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Chapter 451 - Tranquil Prelude

Blue Wind Nation, Monarch Palace.

At the moment, Cang Wanhe's face was flushed. With an absent-minded look in his eyes, his hands shivered violently... violently to the point where the entire table was faintly trembling too.

Just in a short quarter of an hour before, he had received sound transmitted and written profound messages from more than fifty thousand kilometers away, from Grand Asura Nation, Divine Incense Nation, Black Fiend Nation, Sunflower Dew Nation and Navy Tide Nation, one after another. And these sound transmissions which required enormous amounts of resources to accomplish were actually personally transmitted by the five nations' respective rulers! Within the sound transmissions, the five nations' emperors used enthusiastic and fervent tones, almost even a bootlicking tone to greet him. They then expressed that they would strongly long to personally head to Blue Wind Nation to visit the Blue Wind Imperial Family, carefully inquiring if he had the time to in the near future.

All five nations were so.

Yet in the past, not to even mention visiting, even if the Blue Wind Nation invited these five nations' emperors with extreme hospitality, they would simply feel disdain to even bother, at most sending an official without much status to deal with it. During the rare occasions that the six nation's emperors meet, the other five nations would even feel disdain to care about Blue Wind Nation's emperor.

But now, the emperors of the five nations were competing to outdo one another in personally contacting him, even afraid of being too late, unsparingly using fifty thousand kilometer sound transmissions.

Until Navy Tide Nation informed him that Blue Wind Nation's Yun Che had won the unprecedented first place in the Seven Nation Ranking Tournament.

Not second place, but first place!! Defeating the Divine Phoenix Empire to obtain first place!

For the first time in history, Blue Wind Nation's name would above Divine Phoenix Empire's!

Cang Wanhe sat blankly for a long time, distinctly feeling... that he was dreaming. The near bootlicking reactions of the emperors of the five nations were proof of this dreamlike fact, but he still did not dare to believe, because it was simply too dreamlike and too unreal... Even more imaginary than sheer fantasy.

Yun Che was indeed extremely strong, but he was only able to severely injure Ling Tianni.

However this was Divine Phoenix Empire, Divine Phoenix Sect!!

Even more so, he was clearer than anyone else that Yun Che had participated alone! But the message he had received in the morning, clearly stated that the Seven Nation Ranking Tournament had been shortened, making all the fights group battles!

If the news which arrived had stated that Yun Che represented the Blue Wind Nation to obtain the second place, he would still be able to believe, but beating the Divine Phoenix Empire to obtain the first place... it would only cause him to think that he was still dreaming.

The sounds of hurried footsteps could be heard. Very quickly, his personal eunuch practically rushed in rolling and crawling, while striding over the doorstep. He fell flat on his face violently, yet when he stood up, he immediately fell over on the spot, hoarsely howling: "Your Majesty! A heavenly blessing... a heavenly blessing! A message has been transmitted from Divine Phoenix Empire... this Seven Nation Ranking Tournament, our Blue Wind Nation's Prince Consort has single-handedly defeated the number one of Divine Phoenix Sect's younger generation, then defeated the combined strength of nine mid-stage Thrones, wresting away first place... This piece of news, your servant has already gone through tens of times of verification. It is absolutely true... absolutely true!!"

Cang Wanhe stood up, his complexion flushed blood red as his lips trembled. He was excited to the point where he could not even utter a single word. In the beginning, when Yun Che represented the Blue Wind Imperial Family to obtain the first place in the Blue Wind Ranking Tournament, he was extremely excited, but the Seven Nation Ranking Tournament and the Blue Wind Ranking Tournament were like black and white; one was heaven and the other was earth. The accomplishment of winning the Blue Wind Ranking Tournament helped the Blue Wind Imperial Family reclaim their dignity in Blue Wind Nation, yet if the news received today was true, then it was simply placing the Blue Wind Nation at the very peak of the entire Profound Sky Continent! It was Blue Wind Nation's unreachable fantasy of a thousand years.

Xiao Lie, who was sitting to the side, was much calmer than Cang Wanhe. He opened his mouth to ask: "Did Yun Che suffer any difficulties due to his Phoenix bloodline over there?"

