so she is beyond the understanding of a normal divine spirit like me.”

Hong’er... her somewhat abnormal behavior aside, she was just a simple girl to him. She was so simple that the only thing she cared about in her life was feeding and sleeping, and nothing ever seemed to worry her in the slightest.

Her vermilion-colored eyes especially looked like they were eternally pure and clean.

To think that something like this would be hidden beneath her simple appearance and behavior...

Suddenly, a thought struck Yun Che’s mind like thunder. He looked up abruptly and asked, “You mentioned that the devil half of her soul is still alive. Could... could it be that you’re referring to...?”

Chapter 1435 - To Become the Savior

Blue Pole Star, Azure Cloud Continent, Cloud’s End Cliff, world of darkness...

You’er!

She shared the exact same body shape and appearance as Hong’er, and she lived and relied on darkness to survive. She was also a soul... an incomplete soul.

She didn’t recognize Hong’er because they’d never met or known each other. However, there was undoubtedly a profound connection between them both.

To this day, Yun Che could still remember the eternally happy Hong’er suddenly tearing up and crying uncontrollably after meeting You’er...

Back when Jasmine was remaking her body, she had told him that the soul was the foundation of one’s body. This meant that the appearance and the body shape of a person were determined by their soul.

Everything was matching up perfectly...

“That’s correct.” The Ice Phoenix girl gave him an affirmative reply before continuing, “The other half of the Evil God’s daughter’s soul is the incomplete girl you met in the abyss of darkness on the Azure Cloud Continent.”

“...” Yun Che inhaled deeply and held his breath for a long time before finally exhaling.

Hong’er and You’er... who could imagine that they were part of the same person? Who could imagine that they were the daughter of the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor!?

Hong’er had clung to him like gum beneath his shoe when she first saw him. You’er had displayed great dependence and friendliness towards him since the beginning... looking back, it was probably an instinctive reaction engraved in their very souls. They had reacted to him because of the divine power he bore.

The power... their father used to bear.

"Hong'er... You'er..." muttered Yun Che to himself. He couldn't describe what he was feeling right now.

"You'er (Silent One)?" The Ice Phoenix girl exclaimed in surprise. Yun Che hadn't yet given You'er her name when she had read his memories. "Is that the new name you gave her? It is a very suitable name. She is the daughter of the Evil God and the Devil Emperor. She is of the noblest birth, and yet she can only ever live in darkness like a silent ghost, never to see the light of day. Sigh..."

It was impossible to tell if the Ice Phoenix girl was sighing for the Evil God, or for Hong'er and You'er.

Perhaps it was difficult for a mortal to imagine that someone as powerful as a Creation God would carry such terrible sorrow and helplessness.

Hong'er at least had a complete body and soul, a pair of parents who doted on her, and a clan who loved her from the bottom of their hearts. Even now, she had Yun Che to keep her from feeling lonely, hungry, sleepless, and uneasy.

But You'er...

"You'er is probably another hope the Evil God left behind for the world," said Yun Che emotionally. "You'er was the one who gave me the Darkness Seed. If I'm not mistaken, the Evil God had probably gone to the world of darkness to visit his daughter, You'er, just before he created the Indestructible Blood at the cost of his life. He purposely left the darkness seed behind with her so that the successor of the Evil God's divine power could find her, receive her guidance... and make the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor aware of her existence."

When the devils and gods were still alive, the Evil God didn't dare to head to Cloud's End Cliff to visit his daughter. When all the devils and gods were dead, he was finally able to take one final look at her... but even that fulfilled wish was burdened by a great sorrow.

At the time, the Evil God couldn't have known that his "other" daughter was still alive. He must've passed away in pain and guilt believing that his "other" daughter was dead.

"I see," the Ice Phoenix girl said with a sigh. "The Evil God truly was... the greatest divine being of them all. Even when he was disappointed so thoroughly by fate, he never stopped concerning himself with the future and the world."

Despite having discarded the title of the Creation God, he was unable to abandon his own roots to the end. He really did deserve the word "great".

"Ice Phoenix Spirit," Yun Che asked suddenly, "you are a divine being of the god race, aren't you? Why don't you hate or reject devils yourself? For example, you know that I possess darkness profound energy, but why..."

In the ancient times, the god race and the devil race were on opposite sides. There was no such thing as a middle ground, and both races held an unquenchable animosity towards each other. The fact that the monarch of the god race, Mo E had acted as cruelly as he did was proof of that. And yet, Yun Che had never sensed any animosity or rejection towards darkness profound energy from the Ice Phoenix girl.

The Ice Phoenix girl said quietly, "Back then, my understanding of 'devils' was the same as all divine beings. I believed them to be the face of negativity, filth and sin, and that they were an existence that was rejected by the heavenly law itself because they possessed darkness profound energy. I even believed that it was the righteous path and the unsaid responsibility of the god race to destroy them all."

"But after surviving all the battles, the destruction, the aimless drifting through life... I was actually able to wake up from the fever and recall everything that had happened in this prison of eternal silence. Naturally, this calm and tranquility had made me understand many things that I wasn't able to see clearly in the past."

"The Ancestral God was the one who had created the god race and the devil race, with one side representing 'yang' and the other 'yin'. If they are both creations of the Ancestral God, then are they really all that different from one another besides the power they possess? If the devil race truly didn't belong in this world like everyone had believed, then why did the Ancestral God even bother creating the devil race in the first place? Wouldn't the god race alone have sufficed?"

Yun Che, "..."

"Plus, it is a fact... an unbelievably sorrowful, but truthful fact that we must admit that... the cause of everything... the true culprit behind the destruction of the god race and the devil race is..."

The Ice Phoenix girl's voice became slow, quiet and sorrowful. In the end, she wasn't able to say the words that would point towards the true culprit because of the sheer irony they contained, and because she was a member of the god race.

Yes... Yun Che knew very little about the ancient times, but even he could deduce from the rumors alone that the god race were the ones who had brought forth the end of the Era of Gods.

It really was incredibly ironic.

"The good and evil of living being has nothing to do with the power they bear. It has nothing to do with the devils, the gods, or the race they were born into either. But in that era, the word 'devil' had been twisted into the face of pure evil... and that belief still exists to this day."

Yun Che had heard of the fate of the Northern Divine Region.

It was why he had never dared to reveal his darkness profound energy... not even a little.

A few years ago, Wei Hen had traded his life for Li Jianming's at the Profound God Convention... On the one hand, the former had gone to the Northern Divine Region to exchange his life for darkness profound energy. It was so that he could obtain the power necessary to carry out his revenge. On the other hand, Li Jianming had slaughtered Wei Hen's entire family and sect, and violated his wife and daughter for his selfish desires...

Who here was the real devil who deserved to die!?

"When a belief has become so deeply rooted that it has become common sense, there is almost no power in the world that can change it," said the Ice Phoenix girl. "The people's belief that all 'devils' are

evil is as rooted and common as the incompatibility between fire and water. You definitely cannot reveal your secret for all of eternity.”

“Since you possess the Evil God’s darkness seed, it is possible for you to control your darkness profound energy. What this means is that ‘your secret’ will never be revealed unless you wish it so... or even better, you should try to forget that you even possess darkness profound energy in the first place. It is a choice you must make considering the current world’s perception of darkness profound energy.”

Yun Che nodded. “I know.”

Both Jasmine and Mu Xuanyin had told him something similar.

It wasn’t an exaggeration to say that he would never be able to stand tall in this world again if his secret was revealed even once.

“The Evil God’s power and will, the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor’s daughter, love, kindness, and familial bond may just be enough to overcome several million years of hatred. It may just be enough to stop her from harming the world the Evil God wishes to protect, and a world where her daughter still lives peacefully to this day.”

This was the Evil God’s final wish, and the best case scenario the Ice Phoenix girl had envisioned in her head.

The Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor would without a doubt become the absolute ruler of the Primal Chaos once she had returned. There was no power in the entire world that could resist or defy her. The difference between a ruler full of hatred and violence, and a ruler who was willing to fulfill her lover’s dying will and her surviving family member was worlds apart to say the least.

“You are the key to this hope, Yun Che.”

“I beg you, you must meet with the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor the day the crimson light falls apart completely. The meeting will undoubtedly be accompanied with immeasurable risk, but you are our only hope. This fragile world simply doesn’t have what it takes to withstand the hatred and fury of a devil emperor anymore.”

“Successor of the Evil God’s power and will, please... go and become the savior we need!”

At this point, Yun Che was made aware of the truth behind the “crimson crack”, the “duty” and “hope” he bore on his back, and the tribulations he was about to face in the future.

He had even learned of Hong’er and You’er’s extraordinary past and background.

Yun Che actually calmed down during the last moments of the revelation.

After all, the true face of fear was often the unknown, not the truth.

“I understand now.” Yun Che nodded with calm eyes and even breathing. He didn’t even hesitate for too long or feel afraid like the Ice Phoenix had expected him to be. “I will go.”

“If I succeed, I suppose it’s inevitable that I’ll become a savior in everyone’s eyes... Well, it’s not a bad title. At least I’ll be winning the people’s gratitude and respect instead of the... nothing I’m receiving right now.”

“Even if I fail, I should still be able to protect myself and the people around me due to the Evil God’s inheritance and Hong’er.”

“If I hadn’t obtained the Evil God’s legacy back then, I wouldn’t have had everything I have today. I may still be crippled or worse, dead at this time. It is only natural that such great kindness came with equally great responsibility.”

“There is no reason for me not to go, be it from the perspective of humanity, myself, or the favor I owe.”

Yun Che exhaled slightly after he was finished speaking... He literally couldn’t imagine facing a devil emperor who had returned to the Primal Chaos while full of hatred. It was impossible to predict what might happen next.

It was entirely possible for him to be wiped out before he even had the time to open his mouth.

“I’m very glad for your words,” said the Ice Phoenix girl. “Whatever the end result might be, I am incredibly grateful and glad that someone like you, a shining hope could exist in the world.”

“I hope myself that I won’t betray your expectations,” replied Yun Che sincerely.

The Evil God had left behind the Indestructible Blood to protect the generations to come. The Ice Phoenix girl before him... was also doing her best to protect the world during the final moments of her life, even though she no longer had a place in the current world.

“You don’t need to put too much pressure on yourself, she is the devil emperor after all. There is absolutely no one who can control or decide how the situation will turn out, so you are already saving the world just by daring to stand between the world and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor. You don’t have the power to control the result, and no one has the right to ask that from you.”

Yun Che exhaled slightly after hearing the Ice Phoenix girl’s consoling words.

“I once said that I would grant the last vestiges of my existence and my divine powers to you after your resolve is sufficient. You now have the right to claim my power, but the time is not yet right.”

“My biggest concern during my remaining lifespan has always been how the world will turn out after the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor had returned from the world beyond, so please, I ask you to allow me to exist until the day the results became clear. After that, whatever the world may become, I promise to grant you everything I have left... Please don’t turn down my offer or try to keep me around. It is because I will no longer have any reason or purpose to live in this world after I have my answer.”

“...” Yun Che nodded. “I understand.”

It seriously did not matter if he got the Ice Phoenix’s power or not when he had the return of a devil emperor to deal with.

Right now, the only thing he could think of was to how to face a true devil emperor of the ancient times!

“Oh right,” Yun Che suddenly recalled something and asked, “Last time, you said you wish to tell me one of my master’s secrets... what is it exactly?”

Chapter 1436 - The Day is Near

The Ice Phoenix Spirit temporarily fell silent after hearing Yun Che’s question. She then said, “The world today belongs to the mortals. The shape and laws of the Primal Chaos are completely different from what they used to be... and this is a world where gods aren’t necessary and should not exist.”

“That is why I had wanted to gift my last vestiges of strength to a mortal on this star realm since a long time ago... and my choice, was your master.”

Yun Che, “...”

“As the Ice Phoenix, I am one of the Three Supreme Water Attribute Beasts of the ancient past, and I am a high rank divine spirit with the qualification to stand next to a Creation God. Unfortunately, I am also a member of the Demon Race, so my power just isn’t too compatible with humans. That is why those humans who have inherited my bloodline and profound art are rarely able to reach their pinnacle... the Divine Master Realm. Your master is first person ever to become a Divine Master in the history of Snow Song Realm. Do you know why?”

Yun Che gave the question some thought before answering, “I once heard from Palace Master Bingyun, the one who brought me to the God Realm that my master possesses something special called the ‘Ice Phoenix Divine Soul’... Is it something you gave her?”

“That’s right,” answered the Ice Phoenix girl. “I chose her and granted her part of my divine soul in secret while she was still a young girl. As she cultivated and grew older, the power in my divine soul slowly fused with her and aided her breakthrough to Divine Master Realm. That is how she has become the first Divine Master Realm King of Snow Song Realm.”

“...I see,” muttered Yun Che.

“My divine soul is harmless to her, but it is too high level for her to fuse with it quickly and easily. Ten millennium had passed since she started cultivating, and yet she had only managed to take in about twenty percent of its divine power as her own.

“Originally, this process would’ve taken another thirty millennium to complete... until she met you, and this process was quickened drastically.”

“Huh?” Yun Che was just about to ask what he did when he suddenly recalled something. He instantly choked on his words as his expression turned strange, “Er... about that... I actually didn’t know...”

“Both your Evil God divine aura and your Dragon God divine aura are of a higher level than my divine soul, so when you copulated with her she was given some of your Evil God divine aura. As a result, the fusion process became much smoother, and her power was able to grow quickly in just a short time.”

Yun Che was clearly trying to cut this topic short, but the Ice Phoenix girl had ignored the strange expression on his face and stated the truth bluntly. At least she had said it in an even and unaffected tone, or his facial muscles would be spasming right now.

"I had... no choice in this matter. I hadn't wanted it to happen," said Yun Che. But the more he tried to explain, the more awkward he felt, so Yun Che quickly changed the subject and asked, "Does that mean that Master has known about you since a long time ago?"

"Yes, she is definitely aware that I exist. However, she has never met me," replied the Ice Phoenix girl. "You are the only human I've ever met in person."

"At first, I'd planned to pass away after I'd granted her my powers, but a terrible premonition suddenly struck me out of nowhere. So, I kept myself alive until I sensed that terrible presence... and your arrival."

"When you first showed up, your Evil God divine aura had surprised me greatly. I was also able to witness many secrets that even the people of the Ancient Era weren't able to learn from your memories. Perhaps the heavens had kept me alive for a good reason."

A large majority of the truths she had told Yun Che had actually come from his own memories.

By combining Yun Che's memories and her own knowledge, she was able to figure out many terrifying or shocking secrets of the ancient times.

"Is this... the secret of my master you wish to tell me?" asked Yun Che suspiciously.

Last time, when the Ice Phoenix girl had brought up this topic, she had hesitated for a long time before stopping herself in the end. What she had told him just now, the fact that Mu Xuanyin possessed the Ice Phoenix's divine soul, had in fact been revealed to him freely by Mu Bingyun many years ago.

Technically, it barely counted as a secret. But only barely.

Moreover, it didn't fit with the hesitation Ice Phoenix girl had displayed during their last meeting.

"..." The Ice Phoenix girl didn't answer him immediately. Instead, she stayed silent for a moment before finally whispering, "Never mind. I've thought over this matter again and again, and in the end I think it's best if you're kept in the dark about this. Right now, your relationship with your master is at its best possible state, and I simply cannot see any benefit in revealing to you her secret. It will only cause some unnecessary 'friction'."

"???" Yun Che frowned as he tried to comprehend the Ice Phoenix girl's words, but failed to because of how vague they were. He urgently needed to know anything that was related to Mu Xuanyin, so he pursued the subject further and asked, "What do you mean? Is master purposely hiding something important to me?"

"No, she herself doesn't know about this. It is beyond her control too," answered the Ice Phoenix girl. She could sense the unusually strong urgency behind Yun Che's voice... and she thought she had an idea what this urgency really meant.

Her icy breath moved slightly as she whispered, "This is a secret that will only bring negativity if it is revealed. It is better if you don't hear it... and there is no need for you to hear it."

"I'm sorry," Yun Che firmly shook his head and said, "but if it is related to my master, then I simply must know!"

“...” The Ice Phoenix girl sighed quietly. “If that is your wish. However, I will be giving you some time to think through your decision rationally. If you still wish to learn about this secret after the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor is gone, then I will tell you everything before I disappear.”

“...” Yun Che wanted to say something more, but the Ice Phoenix girl continued by saying, “You won’t have to wait for a long time. After all, that day is very, very near already.”

“Very near!?” Yun Che’s attention was instantly diverted. “How near is very near? Since you can clearly sense the World Piercer’s presence already, can you determine how long it’ll take before the Wall of Primal Chaos is penetrated completely?”

A few breaths of silence later, the Ice Phoenix girl answered, “In a month at most.”

“...!!” These five words alone caused Yun Che’s eyes to shake violently.

A... a month!

It was such a short time that he couldn’t help but feel chilled to the bone.

“A month? How... how can it be this fast?” Yun Che’s breath felt icy to himself, and even his back was crawling with chills.

“Unless the World Piercer’s power were to deteriorate drastically without warning, the Wall of Primal Chaos will fall in at most a month’s time. That is why I considered your return to be quite timely.”

Yun Che: “...” (A month? Dammit...)

“That star realm called the Eternal Heaven Realm will be making a move before a month is up too.”

The Ice Phoenix girl’s words caught him by surprise for a second, but he immediately said, “That’s right! I met the Eternal Heaven God Emperor just now. The Eternal Heaven Realm has built a great dimensional formation that leads to the eastmost area of Primal Chaos, and they are about to convene the Eternal Heaven General Assembly to deal with the Scarlet Disaster. All Divine Masters in the Eastern Divine Region are required to participate.”

All Divine Masters...

A moment ago, he had been stunned by the idea of every Divine Master in the Eastern Divine Region gathering in one place.

But after he learned that their opponent was the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor... Forget just the Eastern Divine Region, not even every Divine Master in the entire God Realm combined could do anything against a devil emperor. They were nothing more than a bunch of ants that the devil emperor could crush at her leisure.

But what else could they do if not that?

No wonder the Eternal Heaven God Emperor had looked as bleak and sorrowful as he was when he spoke of the “truth”... so much so that he was almost despairing.

.....

Wait a second. How did the Eternal Heaven God Emperor learn about the truth!?

Oh right! It must be the Eternal Heaven Pearl!

The Ice Phoenix Spirit had once said that the only people who knew that the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor were married were the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor herself and the four great Creation Gods... Naturally, that also included the Creation God of Order, Xi Ke.

If the former master of the Eternal Heaven Pearl was Xi Ke, then it was only natural that his artifact soul would be privy to this secret as well!

If even the Ice Phoenix Spirit could detect the World Piercer's presence, then it was impossible that the Eternal Heaven Pearl would fail to sense it!

Combining the World Piercer's presence and the secret that the Evil God and the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor used to be husband and wife as one, it was only natural that the Eternal Heaven Pearl would assume that the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor had survived the harsh world beyond the Primal Chaos due to the World Piercer, and was making a return!