The eunuch immediately answered excitedly: "In the arena, Prince Consort indeed had a huge confrontation with Divine Phoenix Sect due to the Phoenix bloodline. However, Divine Phoenix Imperial Family's Princess Snow personally proved that Prince Consort's bloodline actually did not originate from Divine Phoenix Sect, but another Phoenix legacy. The Divine Phoenix Emperor had also promised that henceforth, they would not target him for his bloodline. That's why... it's a heavenly blessing!"

"Good... good!" Cang Wanhe slowly nodded his head, he was excited to the point of tearing. He strode over to Xiao Lie, excited to the point where he completely dropped his kingly bearing: "Senior Xiao, you have truly nurtured the pride of heavens... My Blue Wind Nation having Yun Che, is definitely a blessing!"

"Immediately announce this to the entire nation at the fastest speed! In addition, deliver another order, from today, there will be a nation-wide amnesty, all citizens will be exempted from taxes for three years!"

"Quickly issue a decree to Palace Chief Qin, let him immediately start to plan for the construction of even more Profound Palace branches."

"Prepare for next month's gifts to the five nations to be cancelled!"

"Immediately prepare a feast, I will enjoy a good drink today. Hahahaha..."

“Junior Yun Che greets Senior Ancient Blue, and thanks Senior Ancient Blue for speaking up for this junior.” Yun Che saluted ceremonially as a junior would towards Spiritual Master Ancient Blue.

Spiritual Master Ancient Blue had absolutely no aura, and looked like just an ordinary, good-natured white-haired old man. If a profound practitioner were to brush past him, he would not be able to imagine that in front of him was a Monarch from the legends, peak of the entire Profound Sky Continent. He not only had absolutely no profound energy aura, his bearing had absolutely neither arrogance nor pressure, but an aura which seemed easy to subdue.

Spiritual Master Ancient Blue closely sized up Yun Che, smiled slightly, and nodded: “Very good. Not only is your innate talent and strength astonishing, your bearing and spirit are comparable to your contemporaries. Who knew that in this generation, two astonishing freaks would emerge from the previously small and weak Blue Wind Nation.

“I thank Spiritual Master Ancient Blue for the praise.” Yun Che smiled.

After listening to Spiritual Master Ancient Blue praise Yun Che, Xia Yuanba was simply more excited than if he himself was praised, he said hurriedly: “My brother-in-law really is incredible! In the future, he will become the most, most impressive person in the world.”

“Haha.” Spiritual Master Ancient Blue laughed gently. Yun Che had shocked him, and he could clearly see his relationship with Xia Yuanba. A person’s nature should originally be hard to change, yet when Xia Yuanba was in front of Yun Che, he was totally different from the Xia Yuanba that he knew; he was simply like two different people.

Yun Che, do you have any interest in tomorrow’s Primordial Profound Ark?” Ancient Blue asked.

Yun Che nodded his head: “Truth to be told, this junior really wants to go up to take a look... even though the journey may be dangerous.”

“Mm.” Spiritual Master Ancient Blue nodded his head slowly, he naturally understood what kind of “dangers” Yun Che was speaking about. Although Feng Hengkong had promised in front of everyone that Yun Che would no longer be targeted for the issue about his Phoenix bloodline, no one would probably believe that Divine Phoenix Sect would really just put down the entire matter. Spiritual Master Ancient Blue took the initiative to say: “Since it’s like this, why don’t you stay in the same courtyard as us tonight?”

Xia Yuanba’s eyes shined and said hurriedly: “Yes, yes! Divine Phoenix Sect had arranged a courtyard for us beforehand. Brother-in-law should stay in the same courtyard as us, I have lots of things to tell brother-in-law.”

Yun Che didn’t hesitate, and immediately nodded. He too had many questions to ask Xia Yuanba; in fact, he didn’t have to worry about dealing with Divine Phoenix Sect’s hidden attacks during the night if he stayed in the same courtyard as Spiritual Master Ancient Blue: “Then this junior will accept your invitation.”