Yun Che exhaled deeply when he recalled the colorless look in the Eternal Heaven God Emperor's eyes when he spoke of the "Eternal Heaven General Assembly"... Even the strongest existence in this world was powerless before a returning devil emperor.

This Eternal Heaven General Assembly felt less like a resistance more like a last ditch effort to show that the denizens of this world wouldn't go quietly... a weak and helpless struggle.

"Coincidentally, I've obtained the qualification to head to the Eternal Heaven Realm from the Eternal Heaven God Emperor just now," said Yun Che with a frown. "I will head to the Eternal Heaven Realm with Master as quickly as I can and stay there until the Wall of Primal Chaos is completely broken."

"I've put all my trust in you. I hope that you can become the eternal glory of mankind, and that the Evil God's great will will bring the light of salvation."

While carrying the Ice Phoenix Spirit's hopes and the duty and the burden of a "savior", Yun Che bid her goodbye and floated back up to the surface.

But Yun Che didn't leave the place immediately after he had jumped out of the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake. He simply stood in the middle of the lake and kept his eyes closed for a very long time.

Everything he had learned from the Ice Phoenix had been a massive, no, unbearable blow to his psyche.

"He Ling," he said quietly, "I haven't lived for a long time, but I think my life is packed with a little too much excitement."

"There's no point in worrying too much, Master," consoled He Ling gently. "It's just like what you said earlier. Even if you fail, you'll still be able to protect yourself and the people around you."

"...What's Hong'er doing?"

"She went to sleep after secretly eating a whole bunch of purple crystals," answered He Ling in a small voice.

“~ ! @# ¥%... Again!?” Yun Che’s eyes turned round, but when he recalled that Hong’er was the... daughter of the Evil God and the Evil Smiting Devil Emperor, he couldn’t stop his mouth from twitching strongly. “Whatever, it’s just some purple crystals. Tell her that she can eat them all she wants from hereon, including the swords. There’s no reason in hiding them any longer, so just let her eat to her heart’s content.”

“We’ll keep her as happy as we can during this period. Whew...”

Yun Che had always thought that Hong’er was a little ancestor who needed to be pampered like a baby because she was prone to throwing a tantrum any time something didn’t go her way.

But now he knew that she wasn’t just a little ancestor... She was the daughter between a Creation God and a Devil Emperor! A super great level ancestor!

If the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor were to learn that he was using her daughter as a sword... only god knows if she would smack him into dust on the spot.

Well.. she probably wouldn’t. Their lives were tied to one another after all.

“Hong’er has always been worry free soul. She’s happy as long as she’s fed and allowed to sleep to her heart’s content,” said He Ling. “You on the other hand, Master... I can sense that your heart is burdened by a great weight. Are you worried that things... won’t go as you wish?”

Yun Che tried to move the corner of his lips, but he found it impossible to smile at this moment. He said quietly, “Even if everything had gone perfectly, and the best case scenario is achieved... what does it matter?”

He Ling, “Ah?”

“The Ice Phoenix Spirit had mentioned repeatedly that the current Primal Chaos is a world where gods aren’t necessary and should not exist.” Yun Che looked towards the distance while feeling heavy. “Considering the current state and laws of the Primal Chaos, will the world truly be peaceful even if the devil emperor decides not to scourge the world?”

“If we are living in the Ancient Era right now, then of course the addition of a devil emperor wouldn’t distort the world. But... you’ve seen what has happened on Blue Pole Star and Snow Song Realm. The devil emperor aura leaking from the Wall of Primal Chaos is barely noticeable, but the effect it has on the worlds is drastic enough already.”

“Therefore, it is not hard to imagine that the current Primal Chaos cannot withstand the presence of a devil emperor at all. She is a disaster already just by existing in the Primal Chaos. If she stays here for too long, the laws and truths of the Primal Chaos might even collapse upon itself... in short, even the best case scenario is accompanied by a calamity at an unpredictable scale.”

“Master...” He Ling whispered, “At least you will be able to keep the damage to a minimum, right? If you succeed, you will still be the savior of the world.”

Yun Che shook his head. “There’s no point in thinking too deeply into the future until after facing the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor. Right now, my biggest hope is that the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor the Evil God loved so deeply will be a good-natured... devil.”

Yun Che flew out of the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake and got ready to leave. But suddenly, he saw a strange light while he was turning around.

Yun Che paused in midair and subconsciously looked at the source of the light. Staring at a corner of the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake, he said, "What's that?"

Chapter 1437 - Star God Wheel

Every drop of water in the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake was extremely cold and yin-based. It had never frozen over before and at the same time, it could also be said to be absolutely stainless and pure.

Countless ice spirit danced above the Heavenly Lake but he unwittingly noticed an irregular light amidst these ice spirits.

The glinting reflection of light off the surface of ice?

No matter how cold the lake water in the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake became, it would never freeze over, so how could there be any ice for light to be reflected off of?

Yun Che immediately turned around. With a single flash, he had already arrived near the area where he had seen that icy glint. With a single glance, he noticed that there was, astonishingly enough, a large chunk of profound ice floating just beneath the surface of the Heavenly Lake.

Light reflecting off of ice and the surface of water were very similar. If one did not pay attention, it would have been very hard to notice the existence of this block of profound ice.

It was clear that this block of profound ice had been formed by very high level cold energy and it was able to exist in the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake without becoming one with the lake itself.

Other than that, this block of profound ice was not transparent and it seemed to be filled with some sort of strange mist. However, Yun Che was barely able to make out a blurry...

A human figure!?

What exactly was this...

This block of profound ice was something that absolutely should not have existed in this place. The Heavenly Netherfrost Lake was the most sacred and holy place in the Snow Song Realm, so Mu Xuanyin definitely would not allow any foreign objects to contaminate even the smallest bit of air in this place, much less the waters of the Heavenly Lake itself.

However, this bizarre block of profound ice could only have been placed here by Mu Xuanyin.

Yun Che's rationality won out so he hesitated again and again, but he did not dare do anything reckless in the end. However, just as he was about to leave, his eyebrows suddenly gave a furious twitch.

This was...

The aura of life!?

His gaze fiercely swivelled back towards the block of profound ice, drilling into the blurry figure within the profound ice... Not only did it possess an aura of life, it was clearly a human being's aura of life!

There was actually a human trapped inside there!

And it was a living, breathing human at that!

Yun Che's expression changed many times in that one instant. Due to his enormous curiosity, he finally waved a hand, hurling the block of profound ice far away from the waters of the lake, causing it to land on the lakeshore.

With a flash, Yun Che appeared in front of the block of profound ice. His palm descended, and following a flash of blue light, the profound ice immediately started to melt away layer by layer... Gradually, a silhouette began to form out of that incredibly blurry figure and it swiftly grew more and more clear.

That was indeed a person.

Furthermore, once the layers of ice had completely melted and that person's figure was fully revealed to Yun Che, his eyes dramatically widened as he hastily retreated a few steps... For a moment there, he could not even believe his eyes.

That person flopped to the ground. He was still alive and he actually still had a trace of consciousness left as he lay curled up on the ground, shivering and painfully gasping for breath in a quavery voice... Moreover, Yun Che recognized this person's figure and face with a single glance!

Xing... Jue... kong!!

One of the Eastern Divine Regions four god emperors, the Star God Emperor, and also the father of Jasmine and Caizhi!

Yun Che was struck dumb and he only recovered his senses after several breaths.

The beard and hair of the person in front of him were no longer the pitch-black color they used to be. Instead, they had turned completely white and his skin was now a deathly white tinged with green.

His aura had also completely changed. He no longer even had the slightest trace of the majesty and dignity possessed by a god emperor. In fact, he did not even have the slightest trace of a profound aura.

However, although a person with no profound energy would have been killed instantly by the cold within the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake, his body was filled with exceptionally dense spiritual energy which stubbornly clung onto his life vein. Furthermore, it was clear that this spiritual energy had come from an external source and it had forcefully allowed him to survive in this cruelly cold environment for a long period of time... This coupled with his body, a body that had been tempered by enduring the power of a god emperor for a long period of time, meant that he truly would not be able to die here even if he wished for it.

If anyone saw him now, they would not be able to believe that he was actually one of the four emperors of the eastern region, the Star God Emperor. However, Yun Che's gaze went rigid and he clenched his teeth tightly... No matter what kind of change he underwent, even if he was turned to ash, Yun Che would never be able to mistake him for someone else!

"Xing... Jue... kong!" Yun Che's heart was filled with shock but he said every single word through gritted teeth.

Xing Juekong turned around while shivering. When he saw Yun Che, his entire body suddenly went rigid. His pupils contracted as he spoke in a weak and terrified voice, "Yun... Yun Che!?"

But immediately, the terror in his eyes actually turned into excitement... It was an exceptionally sorrowful and warped excitement at that. He desperately tried to drag his body towards Yun Che, a body that was spasming due to being tortured by the cold, as he gasped, "Ghost... You're a ghost... You've come here seeking this king's life... You have come here to take this king away..."

Yun Che, "..."

"Hurry... Hurry up and bring me away... Hurry up and let me die... Kill me... Hurry up and kill me!"

That trembling voice transformed into an impatient scream towards the end. His eyes shone with a nearly ecstatic light, as if death was the most beautiful thing in the world to him now.

"..." The astonished look in Yun Che's eyes turned dark and sinister before turning back into a look of even greater astonishment after that.

If one did not personally see this... No, even if one did personally see this, perhaps no one would dare to believe that this man, a god emperor who used to command a vast king realm, a man who once stood at the peak of the universe, had actually fallen into such a state.

His profound strength had been crippled, his mind was deranged, and he could not even die despite wishing for death...