“That’s great!” Xia Yuanba was happy that he started dancing: “Then let’s return now, brother-in-law, I have just too many questions to ask you, like how did you escape from the Heavenly Sword Villa, how’s big sis, how did you become so strong, and and...”

Just when Yun Che wanted to answer, within his line of sight, he caught Ling Jie's figure in the crowd, along with the person he was talking to...

"Senior, junior will be taking his leave first."

Yun Che turned his body immediately and quickly walked over.

"Little Jie!" Yun Che shouted after walking closer.

Ling Jie turned over with a "whoosh. His eyes flashed as he rushed over ecstatically, his eyes sparkling: "Boss! Wa, waaah! You were simply too cool today, explosively cool... eh, say, Boss, why are you here?"

"I should be asking you this question, why did you come running here?" Yun Che retorted.

"Hehe," Ling Jie scratched his forehead: "Actually, two days after Boss left the imperial palace, the Blue Wind Emperor announced your participation in the Seven Nation Ranking Tournament, representing the Blue Wind Nation. The moment I received the news, I decided to come... I really did not come in vain! Boss, do you know?! You're not just a legend in the Blue Wind Nation now, but a legend in the entire Profound Sky Continent!"

For him, Ling Jie did not hesitate to travel fifty thousand kilometers here alone. In the arena, he braved the dangers of being targeted by Divine Phoenix Sect to shout and support Yun Che with all his might, and even questioned Divine Phoenix Sect; these had all moved Yun Che's heart. He reached out to pat Ling Jie on his shoulder, then looked at Hua Minghai with an odd expression on his face.

What he was curious about was not why he was disguised so unremarkably, but... why were these two hanging out with each other!?

"Hehe," Hua Minghai propped his chin in his hand and earnestly said: "Boss Yun, the reason I admired you before was because you were able to catch me, and even saved my wife, but now... I, Yan Xiaohua practically worship you like..."

"You guys have to be careful." Yun Che directly cut off Hua Minghai and said cautiously: "You two kept on shouting for me earlier, there's a chance that Divine Phoenix Sect might target you. Just in case, if Divine Phoenix Sect causes trouble for you guys, remember to immediately send me a sound transmission immediately.

"Tch, why would I be scared of a mere Divine Phoenix Sect?" Hua Minghai's face was full of disdain. In his eyes, the Divine Phoenix Sect was only fit to eat the dust off his butt.

Ling Jie patted his chest and said without a care: "Boss, you can relax, my maternal grandfather is an official elder of Mighty Heavenly Sword Region. I just need to reveal my identity and they would not dare to do anything."

"What? Your grandfather is from the Mighty Heavenly Sword Region, and even an elder?" Hua Minghai stared wide-eyed, then revealed an expression of indignation: "You're such a rash youngster, as weak as dregs, yet you have such an incredible backing! This world is not fair at all!"

"Your grandfather?" Yun Che revealed a face of astonishment.

Ling Jie nodded and said: "Back in the day, mother chose father over grandfather, causing grandfather to be furious. A few days back, father and mother brought big brother and I to Mighty Heavenly Sword Region to meet grandfather. Mother and grandfather finally resolved their differences. Eh... grandfather even seemed to like me a lot, and even said that he would personally teach me the complete Heaven's Might Absolute Sword, hehe."

The look in Yun Che's eyes suddenly seemed complicated. He nodded, then faintly smiled towards Ling Jie: "Since it's like this, I am a bit relieved. I have to prepare for the ascension to the Profound Ark tomorrow, I won't accompany you guys any longer. Little Jie, you can stay in Divine Phoenix City for a few more days. After exploring the Primordial Profound Ark, I will head back to Blue Wind Nation with you."

"Okay!!" Ling Jie answered excitedly.

"If it's possible, help me take care of Little Jie during these few days." Yun Che told Hua Minghai.

"No problem! Taking care of this weak and delicate little brother will be effortless." Hua Minghai vowed solemnly. The moment he said that, Ling Jie retorted with disdain.

Yun Che laughed and turned to head towards Spiritual Master Ancient Blue's side, leaving with Xia Yuanba towards their guest courtyard in Divine Phoenix City.

Hua Minghai turned around, all expression on his face instantly vanishing, becoming heavy...