Who had the ability and gall to cripple the profound strength of a god emperor? Even though Yun Che did not know the history of the various large king realms, he could still be certain that Xing Juekong was definitely the first god emperor who had ever become a cripple.

Moreover, the person who had crippled him was definitely the very first person who had ever crippled a god emperor...

However, upon bearing witness to the utterly miserable appearance of a god emperor, Yun Che did not feel any pity even after he had recovered from his shock. Instead, the only thing that he felt in his heart was extreme joy.

After he took a deep breath, Yun Che looked down and said in a cold voice, "Old villain Xing, to think that there would come a day where you ended up like this. It looks like even the heavens will grow eyes every now and then."

"That's right, I am Yun Che. However, it's such a pity... that I am not a ghost."

"Uhh..." Xing Juekong's mind was already clearly somewhat deranged so it took several breaths before he responded to Yun Che's words. After that, his head jerked upwards as his widened eyes stared straight at Yun Che, and trembled in their sockets, "Not a... ghost? No... No... you clearly died... You had been completely destroyed... you did not even leave a body part behind..."

"Ha!" Xing Juekong's quivering words caused Yun Che's eyes to abruptly turn dark and vicious. He suddenly took a step forward as he stomped down on Xing Juekong's hand.

Crack!

With a crisp sound, Xing Juekong's right hand was completely shattered from fingerbones to wrist, causing him to suddenly howl in pain.

Yun Che did not lessen the pressure exerted by his foot as he stared coldly at Xing Juekong's face which was warped in pain. He said, "Do you now know whether I am a ghost or not?"

"You... Argh..." Xing Juekong's entire body shook but he still could not bring himself to believe that the person in front of him was Yun Che.

To anyone else, if they saw that Yun Che had returned alive, they would merely think that the rumors of his death had been wrong. After all, none of them had personally witnessed Yun Che's death. But Xing Juekong had personally witnessed Yun Che turning to ash, personally saw that not even a single speck of him had remained.

"Heh, there's no need to be so shocked," Yun Che said with a cold laugh. "If a beast like you, an animal inferior to even a dog or a pig, can survive for so long, then why can't I live until now? However, with that being said, it isn't bad to see you living in your current state."

"You... You..." Xing Juekong's eyes continued to rapidly bulge. It was as if he simply could not believe that the person that had turned to ash right before his eyes was still alive. All of a sudden, his chaotic eyes once again gleamed with light. He stretched his other hand forward with much difficulty and grabbed Yun Che's leg, "Kill... Kill me... You were killed by me... So you definitely must want to kill me... Kill... Hurry up and kill me... Hurry up, kill me and take your revenge!"

Bang!

Yun Che's leg shot out, kicking him far away. He said in a deep voice, "No, for you to live in this state is an extremely good thing. It simply suits you far too well. Given all that you have done, if you were to die so easily, then the heavens would simply be blind!"

"In this place, you have no power, you have no ambition. But you do have enough time to regret, to seek forgiveness and atonement, to live... despite... wishing... to... die!!"

Even though Xing Juekong had already been reduced to such a miserable state, Yun Che could not contain the resentment and hatred in his words. The resentment and hatred still caused him to gnash his teeth in rage.

"Don't you worry, I won't kill you. I'm just like Master. I'll make sure you stay alive and well, and the longer you live, the better! This is the end that you so richly deserve!!"

With a low roar, Yun Che curled his hand into a claw. Blue light flashed and he was prepared to reseal Xing Juekong inside profound ice.

"Wait... Wait a moment!!"

Xing Juekong suddenly started to struggle and flail as he let out a yell in a voice that was even more hoarse than before, "The Star God Wheel... I beg you, take the Star God Wheel... please... I'm begging you!"

“Mn?” Yun Che’s hand stopped moving but after that, his eyes grew even colder, “The Star God Wheel? What sort of object is that? But do you think that... I will follow your wishes? Just be good and get back into the ice!”

“Caizhi... It’s for Caizhi!”

Xing Juekong suddenly roared out those words frantically, causing Yun Che’s hand to come to a forceful stop at the very last moment.

Upon seeing Yun Che stop his hand movements, Xing Juekong grew even more excited. He stretched out a trembling hand and pointed at his own chest as he said, “The Star God Wheel... is in here... Take it away... and pass it to Caizhi... Quickly... quick...”

Yun Che’s brows deeply furrowed... He did not know what the Star God Wheel was and he was also completely disinterested in it. Even more than that, he did not want to follow any of the wishes of the Star God Emperor.

But he still felt a very deep concern and guilt towards Caizhi. It was not only because she was Jasmine’s younger sister, it was also because... he had completed a proper wedding ceremony with Caizhi in the Star God Realm all those years ago. They had done so in front of her mother’s memorial tablet, with Jasmine standing witness to it.

Even though it felt very empty and inauthentic, with just this alone, Caizhi could indeed already be counted as his wife.

He had also sworn in front of Jasmine that he would always accompany and protect Caizhi in the future, yet he....

If it truly was an item that was very important to Caizhi...

Yun Che lowered his head and took a step forward, pointing a finger at Xing Juekong’s chest. As expected, he discovered a very small independent space inside of Xing Juekong’s chest.

He once possessed the strength of a god emperor, yet he actually hid this item in a space inside his own body. One could very well imagine just how important this thing was.

This space had been created by Xing Juekong’s god emperor power and it was absolutely impossible for Yun Che to break into this space with his current power. However, Xing Juekong’s profound strength had already dispersed a long time ago. This coupled with the erosion caused by the cold energy in this place meant that this space no longer had any residual strength since a long time ago. In fact, it was already teetering on the verge of collapse. Yun Che made a grasping motion with his hand and he barely exerted any energy before his profound energy entered within.

There was only a single object lying in this space.

Yun Che fished it out and a wheel that shone with starlight appeared in his hand.

The wheel was not even one foot in diameter and it felt like it hardly weighed anything. The surface of the wheel was wreathed by twelve clusters of sparkling light, each cluster radiating a different color. Four of these lights were exceptionally dense, they looked just like burning candles.

Yun Che stared at the wheel in his hand, his gaze unconsciously focusing on it... Although those four exceptionally dense clusters of starlight were very small, neither his sight or perception could penetrate them.

It was as if those seemingly tiny clusters of starlight were concealing majestically vast and boundless worlds.

“What is this? What does it have to do with Caizhi?” Yun Che asked in a deep voice.

As he looked at the wheel in Yun Che’s hand, the Star God Emperor’s eyes became chaotic and blurry alternately, while his expression flickered between relaxed and pained. He said, “The Star God Wheel... is the most important ancient divine artifact belonging to our Star God Emperor... As long as it exists... the Star God divine power will never be extinguished... and the Star God Realm... will also never collapse...”

Every single one of Xing Juekong’s words trembled and at some point in time, Yun Che’s hand had started to fiercely clench.

He suddenly understood what this thing was...

It was actually... the medium which contained the origin power of the Star God Realm’s Twelve Star Gods!

The twelve clusters of starlight gleaming on its surface represented the divine power of the Twelve Star Gods.

Furthermore, those four clusters of bizarrely dense light. They were lights that had returned to their places due to the fall of four Star Gods!

These four clusters of starlight corresponded to the fallen Heavenly Origin, Heavenly Strength, Heavenly Poison, and the crippled Heavenly Chief respectively!

The most important reason for the Star God Realm’s strength was the existence of Twelve Star Gods! Furthermore, after a Star God fell or had reached the end of their natural lifespan, their corresponding Star God divine power would not dissipate after that, and the origin power would return to the medium and find the next person compatible with its power. After that, the legacy would once again be transferred and a new mighty Star God would be born again in an extremely short period of time.

In the upper star realms, nurturing a Divine Master required them to use all of their strength and it still often depended on luck. However in the Star God Realm, there would always exist the mighty Twelve Star Gods... and the other king realms were the same as well.

This was also precisely the reason why they were the king realms who had always stood at the peak of the Primal Chaos!

When Yun Che first entered the God Realm and heard Mu Xuanyin and Mu Bingyun talk about the king realms, he had found out about the existence of the “legacies” and the “medium”. But he never would have thought that this medium would actually be so small.

No, compared to that, the one thing that had shaken him even more was that the foundation of the Star God Realm's legacies, the powerful artifact that formed the core of the Star God Realm, was actually being held by him at this very moment!

Now that Yun Che had it in his hands, it meant that he was holding onto the Star God Realm's lifeline, their future... their very fate and survival!

The Star God Wheel... The most important item in the Star God Realm, an item that they could not allow an outsider to come into contact with even if they themselves died. Yet Xing Juekong had handed it to Yun Che of his own accord.

This was because he already had no other choice.

Chapter 1438 - A Strange Dream

"You're actually giving such an important thing to me?" Yun Che held the Star God Wheel tightly and even though it weighed nearly nothing, the entire destiny of a king realm was pressing down on his hand.

If he did not give it to the Star God Realm, many years later, after the fall of the final Star God, there would no longer be any Star Gods or Star God Realm in this universe.

Xing Juekong's face twisted violently. How could he be willing to hand such a thing over to Yun Che, but he truly had no other choice in this matter. He said, "My divine power has already been crippled, so the Star God Wheel... has already become a masterless object. Pass it to Caizhi... her compatibility with the Heavenly Wolf divine power surpasses even that of Xi Su's... Let her control the Star God Wheel... and become the next Star God Emperor..."

Among all of the Star Gods, Caizhi was the youngest and she also had the shallowest experience. So she was not a person who was suitable to take over the Star God Wheel or take over as Star God Emperor. However, even though the Star God Emperor's mind was in a state of confusion and haziness, he could still understand that the only way he could get Yun Che to hand this item back to the Star God Realm was via Caizhi.