Looks like he seems to have some kind of conflicting view about Mighty Heavenly Sword Region... Wrong! It should be enmity. In fact, it was the kind of enmity in which revenge has to be taken!

Thinking back to when Yun Che's gaze had changed instantly when Ling Jie mentioned the Mighty Heavenly Sword Region, Hua Minghai muttered to himself for a long time.

Chapter 452 - The Awakened Yuanba

To Divine Phoenix Sect, the Four Great Sacred Grounds were naturally their supreme guests. Thus, the residences prepared for them were luxurious to the extreme, causing Yun Che, Blue Wind Nation's Prince Consort, who had lived in a palace for a few months to be secretly speechless.

After settling down, Xia Yuanba casually found a reason to force Spiritual Master Ancient Blue away. Before, under the eyes of everyone, Xia Yuanba was unable to fully express all of his excitement. Now that there were finally no outsiders, he once again lost control of his emotions: "Brother-in-law, in these two years, I had always thought that you were dead. I was lifeless in the past two years, every time I thought of how I had caused brother-in-law to die, I... I wished I could kill myself... but Brother-in-law had exchanged his life for mine, if I died, I would have let brother-in-law down even more. That's why I lived to the fullest... Just this morning, I met father. He told me that you were still alive. I didn't dare to believe, I didn't think that... didn't think that..."

Xia Yuanba spoke while choking on his emotions, his tiger-like eyes full of prestige, filled with hot tears.

Yun Che could imagine how Xia Yuanba had passed the past those two years. He sighed inwardly and said: "You've met Uncle Xia already?"

"Mn, mn." Xia Yuanba hurriedly nodded: "When Master and I arrived at Divine Phoenix City, the first place we visited was not Phoenix City, but Black Moon Merchant Guild. There were a few of Master's old friends at Black Moon Merchant Guild and I also wanted to take a look. In the end, I actually met father at the first level of the Black Moon Merchant Guild. He was the one who told me that brother-in-law had not died back in the Heavenly Sword Villa, but came out alive after eight months, and it seems like... hehe, you got married to Princess Cang Yue. Whew... if I had known, I wouldn't have gone to Absolute Monarch Sanctuary. If I didn't, I wouldn't have had to wait until today to find out that brother-in-law was still alive."

"..." When Spiritual Master Ancient Blue had arrived, he had told those from Divine Phoenix Sect that his disciple had encountered an old friend, and thus did not come. At that time, he naturally did not imagine that the disciple that Spiritual Master Ancient Blue spoke about was Xia Yuanba, and the person that he had met, was Xia Yuanba's father who was also his father-in-law... Xia Hongyi.

Fate, was sometimes really the most fascinating thing in this world.

Surely enough, Xia Hongyi was aware of the matter of his marriage to Cang Yue five months ago, this somewhat meant that... ahem.

Xia Yuanba had mentioned something which Yun Che had deeply payed attention to... Spiritual Master Ancient Blue went to Black Moon Merchant Guild to visit an old friend. And to be able to be called an "old friend" by Spiritual Master Ancient Blue, basically meant that he was close to him, and was a character of the same level!

The Black Moon Merchant Guild's background was indeed incomparably scary!

"I also heard that Uncle Xia was in Black Moon Merchant Guild when I first arrived in Divine Phoenix City. Only, I felt too ashamed to meet uncle Xia, so I didn't pay him a visit... After tomorrow's journey to the Primordial Profound Ark, let's take a trip to Black Moon Merchant Guild together." Yun Che said.

"Great!" Xia Yuanba nodded forcefully: "My father has been very concerned for you over these past few years. Even after reaching the Divine Phoenix City, he has always been inquiring for your information from Black Moon Merchant Guild. My conversation with father today had been about you... Father said that after your miraculous departure from Heavenly Sword Villa, your strength had grown explosively. You destroyed Fen Juecheng's marriage procession, saved the half dead Blue Wind Emperor, and then... destroyed the entire Burning Heaven Clan single-handedly! After that, you even defeated Heavenly Sword Villa's Grand Villa Master Ling Tianni... becoming Blue Wind's number one, spurring the entire Blue Wind Imperial Family's dignity and status to reach the peak in history where none would dare disobey..."