"He, hehe..." Yun Che let out a cold laugh, "Now that it has come to this, you actually still want to hold me hostage over my relationship with Caizhi? And you still want Caizhi to bear the future of the Star God Realm on her shoulders? Are you worthy?"

"You're not worthy! You're not even worthy enough to mention her name!"

Xing Juekong's gaze drooped downwards and his lips trembled. The cold that pervaded his soul far exceeded the cold assailing his body. He said in a dejected tone, "I know... I know I'm not worthy of being a father..."

"You're wrong." Yun Che coldly cut him off as he said, "It's not that you're not worthy of being a father, you're not worthy of being a human being!"

"Xisu... Jasmine... Caizhi... Your own children by blood, each one more excellent than the next. They were rare treasures bestowed upon you by the heavens, rare treasures bestowed to the Star God Realm! But you! What did you do with them!?"

As Yun Che spoke, his hands unconsciously balled into fists, and he nearly could not stop himself from stomping Xing Juekong's head into paste.

After he had found Yun Wuxin and became a father who had a daughter by his side, he was even more perplexed at how Xing Juekong, who was also a father, could actually do such things to his own children!

After living for such a long period of time and reaching the ultimate pinnacle... would a human truly become like this?

"Yes... I am not worthy. Not worthy to be a father, not worthy to be a human being," Xing Juekong said in a miserable voice. "But... at the very least... I can't let the Star God Realm be destroyed by my own hands... I can't let down my ancestors and forefathers..."

"Heh, heheheh..." It was as if Yun Che had heard a huge joke as he said, "To hear those words coming out of your mouth really is quite laughable."

"Just how exalted an existence was the previous Star God Realm? Yet it was destroyed and ruined in a single night. And who exactly was the main culprit behind all of this? You have already let down the ancestors and the forefathers of the Star God Realm long ago, and after you die, even if they have to barge into hell, they will still fight over who gets to rip you to shreds and make it so that you can never reincarnate!"

"..." Xing Juekong's body went limp as it trembled, his eyes as gloomy and defeated as the eyes of a dead man.

Yun Che raised his palm, his five fingers forming a claw. The Star God Wheel vanished in his hands and he turned around, not giving Xing Juekong another look. He coldly said, "Since this Star God Wheel is already in my hands, then whether I throw it away, destroy it, or give it to Caizhi, I will make the final decision as to how it will be used in the future."

"As for you... Even though I dearly want to break your bones and scatter your ashes, don't you worry, I won't be killing you. After all, when it comes to ties of family and blood, you are still Jasmine's and Caizhi's birth father in the end. I don't want to become their father's murderer."

"However, I will also never tell them that you are here! Because you are not worthy of even the slightest bit of worry or affection that they might have for you!"

When his voice fell, Yun Che made a grabbing motion as he swept his hand backwards. Cold ice instantly congealed around Xing Juekong, sealing him inside once more.

With another wave of his hand, the newly-formed profound ice once again flew into the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake, its position about the same as it had been before."

"The Star God Emperor actually... Your master, she..."

He Ling did not quite know how to express the rampant shock in her heart.

Without even taking into account Xing Juekong's originally formidable and peerless strength, even if the Star God Realm had been destroyed by Jasmine, there would still have been quite a number of Star Gods and Star God elders remaining, and they still remained an extremely terrifying power that no one would dare to provoke.

But Xing Juekong... had actually been crippled by someone! And he had even been thrown into this place, sealed in ice! He had not even been allowed to die!

If this matter were to get out, they could not imagine just how huge the commotion would be.

“He should have been here since three years ago,” Yun Che said in a low voice, “Master was afraid that I would see him, so she only recently sealed him up and threw him into the Heavenly Lake.”

“Three years ago, even someone as strong as Yue Wuya had died at Jasmine’s hands, so one could well imagine that Xing Juekong had definitely sustained some very serious injuries and that his profound strength had been greatly damaged and depleted at that. This coupled with the despondency that struck the members of the Star God Realm due its destruction... It was only at this time that Master could have possibly relied on Moon Splitting Cascade to deal a critical blow to Xing Juekong and bring him here.”

“But even then, she still had to take a huge risk.”

“It looks like her hatred toward Xing Juekong had grown to its very limits back then,” Yun Che said as he raised his head, the light in his eyes shaking for a long time.

The only thing that could have enraged Mu Xuanyin so was his death...

Today, she had very nearly killed Luo Guxie in front of the Eternal Heaven God Emperor just because Luo Guxie had nearly wounded him.

Back then, she had actually brought the distinguished Star God Emperor to this place because of his death, leaving him in a state where he could not die despite wishing for death...

If someone else had done these things, Yun Che would definitely have called her a lunatic and he would have called her an extremely terrifying and complete lunatic at that.

However, all of her thoroughly insane actions had been because of...

Yun Che slowly shook his head, his heart surging like the ocean... He did not know what he had done to be treated by her in such a way.

“That Star God Wheel. Is Master going to hand it over to the Heavenly Wolf Star God once you’ve found her?” He Ling asked in a small voice.

“Of course not!” Yun Che said without the slightest bit of hesitation, “Caizhi is still young and the state of her heart wasn’t good in the first place. If I give this thing to her, it will only give her pressure and add to her burdens. I’ll keep it with me first and I’ll pass it to Caizhi once she’s grown up.”

Mn?

Yun Che suddenly recalled what Xing Juekong just said. After he had been crippled, this Star God Wheel suddenly became a masterless object...

Then, if he figured out how to use it, did that mean that he could create four Star Gods!?

Of course, Yun Che was only thinking about it at the moment. How could it be so simple to get one’s hands on the power of the Star Gods, on a king realm’s legacy?

Yun Che left the Heavenly Netherfrost Lake and returned to the Sacred Hall but he did not see Mu Xuanyin.

Luo Guxie's arrival had created a huge catastrophe for the region around the Ice Phoenix Realm. If Xia Qingyue and the Eternal Heaven God Emperor had not sealed the fight away with their power, most of the Ice Phoenix Realm would be buried by now so this was something that she did have to handle personally.

He did not take any independent action. He merely sat down on the ground and quietly waited for his master to return.

In the midst of that quietude, the truth that had been told to him by the Ice Phoenix divine being, the duty that he shouldered now, the Heaven Smiting Devil Emperor who was just around the corner, the destiny of the entire universe that was in flux right now, the unknowable future, Hong'er's and You'er's shocking history...

All of these things chaotically intermingled in his mind. He wanted to calm himself down and properly think about what he should do next, but the more he tried to calm himself, the more anxious and troubled his heart and soul became.

Even the Eternal Heaven God Emperor, whose experience and maturity were a thousand times greater than his own, would be left in this state after hearing the truth, let alone Yun Che.

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Jasmine had said before that there were many things that happened to me that proved that I was practically a 'heaven chosen person'. At that time, I had thought she was making fun of me, but right now, it looks like... it might just actually be true.

There was no such thing as a free lunch in this world. The more one obtained, the more one had to pay. I have everything that I have right now because of the Evil God's legacy, so I should have to take up the corresponding responsibilities and duties that come with it.

But... why me?

On the night of his big wedding with Xia Qingyue, he had gone for a stroll in the mountains to enjoy the night breeze because of his troubled emotions. Instead, he had ended up picking up the Jasmine who had been afflicted by the "Absolute God Slaying Poison" and he had obtained the Evil God's Profound Veins because of Jasmine.

After that, he had obtained one of the Evil God's powers after the other:

The Evil God Fire Seed, the Evil God Water Seed, the Evil God Lightning Seed... and the Evil God Darkness Seed.

He had also met the "two" of the Evil God's daughters—Hong'er and You'er.

Moreover, all of these things, whether it was the Evil God Seeds or Hong'er and You'er, they were not something he had found after expending a great amount of effort. They had all voluntarily appeared in his life, one coincidence after another.

Was there truly such a thing as the “guidance of fate”?

But the problem here was that all of his thoughts and actions had been completely borne out of his own will, he had never felt that he was being interfered with or controlled in any manner whatsoever...

Yun Che silently pondered all of these things as his thoughts turned from confusion to haziness. Before he knew it, it turned into complete stillness... and he actually dozed off like this.

And he had a really strange dream after that...

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“Yuanba, you’ve saved me once again... Wah! I feel like you’ve become a lot more powerful. They had so many people, but you beat nearly all of them in a few moves.”

The him in his dream looked to be only about eleven or twelve years old. His outer garments were messed up and dirty, and there was dirt smeared all over his face. It was clear that he had just been bullied.

This was when he was still young, so it was something that happened all too often. As a result, he very rarely left the house by himself, and after that, he very rarely left Xiao Lingxi’s side.

“Heh heh heh,” Xia Yuanba, who was a year younger than him, gave a very pleased laugh. He waved his arms, stirring up a current of profound energy as he said, “But of course! Just the previous day, I broke through yet again! Right now, I’m already at the seventh level of the Elementary Profound Realm and I gave my father a big shock. Right now, even if adults want to bully you, I can also defeat them!”

Little Yun Che’s eyes widened dramatically as his mouth went slack. Even though his profound veins were crippled, he was also aware of how shocking it was to have reached the seventh level of the Elementary Profound Realm at just ten years of age. At the very least, there was absolutely no one in the Xiao Clan that he was from that could accomplish such a thing. He said, “Yuanba, you’re really way too awesome. Grandfather said that you’re the number one genius in Floating Cloud City, a genius that our Floating Cloud City might not produce again even after a thousand years. He also said that you might very well shake up the entire Blue Wind Nation in the future... I really really envy you.”