While speaking, Xia Yuanba's eyes shined. Adoration filled his face, but he didn't notice at all that with his current strength, destroying a Burning Heaven Clan would simply be like playing around.

However, from Xia Yuanba's description, Yun Che knew that Xia Hongyi had indeed been paying attention to his every movement these past few years. Afterall, he was his daughter's husband. Since he was young, apart from his grandfather and little aunt, within his elders, Xia Hongyi was the one who cared about him the most, never once looking down on him because of his handicapped profound veins, even more so, never renegeing the marriage to his daughter.

“Brother-in-law, how exactly did you escape from the seal under the Heavenly Sword Villa? Father said that it was because the demon who was sealed had died, which was why the seal was released, but that demon had been alive after being sealed for more than a hundred years. When we saw him that day, he still looked so scary, not at all like a person who was going to die... Father said that it was because the demon felt that brother-in-law was not a threat, thus, he did not kill brother-in-law but left you to accompany him. Then brother-in-law trained diligently, and in the end, found out how to kill him... was it like that...”

Just when Xia Yuanba finished speaking, he noticed that Yun Che suddenly look sad. He immediately stopped talking, then said carefully: “Eh... Brother-in-law, did I say something wrong?”

Yun Che shook his head, forcing out a laugh: “Let me tell you about this matter after I’ve completed a task in a few years time.”

Xia Yuanba nodded distractedly. Looking at Yun Che’s expression, he instinctively knew that the matter was not as it seemed, so he stopped asking.

“Yuanba, what happened to your profound strength? In just two years, how did it increase so explosively!” Yun Che fixed his attention on Xia Yuanba and asked. Although Jasmine had already told him a long time ago that Xia Yuanba possessed the “Tyrannical Emperor’s Divine Veins”, he still naturally wanted to hear the reason from Xia Yuanba directly.

“This...” Xia Yuanba scratched his head and said embarrassedly: “Actually, I too don’t really understand the cause.”

“Two years ago, when I thought that brother-in-law had died, I especially blamed myself. After I cried for a long time, I was determined to stop being a piece of trash, or else this life of mine which was exchanged for with brother-in-law’s would only continue to be a burden for others, thus, I wanted to train alone... I heard that people from Divine Phoenix Empire were incredible, so as I trained, I headed towards Divine Phoenix Empire.”

“How did you reach Divine Phoenix Empire alone?” Yun Che asked in astonishment. From Blue Wind to Divine Phoenix, not only was the journey long, it was also filled with countless dangers and wild beasts. Xia Yuanba was only in the Elementary Profound Realm then, to reach the Divine Phoenix City alive alone... in theory, that was basically impossible!

Xia Yuanba said: “On the road there, I encountered many vicious profound beasts, and even bandit groups... Occasionally I wouldn’t be able to find food in the wilderness and would almost faint from hunger. When I encountered profound beasts, they would tear at me... but for some reason, everytime when I was at my last breath, just when I thought that I was about to die, my body would explode with an unfamiliar kind of strength. I would beat down the profound beast and what not, then faint... When I woke up, I would feel that my profound strength had risen by a large amount...”

Yun Che: “...”

“After I realized that, when I reached Divine Phoenix City, I would risk my life to challenge famous sects. Every time I was beaten half to death, a good number of times I was obviously really going to die, yet I would recover quickly along with my profound strength rising by a lot...” Xia Yuanba scratched his head: “I also don’t really know what’s going on. At that time, I felt that I had turned into some kind of freak...”

later, I was again beaten half to death and thrown into the ruins outside of the city, unconscious for a seemingly long time. When I opened my eyes, an old man... Eh, precisely my current master was standing beside me... he told me that I had profound veins called the Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins, and wanted to accept me as his disciple... Then he brought me back to Absolute Monarch Sanctuary. After that, I had been cultivating with all my might. You already know what happened after."

"Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins? Absolute Monarch Sanctuary also knew about the Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins?" Yun Che said in astoundment.

"That's right... eh, brother-in-law, you know about the Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins too?" Xia Yuanba opened his eyes wide: "Master said that in Profound Sky Continent's history, the Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins only appeared on two people. I'm the third, only the Four Great Sacred Grounds know about it, and said that I must never talk about this matter. So it turns out that brother-in-law actually knows about it too!"

Yun Che was silent for a moment, then asked: "Did your master tell you what the highest realm you can reach in the future is?"

"Master did not talk about that. However, he did mention that this is just the preliminary awakening of my Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins. When it has fully awakened, it could be invincible. There's even a possibility of breaking through this world's boundaries... Hehehe, although Master wouldn't lie, it seems quite unbelievable." Xia Yuanba said with a bashful expression.

Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins... Invincible... Breaking through this world's boundaries!?

Yun Che's eyebrows jumped violently.

Xia Qingyue's Nine Profound Exquisite Body and Heart of Snow Glazed Glass... Xia Yuanba's Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins...

This pair of siblings' physique and talent... what on earth was going on!!

An outrageous thought flashed in Yun Che's mind... Xia Yuanba and Xia Qingyue, they seemed as if they did not belong to this world.

"That's right, Brother-in-law, how's big sis? Why did she not come with brother-in-law this time?"

"Your sister is great, she's already Frozen Cloud Asgard's Young Mistress, and the top ranking of the Frozen Cloud's Seven Fairies. I initially thought that she would come with me, but in the end, the Frozen Cloud Asgard's Grand Mistress did not allow it."

"Oh! When you and Princess Cang Yue got married, did big sis get angry... hehe."

"...Maybe a little." Yun Che pressed his nose.

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Yun Che did not know that in the two years that he and Xia Yuanba had been apart, Xia Yuanba had not smiled even once. Even joining the Absolute Monarch Sanctuary that he did not even dare to dream about did not even bring him a trace of happiness. Apart from trying to become stronger with all his

might, he was just like a zombie. What existed in his body and soul was only resentment towards himself and an insane thirst for strength.

And in a single evening, he let out all the laughter that he had been keeping for two whole years.

The two of them talked until night fell. Then, they walked out of the courtyard together, preparing to stroll in Phoenix City. Not long after heading out, they noticed a figure which was impossible to miss under a Phoenix tree filled with blooming Phoenix flowers.

If a man's body was sufficiently attractive, he would be described as "elegant", "incomparably handsome", or even "as charming as jade", yet this man's body could be described as... beautiful!

And even alluring!!

He was standing beneath the Phoenix tree. His fingers, even more tender than a female's, were pinching Phoenix flames as beautiful as fire. His snow-like white shirt was spotted with petals of Phoenix flowers, he was simply enchanting.

Chapter 453 - Extreme Mirage Lightning Actively Dropping In

"That person seems to be... the Supreme Ocean Palace's Se... Se... Senior Ji."

Xia Yuanba forcefully swallowed a mouthful of saliva, tugged at Yun Che, and prepared to make a detour, but he saw that after pausing for a little while, Yun Che unexpectedly walked over on his own accord.

"Ahhh... Brother-in-law..." Xia Yuanba didn't hold on tightly enough. He stared blankly as Yun Che walked towards Ji Qianrou who, in his eyes, was even scarier than ferocious Primordial Beasts.

"The smell in this Phoenix City is really hateful, this dry and rough burning feeling is my flawless skin's biggest enemy. The only one that is fit to be called beautiful, is this enchanting Phoenix flower. A pity, no matter how beautiful, a flower must wilt, just like like my appearance which is even more beautiful than this Phoenix flower. I will grow old one day, this is the rule of the world, and it will forever be so cruel... Don't you agree, Little Cheche."

Two petals floated gently from his fingers, as the figure beneath the Phoenix tree turned, revealing a beautiful alluring face and rippling eyes that looked at Yun Che.

Such a face with such an expression was no doubt a massive killer weapon, yet Yun Che was not the least affected by it. He moved forward with an unwavering expression: "Junior Yun Che, greets Senior Ji, I thank senior for speaking up for this junior."

"Senior Ji?" Ji Qianrou's snow white sleeve floated, as he whipped his long hair with incomparable charm: "I hate people calling me senior the most, look at this one's youthful good looks. I'm also older than you by just six hundred years, how am I your senior? If you call me senior again, this one will get angry already, you know."