“Heh heh!” Little Xia Yuanba gave a rather embarrassed chuckle as he sat down in front of Yun Che and said, “Actually, I’m the one who envies you! You already have a little aunt and you can do everything together. But as for me, Mother passed away early and I’m the only person in the house, I don’t even have any brothers or sisters. If I had a big brother or sister... or even a little brother or sister, then I wouldn’t feel so lonely and bored anymore.

“Then ask Uncle Xia to marry a few new concubines so that you can have lots of brothers and sisters,” Little Yun Che said.

“My father just doesn’t want to,” Little Xia Yuanba said in a gloomy voice. “Every year, there are many people who are trying to get my father to take new concubines, but my father won’t relent no matter what.”

“My grandfather is also the same,” Little Yun Che said with a nod of his head. Even though he was still really little, he seemed to somewhat understand this. He continued, “However, even if Uncle Xia doesn’t

take any new concubines, it's fine as well. I can be your big brother. I mean, I'm already older than you. It's just that everyone says that I'm a cripple, so I need to rely on you to protect me instead."

"Ahhaha, leave it to me." Little Yuanba said as he thumped his chest, "My father said that he would send me to New Moon Profound Palace after a few years. Given my natural aptitude, as long as work a little harder, I will very quickly earn the right to enter the Blue Wind Profound Palace. At that time, I'll see who still dares to bully you!"

"Heh heh, right now I feel like those bad people aren't scary at all," Yun Che gave a happy laugh as he wiped the dirt off his face. He looked Xia Yuanba up and down before he said in a worried voice, "Yuanba, you look like you've gotten a lot thinner again. Is it because you're cultivating too hard?"

"Eh..." Little Yuanba looked down at his own body, a body that was indeed far too skinny. He stretched out a hand to scratch his head as he said, "I don't even cultivate for two hours every day, so it's not hard at all. Furthermore, I eat a huge amount of food, so I don't know why I'm still so skinny. My father has even brought me to see a doctor quite a few times, but they all said that there was nothing wrong with my body."

"It has to be because you're still eating too little. You need to eat even more in the future!" Little Yun Che urged him earnestly.

"I got it, I'll try eating a little bit more than I already am," Little Yuanba said as he nodded his head. It was very clear that he was also quite dissatisfied with his weak and skinny body... Even though his appetite was actually several times greater than his father's already.

Chapter 1439 - A Chaotic Upheaval at Mist End Valley

"Speaking of that... Xiao Che, I just remembered that it will be your eleventh birthday just six days from now. I haven't even thought of what present to get you yet."

Once Little Yuanba said this, he suddenly seemed to recall something. His eyes grew bright as he said, "Right! Right! I remember that you and that beautiful big sister from the Lord Governor's house were betrothed at birth, and it was agreed that both of you would be married once you hit sixteen years of age. My father mentioned this to me so many times. But now that I think about it, there's only five years left till then, time passes so fast."

Little Xia Yuanba tilted his head as he spoke, it was as if he was imagining what Yun Che would look like after marriage.

When they spoke of this matter, Little Yun Che did not seem to express much excitement or expectation. On the contrary, he cut a rather despondent figure as he said, "Oh, her... I have this feeling that she practically hates me. Every time she sees me, there'll be a very fierce look on her face and she will very quickly run really far away to hide somewhere."

"Ah?" Little Yuanba said in a puzzled voice, "Could it be that she's... being shy?"

"As if," Little Yun Che said with a shake of his head. "Actually, I think I kinda know what's happening. When she and I were betrothed at birth all those years ago, my father and mother were still around. Furthermore, at that time, not only was my grandfather really powerful, but my daddy was also super-duper powerful."

“Mnn, mnn!” Little Xia Yuanba immediately nodded his head as he said, “I heard Father say many times that if Uncle Xiao was still alive, he would definitely have become the next family head of the Xiao Clan.”

“Mn. So at that time, the Lord Governor was very happy with this arrangement and he must have boasted about this thing to the public for a very long time... However, my father and mother soon passed away and it was discovered that I was a cripple... So everything is different now.”

“Moreover, just last month, I secretly heard Elder Xiao Gu from the infirmary say... say that the Lord Governor had been in constant communication with the Clan Master recently. It seems that he is thinking of... thinking of marrying her off to Big Brother Yulong instead and the Clan Master also seems to be in full agreement...”

Little Yun Che let out a soft sigh, his expression colored by melancholy and disappointment that did not suit his age.

“Hmph! So what!?” Little Xia Yuanba seethed in an indignant voice, “Your betrothal to the big sister from the Governor’s family is something that even I, a little kid, knows about! He is the governor, so if he doesn’t keep his word, the entire city will make him into a joke. After that, we’ll see if he still has the face to continue being governor!”

“Little Che! Little Che, where are you?”

The worried voice of a girl suddenly rang out in the distance. Upon hearing that voice, Little Yun Che immediately stood up and said in a rather panicked voice, “Oh crap, it’s Little Aunt! If she finds out I got bullied by other people, she will definitely become very angry.”

“Ah...” Little Xia Yuanba hurriedly got to his feet as well. A lightbulb suddenly went off in his head as he said, “Then... Then how about you say that you accidentally fell into a mud pit while you were playing with me and that’s why you look like this.”

“Oooh... then let’s go with that,” Little Yun Che said as he nodded his head. After that, he grabbed up his clothes and ran in the direction where the girl’s voice had come from as he said, “Yuanba, I’m heading back first. Let’s play again next time.”

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With a jolt, Yun Che was roused from the dream.

He was still sitting down on the floor of the Sacred Hall and an endless amount of flying snow quietly danced in the air outside.

Yun Che stretched out a hand and pressed it against his head...

Weird, how did I suddenly fall asleep just now?

Could it have been because he was in the Sacred Hall and his mind and heart were not guarded at all, so he became overly-relaxed and had fallen into a deep and peaceful slumber as a result?

Furthermore, he had even dreamed up quite the strange dream.

In his dream, he had seen a scene of when he and Xia Yuanba were still little... But what was strange was that the Xia Yuanba in his dream had a shockingly high aptitude in the profound way and he was even more talented than his big sister, Xia Qingyue. Furthermore, not only was his body not big and sturdy, it had been exceptionally skinny at that.

Other than that, he did not have any siblings... which also meant that Xia Qingyue had not existed in that dream.

What was even more ridiculous was that the person he had been betrothed to at birth had not been Xia Qingyue, it had been some "big sister from the governor's family" whose very name had been blurred out.

Yun Che shook his head as he unwittingly let out a laugh... He laughed at himself for actually being able to randomly have such a strange and absurd dream.

Furthermore, he could actually remember all too clearly every single scene of that dream, every single word that he had said.

In fact, his memories were so clear that it seemed as if those scenes had actually played out in real life.

However, since it was a dream, then any sort of absurd scenario could appear. Yun Che also did not have any time to waste on some ridiculous and random dream. His thoughts swiftly turned to the crimson calamity that was knocking on their doorstep and he once again entered a state of deep thought.

He was unable to tell how long he had slept for or how long he had been waiting in the Sacred Hall, but Mu Xuanyin still had not returned.

Under the impact of that terrifying truth and the unknowable future, even though Yun Che continuously sought to settle his heart and mind for a long time, they were still restless. In the end, he gave a sigh before he turned his gaze to the outside world. As he thought of the years he had spent in the Snow Song Realm, he finally could not help but get up and walk towards the outside.

When he had first arrived in the Snow Song Realm, Mu Bingyun had arranged for him to stay in the Freezing Snow Hall but she had been obstructed by Main Hall Master Mu Fengshu. He had forcefully broken through the examination, shocking everyone present and causing a string of disturbances to break out. Mu Bingyun had also been able to use this as a pretext to directly bring him into the Thirty-sixth Ice Phoenix Palace.

At that time, Mu Bingyun was not long for this world because of the poison that had afflicted her for a thousand years, so the Thirty-sixth Ice Phoenix Palace existed in name only and it only had Mu Xiaolan as a disciple, with Yun Che becoming the second one.

But today, following the recovery of Mu Bingyun's power, her strength was second only to Mu Xuanyin in the entire Snow Song Realm, so she had officially become the Main Palace Master of all thirty-six Ice Phoenix Palaces.

Even though it was the starting point of his journey, he did not know how the Thirty-sixth Ice Phoenix Palace was doing now. It should be exceptionally bustling and lively, and it definitely should not be losing to any of the other Ice Phoenix Palaces, right?

As Yun Che thought of this, he had already unknowingly arrived in the air above the area which housed the Ice Phoenix Palaces.

The area which housed the Ice Phoenix Palaces was still as exceptionally quiet as it had been before and flying snow filled the air, just like in the region around the Sacred Hall. But it seemed as if... this silence was somewhat different from before.

In the distance, the figures of several Ice Phoenix disciples were rushing towards the east with obvious haste.

“Mn?” Yun Che’s brows twitched and he swiftly expanded his spiritual perception... Very quickly, in an area not too far east of him, he sensed a bunch of incomparably chaotic auras.

That was... in the direction of Mist End Valley!

Mist End Valley was a place within the Ice Phoenix Realm but it was not a training ground. Instead, it was a place where disciples who had committed unforgivable crimes were punished!

Back then, when he had fought with Mu Xuanyin, he had relied on the Dragon Soul Domain that had burst out in that instant and he had accidentally touched a part of her that he absolutely should not have touched... After that, Mu Xuanyin had thrown him into Mist End Valley.

As a result, he was deeply aware of how terrifying Mist End Valley was!