"...Then, how should this junior address you."

Ji Qianrou narrowed his coquettish eyes and said beamingly: "You can call me Qianrou, or you can call me Little Qianqian, Little Rourou... Little Jiji is fine too, you know."

“...” Even though Yun Che tried his best to maintain his calm, his throat was already twitching. He was silent a long time, staring as he did not know how to reply.

“You don’t need to thank me, this one spoke up for you only because this one feels that you are... still not too bad, you know.” Ji Qianrou gazed from top to bottom, slowly sweeping across Yun Che’s entire body, his gaze as flirtatious as water, immediately causing Yun Che to get goose bumps. He initially wanted to speak longer with Ji Qianrou, but he had totally changed his mind now, wishing that he could just run off.

Yun Che quickly said: “In any case, this junior cannot thank Senior Ji enough for taking a stand in that matter. Forgive junior for asking, in these few years, has Senior Ji, due to a kind of special toad poison... Junior is familiar with medicine, therefore, I can vaguely see some clues. I’m not sure if I’m right.”

“Oh? Ji Qianrou squinted and stared into Yun Che’s eyes, then said in a velvety voice: “Two hundred years ago, I accidentally encountered an ugly toad. This one hates these kinds of ugly things the most, thus, I casually destroyed it. I didn’t expect that I would accidentally get into contact with its vicious venom.” Ji Qianrou extended his fingers and looked at an indistinct black line on his fingertips: “That’s why, not only should you not look at ugly things, you should not even touch them.”

Yun Che said: “The venom which Senior Ji has mentioned is a kind of Soul Coiling Toad’s Poison, it attaches itself onto the mind, and lives off blood. Thus, regular methods are absolutely unable to force it out. Of course, based on Senior Ji’s powerful profound strength, this kind of toad poison will not have any severe consequences, but it isn’t just a small frustration too...”

“Junior has some qualifications in detoxification, this detoxification pellet may be of some help to Senior Ji.” Yun Che said while taking out a pellet which he had prepared beforehand by injecting the purifying power of the Sky Poison Pearl into the pellet. He initially wanted to put it into Qian Jirou’s hand, but after looking at his palm and thinking for a while, he chose to toss it over.

Ji Qianrou waved his fingers and gripped it between his fingers.

“This junior shall take his leave.” Yun Che cupped his hands, then left as if he was fleeing.

The pellet in his hand was as green as jade. Just by holding it, the entire body would feel a bone-piercing aura of freshness. Ji Qianrou glanced at Yun Che’s back view with slanted eyes, sniffed at the pellet, then opened his lips lightly, and placed it in his mouth.

Together with Xia Yuanba, he strolled around Phoenix City. Yun Che listened to him talk about things like Absolute Monarch Sanctuary. Upon returning to the courtyard, darkness had completely enveloped their surroundings, Spiritual Master Ancient Blue’s room was completely dark, he appeared to be resting.

Yun Che returned to his room. Upon closing the door, his eyebrows twitched, and he felt a vague feeling that something was wrong.

Somebody had been in the room!

Back in Azure Cloud Continent, he was hunted day and night, he had long developed an incomparably abnormal anti-hunting ability. He could tell with a glance if anywhere he had been was touched after he

left... In the end, he didn't even need to spot the difference, but his instincts could detect any disturbances his naked eyes could not.

Yun Che became vigilant. This was Phoenix City's guest area, outsiders could not simply enter, even a Phoenix disciple would not be able to. Only himself, Xia Yuanba, and Spiritual Master Ancient Blue stayed here. He had left together with Xia Yuanba and Spiritual Master Ancient Blue had no reason to walk through this area... just who exactly had come in?

Yun Che's eyebrows sank. His gaze swept across every nook and cranny of the room thoroughly, but he did not discover any traces which aroused his attention. After contemplating for a while, he walked to the bedside. Just when he wanted to lie down, his gaze suddenly fell onto the pillow.

He reached out, and rapidly moved the pillow away... beneath the pillow was shockingly a bundle of green jade strips.