There were many species of profound beasts living in that place and they all lived in concentrated areas... At first, before he had accidentally managed to comprehend the Moon Splitting Cascade’s “invisibility”, every step he had taken in that place was a step filled with terror and he had very nearly thrown away his life on more than one occasion... and that was when he had been in the outer ring of Mist End Valley, where the profound beasts were the weakest.

This situation... Could it be that a large profound beast rampage had suddenly erupted in Mist End Valley?

It was clear that Mu Xuanyin and Mu Bingyun both were not around. Yun Che had no time to think any further. He increased his speed to its maximum, rushing for Mist End Valley.

Mist End Valley was in utter chaos as the roars of profound beasts and the shocked cries of Ice Phoenix disciples shook the air.

When the profound beast rampages had started occurring last year, the first thing Mu Xuanyin did was to order that a barrier be erected around Mist End Valley to seal it away. As a result, nothing had occurred in Mist End Valley for the past year.

But just now, the barrier that was exceptionally sturdy had suddenly collapsed without any warning and countless frenzied profound beasts rushed out of Mist End Valley like surging ocean tides.

Profound beast rampages were erupting everywhere in the Snow Song Realm and the Ice Phoenix Palaces were constantly sent out of the sect to suppress them, so not more than half of them remained to guard the sect at any one time. This coupled with the huge calamity that Luo Guxie had created upon her arrival meant that most of the Ice Phoenix Palace elders and disciples were out doing clean up duty.

However, there were still more than enough of them to quell the chaos that had erupted out of Mist End Valley after the barrier had collapsed.

When Yun Che arrived in the air above Mist End Valley, icy glints filled the air below him but the battlefield was not quite as big as he had first imagined. The barrier that sealed in Mist End Valley had not completely collapsed either. It was just that a large hole had been punched in it, and even though the beast tide surged out of it violently the Ice Phoenix disciples beat them back handily, wave after wave.

Furthermore, there were still three palace masters from the Ice Phoenix Palace.

Yun Che immediately grew relieved. After all, this place was the core location of the Snow Song Realm's strongest sect. Even though the profound beasts of Mist End Valley were exceedingly terrifying, how could they truly harm the sect?

With three Ice Phoenix palace masters around, they could combine their strength to repair the barrier once they had exterminated the rampaging profound beasts. No wonder they only mobilized the Ice Phoenix Palace and they did not ask for any reinforcements from the Divine Hall elders or disciples. There were indeed enough forces to deal with the situation.

Yun Che's gaze swept across the area and to his surprise, he discovered a familiar figure.

Mu Xiaolan!

It was clear that she had been working hard over the past few years and she had already broken into the Divine Soul Realm now. Furthermore, because she was Mu Bingyun's only direct disciple, the Ice Phoenix God Investiture Canon that she displayed was several steps above the other Ice Phoenix Palace disciples.

Clearly, Mu Bingyun had bestowed upon her even more of the Ice Phoenix bloodline.

Even though he had not seen her for a few years, Mu Xiaolan's appearance had basically remained the same... besides the fact that her chest had clearly swelled up by quite a bit, and that she had lost a lot of her simple nature and immaturity. Her eyes had also grown colder and more imposing than before and her icy sword danced with a vicious mercilessness as it nimbly dealt out death to one frenzied profound beast after the other.

When he recalled the times he had spent with her when he had first arrived in the Snow Song Realm, Yun Che's heart was filled with gratitude. He did not show himself, and he was no longer worried either as he prepared to leave the area.

It was just when he had turned around that his brows suddenly twitched and he swiveled around again. He looked toward the depths of Mist End Valley and in the next instant, his eyebrows sank as he muttered in a low voice, "No wonder the barrier broke!"

In the end, the Ice Phoenix Palaces were made up of the elite disciples of the Ice Phoenix sect. Amidst the chaotic profound lights and the sounds of battle, the profound beast horde was being beaten back again and again. With the addition of three great palace masters, the Ice Phoenix disciples had not even suffered many casualties and the ground was littered with the bodies of various profound beasts, their blood dyeing the snow region red, the sight of it shocking and unpleasant to the eyes.

If it continued on like this, in another hour, the profound beast rampage that erupted out of Mist End Valley would be completely suppressed and after they resealed the barrier, there would not be any more eruptions in the foreseeable future.

However, it was just at this time that a strangely shocking roar suddenly rang out from the depths of Mist End Valley.

When the roar had first rung out, it had come from an extremely far distance. But when it fell on their ears now, it actually sounded like it was right next to them... Following that, another roar rang out and it was like a thunderclap that shook the air, causing the earth to move and the mountains to sway. The Ice Phoenix disciples, who were presently suppressing the profound beasts, felt their bodies shake violently. There was a ringing in their ears and as their vision went black for an instant, blood leaked out of all the orifices on their faces.

Looks of astonishment appeared on the faces of all three Ice Phoenix palace masters who stood at the forefront of the battle. After that, their expressions dramatically changed due to even more shock as they exclaimed, "Wild Snow Divine Apes!"

"That pair of Wild Snow Divine Apes had been tamed hundreds of years ago and they had been the guardian king beasts who had always guarded Mist End Valley in the years past. Could it be that even they have been..."

Amidst their shock and confusion, two huge figures bust out of the dense fog... Their eyes, which usually shone with an exceptionally calm light, were now filled with shocking malice and frenzy.

The Ice Phoenix palace master in the middle roared, "Wild Snow Divine Apes, both of you..."

Just as she spoke, an earth-shaking roar filled her ears. The two Wild Snow Divine Apes did not say a single word, they simply hurtled towards them while they roared. Two huge energy waves exploded in the air, each covering a fifty kilometer radius.

The nerves of the other two Ice Phoenix palace masters had long been drawn taut. Their expressions suddenly changed yet they reacted instantly. Their swords formed two formations which intertwined in midair as they met the two onrushing Wild Snow Divine Apes head on.

"Wait a minute! Don't harm the disciples! The Ice Phoenix palace master in the middle cried out in alarm.

This yell caused the pupils of the two other Ice Phoenix palace masters to immediately constrict... The profound strength of all three people were at the Divine King Realm and these two Wild Snow Divine Apes were also powerful Divine King beasts. But around them, the majority of the Ice Phoenix disciples were only at the Divine Tribulation Realm at best.

If the powers of five Divine Kings were to directly clash with one another... The aftershocks would instantly eradicate countless Ice Phoenix disciples!

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The two Ice Phoenix Palace Masters no longer had any time to think as they forcefully shifted their energy to defend instead of attack.

With a dull echo, the sky suddenly darkened and the power of the Wild Snow Divine Ape was greatly suppressed by the two great Ice Phoenix Palace Masters.

But in the next instant, they let out simultaneous muffled groans as they were fiercely batted aside and sent hurtling to the ground.

At the same time, a second Wild Snow Divine Ape dropped down with a force that could destroy the heavens.

"This...this is bad!" The two Ice Phoenix Palace Masters, who had been blasted aside, exclaimed as their faces turned pale with shock.

"Quickly get away!" The third Ice Phoenix Palace Master roared as he swiftly rushed toward the second Wild Snow Divine Ape. His sword flashed like an icy rainbow but it was still unable to fully suppress the terrifying strength of the Wild Snow Divine Ape... The moment this power was sent crashing down, more than a thousand Ice Phoenix disciples would die a horrible death.

The sky turned dusky and before that enormous force had even hit the ground, an overwhelming sense of doom seemed to shatter the souls of most of the Ice Phoenix disciples.

Uncountable cries of terror rang out... Below, Mu Xiaolan, who had just put on an impressive show, was now on her knees, her beautiful appearance turned ugly. She wanted to flee, but under the oppressive might of a Divine King, even taking a small step would be nothing more than an extravagant hope.

The other Ice Phoenix disciples around her felt the same way, many of them had closed their eyes and resigned themselves to fate.

The three Ice Phoenix Palace Masters gritted their teeth hard enough to break them, but they were powerless to do anything. They were already extremely regretful that they had underestimated the profound beast rampage that had erupted in this area and had not asked for reinforcements from the Sacred Hall.

They should have realized long ago that there was no way that the barrier would have been destroyed by these frenzied profound beasts alone.

But it was at this moment that the dusky sky was suddenly lit up by an incomparably bright and fiery light... this light was accompanied by the resonant cry of a Phoenix.

A flaming image of a Phoenix swooped down from above and crashed into the Wild Snow Divine Ape. In the blink of an eye, the immense Divine King power and oppressive aura of death that was coming from the Wild Snow Divine Ape had been completely extinguished. Its whole body was ignited in flames and it let out a miserable roar as it was sent flying into the distance.

At the same time, an icy beam flashed through the air and opened up a gigantic Frozen End barrier instantly. The barrier blocked off all remaining aftershocks left by the attack, ensuring that not a single Ice Phoenix disciple below had been harmed.

The danger that had originally caused them to despair had suddenly disappeared just like that, leaving everyone dumbfounded for a second. Mu Xiaolan, who still could not quite believe what had just happened, raised her head and saw Yun Che's figure...

“Senior.... Senior Brother Yun!” she shouted in surprise and joy, tears about to burst forth from her eyes.

Yun Che made a grasping motion with his hand, fixing the Frozen End barrier in midair. There were no signs of it dissipating at all. Meanwhile, he swiftly flew forward, “Three palace masters, please protect everyone, leave the two Divine King Giant Apes to me!”

Bang!

Everything had happened in an instant and it was only at this moment that the two Ice Phoenix Palace Masters, who had been blasted away, had landed heavily on the ground. They leapt to their feet, their complexions dramatically changed... But before they could even reply, a beam of fiery light had already heavily exploded against the body of one of the Wild Snow Divine Apes.

Fire was the natural bane of these ice-type profound beasts, let alone Yun Che’s Phoenix flame. As they were being bathed in scarlet flames, the two Wild Snow Divine Apes were forced to retreat by scores of kilometers. It was also as if the cold might radiating from their bodies had been incinerated by those flames, leaving them a complete mess.

They had already lost all of their rationality in the first place and they had now gone completely berserk due to the pain. Two Divine King auras firmly locked onto Yun Che’s body. With a swing of their enormous arms, they lifted up a three thousand meter tall glacier and sent it hurtling toward Yun Che.

Yun Che swiftly gauged the distance between himself and the edges of Mist End Valley, and was immediately relieved. He stretched out his arms, his Phoenix flames turning into the Golden Crow flames that burned even hotter. After that, a fiery sword burst out of his hand and made a horizontal slash.

A pale golden arc of light was suddenly carved across the world of Mist End Valley which had been pale white since ancient times.

The flaming sword cut through the glacier and even passed through one of the Wild Snow Divine Apes, causing a golden line to appear on the both of them simultaneously.

In an instant, the glacier was broken, but at that moment, as it was about to collapse, it turned into mist which filled the sky.... In the next moment, even the mist had disappeared without a trace.

The upper half of the Wild Snow Divine Ape’s massive body slid across the golden line and fell.... It let out a despairing howl as its bisected body was buried by suddenly erupting golden flames and swiftly turned to ash.

The Wild Snow Divine Ape was still a Divine King Beast after all. Though it had grown violent due to the influence of the crimson calamity, it should not have gone completely insane like those low level profound beasts.

The two Wild Snow Divine Beasts were originally a pair and had guarded the Mist End Valley for many years. When first one fell, the other immediately gave out a mournful howl filled with incomparable despair and pain. It went completely insane, launching its gigantic body towards Yun Che...

Yun Che's brows tightened slightly.... Those Ice Phoenix's disciples were still too close. He could not retreat, neither could he drag this battle out. He made a prompt decision. With a wave of his arm, the Heaven Smiting Sword appeared and he welcomed that beast with a Wild Fang.

The Heaven Smiting Sword broke through the Wild Snow Divine Ape's energy storm as it heavily smashed into its chest. After that, the image of an enormous azure wolf instantly flashed into life across its chest as it let out a howl that could cow all of creation.

Bang!!

A long trail of blue light dragged behind Yun Che as he brandished the Heaven Smiting Sword and cut across the body of the Wild Snow Divine Ape.

The trail of blue light dragged on for several kilometers behind the Wild Snow Divine Ape before finally coming to an end.

A massive hole was carved into the center of the Wild Snow Divine Ape's body. Everything in the world froze at this moment and following that, the frenzied light in the Wild Snow Divine Ape's eyes began to slowly dissipate as it turned into relief and sorrow.

Countless cracks spread out swiftly from the center of the hole in its chest before they covered its entire body. Following that, it broke apart like an ice sculpture that had been completely shattered, shattering into countless snow-white fragments that fell from the sky.

The Heaven Smiting Sword disappeared from Yun Che's hand and he heaved a long sigh of relief. So as to not affect the rest of the Ice Phoenix Disciples, he could only end the battle swiftly.

But, when the Wild Snow Divine Ape had died, he could feel its sadness, pain... and relief.

This rampage of theirs had not been borne out of their own desires. It had happened entirely due to the influence of that terrifying aura which should not have existed in this world... By comparison, they were actually the greatest victims.

Following the extermination of the two Wild Snow Divine Apes, this chaos that suddenly erupted should have finally come to an end. However, Yun Che's heart had grown heavier instead.

The return of the Devil Emperor... Just what would become of the future world?

On the other side, the three Ice Phoenix Palace Masters had just soared into the air. Before they could erect a barrier, the two terrifying outstanding Wild Snow Divine Apes had already been exterminated.

Their hands stopped in midair as three jaws dropped open simultaneously, unable to close for a long time.

The Ice Phoenix disciples below were all sluggish and lifeless, unable to recover for a long while.

The last time they witnessed Yun Che's strength was at the Profound God Convention four years ago where he had defeated the Luo Changsheng, who had just entered the Divine King Realm.

And now, when facing off with two Divine King giant beasts, he simply... simply finished them off just like that?

After his body flashed a few times, Yun Che had already arrived in front of the three Ice Phoenix Palace Masters. Then, he spoke, "Even though it's a pity, the situation was critical, so I had no choice but to kill them off immediately. I'll have to trouble the three palace masters to deal with the clean up."

"Erm..." They stared at Yun Che for a good long while before finally recovering, "Yun Che, you... have already become a Divine King!?"

"Mn." Yun Che nodded his head, "I have something urgent to attend to, so I can't stay any longer, farewell."

With those words, he immediately turned around and flew away, leaving the three Ice Phoenix Palace Masters with stupefied looks on their faces.

Four years ago, during the final fight of the Conferred God Battle, Yun Che had entered the Divine Spirit Realm after enduring a nine stage heavenly tribulation. Furthermore, everyone knew that he had not entered the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm.

However, just four years had passed... They simply could not imagine how Yun Che, who had not even entered the Eternal Heaven Divine Realm, could have become a Divine King in the short span of four years!

If they knew that Yun Che had actually already become a Divine King three years ago, they would have been shocked out of their skulls.

"Senior Brother Yun, Senior Brother Yun! Hey! Wait for me!"

Yun Che had not gone far when he heard frantic shouts of a girl rang out behind him.

Yun Che stopped, and behind him, Mu Xiaolan, who was chasing after him with great effort, gasped for breath and asked in an annoyed voice, "You... Why are you running away so quickly."

"Mn?" Yun Che grasped his lower jaw as he scrutinised her carefully, "Isn't this Senior Sister Xiaolan? It's only been a few years since we last met but you've grown up so fast."

Although she had already heard that Yun Che had returned alive, upon seeing him, and at such a close distance at that, Mu Xiaolan's eyes brimmed with unrestrained emotions, "Hmph, rubbish! My looks have not changed over the years, okay! Rather, it's you..."

As she was talking, she found that Yun Che's gaze was rather crooked.... Its direction was, astonishingly enough, aimed at her chest, the smile on his face unspeakably lewd. She reacted suddenly, and with a sudden squeal, she unconsciously brought her arms up to hug her chest as her face turned red and she sputtered out, "You...you, you, you... you're now already an important figure, but your personality still... still... has not changed one bit!"

"But of course." Yun Che replied cheerily, "I happen to be the person who you said was the most despicable, shameless, and vulgar person that you had ever met. Something like personality wouldn't change after eighty or a hundred years, let alone four or five years, right?"

Even though he had clearly already reached the point where his name shook the entire God Realm, his current behavior was even worse than it was back then. However, what greatly surprised Yun Che was that Mu Xiaolan did not run away in a huff of anger and embarrassment like she used to. Instead, she

suddenly lowered the arms that covered her chest and laughed, "Senior Brother Yun Che, would you like to check for yourself to see if I have grown up or not?"

"..." Yun Che was instantly shocked.... The f*ck? What was going on with this lass? It's only been a few years since we've last seen each other but she knows how to tease someone back now!?

But what had Yun Che not seen before? After that second of surprise, a sharp glint instantly flashed in his eyes and the shock disappeared from his face, "Good, good. I'm an expert at ascertaining such things. If I say I'm number two in all of Snow Song Realm, no one would dare claim to be number one."

Mu Xiaolan, "..."

"Mn.... just from the looks of it, Senior Sister Xiaolan has indeed grown up quickly, and you do indeed possess a lot of potential. In the future, you may even catch up to... half of your master's potential, heh heh heh."

Mu Xiaolan, "..."

Yun Che said this cheerily while stretching his arms out wide, his fingers arched into claws and he looked like he was about to pounce on her... But what made him even more surprised was that Mu Xiaolan was actually still smiling widely, and it looked like she did not have any intention to turn hostile or dodge his grasp at all.

Mn?

Something doesn't seem right!

His heart tightened, and he subconsciously turned around abruptly...

A snowy figure of absolute beauty was right behind him, no more than thirty odd meters away. Her countenance like the first snow, her eyes like a pair of deep pools, not emitting a single sound.

Mu Bingyun.

"~ ! @# ¥%..." Yun Che retracted his fingers at lightning speed and swiftly turned around to bow. His face was serene and respectful, but his words had a slight tremor to them, "Disciple Yun Che, greets Palace... Palace Master Bingyun."

"Master." Mu Xiaolan's icy figure flashed as she moved to stand beside Mu Bingyun. Her delicate head hung down slightly, with an obedient and shy expression on her face.... But in the next moment, she suddenly lifted her hand and covered her mouth with it. Her body trembled and it took all of her might to not laugh out loud.

Mu Bingyun glanced at him and said, "Your master is waiting for you at the Sacred Hall, go and see her."

Her words were always so cold yet gentle, just like the gentle endless flying snow in this snow region.

"Yes. Yun Che agreed, "This disciple will go now."

After that, he raised his head and said anxiously, "Palace Master Bingyun, just now... Uh... Senior Sister Xiaolan and I.... erm no, Junior Sister Xiaolan and..."

It seemed like he wanted to explain something, but when the words left his mouth, he found that whatever he said would only make things worse.

He glared at Mu Xiaolan from the corner of his eye, as he gnashed his teeth and thought: Just you wait, little girl. If I don't strip you naked and throw you into the Heavenly Lake, my surname won't be Yun anymore!!

She had once been such an innocent and cute little girl.... Could it be that girls all become so terrifying when they grow up!?

"..." Mu Bingyun did not say a word, but she merely shot Yun Che a dull glance before leaving with Mu Xiaolan.

That particular glance left Yun Che stumped and he stood rooted to the ground for quite a long while.