This...

Yun Che was a hundred percent sure that the jade strips were not there before. Because after picking the rooms with Xia Yuanba, he had cautiously inspected the bed on purpose.

Yun Che scrunched his eyebrows, directly reaching to grab the jade strips, then carefully opened them.

Following the opening of the first piece of jade strip, three incomparably distinct words shined into Yun Che's eyes:

Extreme Mirage Lightning!

"Extreme Mirage Lightning!?" Yun Che cried out softly.

This was actually Extreme Mirage Lightning, Hua Minghai's family heirloom which had the reputation of Profound Sky's number one profound movement skill!!

The person who had been here was Hua Minghai? How did he know which room to find me in? And why did he put these jade strips with the Extreme Mirage Lightning imprinted here?

Hua Minghai's profound strength was only at the later stages of the Sky Profound Realm, but with this "Extreme Mirage Lightning", he became Profound Sky Continent's mightily renowned "Ghost Mirage Bandit Saint". He could even safely go through Divine Phoenix Sect, and even several Overlords acting together could not touch the corners of his shirt. It could even be said that "Extreme Mirage Lightning" made Yun Che's mouth water. However, when he had saved Ru Xiaoya and expressed his interest to Hua Minghai, he was rejected.

It was because the skill was his Hua family's sacred skill, it could never be passed on to outsiders. Hua Minghai even said that apart from that request, he would give in to any other request.

But now, these jade strips which the "Extreme Mirage Lightning" was imprinted on, had appeared in this place!

"It seems like this person named Hua Minghai wants you to owe him a huge favour." Jasmine said unenthusiastically.

Yun Che had witnessed the power of “Extreme Mirage Lightning” with his own two eyes, and it was just before him now. Yet, after flipping over the first jade strip, Yun Che did not continue to look through it any further. After saving Ru Xiaoya, Hua Minghai was ashamed, yet determined in rejecting Yun Che’s request to practice Extreme Mirage Lightning. Only several days had passed, and he took the initiative to hand it over. Not only did he not deliver it in person, it was sent without a message.

What Jasmine had said was not wrong, if he really learned Extreme Mirage Lightning just like that, then, he would owe Hua Minghai a huge favor. And Hua Minghai’s intention of taking the initiative to send Extreme Mirage Lightning over, was exactly to make Yun Che owe him a favor.

“It seems like after seeing my performance in the Seven Nation Ranking Tournament, he wants to borrow my strength to help him accomplish some kind of objective.” Yun Che muttered to himself.

“Then why did he not give it to you personally?” Jasmine said.

Yun Che said unhurriedly: “Firstly, my current strength is not sufficient. What he has his eyes on, is my potential, he believes that I will have sufficient strength in the future. Secondly, he feels that I will definitely refuse if he speaks to me in person, thus, he chose this method, to directly send a huge bait without even requesting anything. If I can’t resist the bait and cultivate Extreme Mirage Lightning, then I would owe him this huge favor. When the time comes, I would not be able to reject him. Another way of looking at it is that if I use this Extreme Mirage Lightning, others would think that I am from the Hua family.”

“If that’s the case, you seem to know his motive already.”

“More or less.” Yun Che said: “Hua Minghai’s family was destroyed by Sun Moon Divine Hall. Based on Hua Minghai’s abilities, for him to keep his life is not an issue, but taking revenge is impossible. Thus, he wants to borrow my strength after I become strong enough. However, everyone fears Sun Moon Divine Hall. They are a paramount Sacred Ground. Not only that, I have no enmity with them, Hua Minghai would not be so naive as to think that just a “Extreme Mirage Lightning” would make me take action... What does he want to achieve? Or should I say, where does his certainty come from?”

“Then do you want to cultivate it? This Extreme Mirage Lightning would not affect your fighting abilities much, but in regards to travel or escape, it would be extremely strong. In this continent, it wouldn’t be an exaggeration to call it the strongest profound movement skill.”

Yun Che contemplated for awhile, but closed the jade strips in the end, and stored it in the Sky Poison Pearl: “Although it is very enticing, before the next time I meet Hua Minghai, I had better not cultivate it. Let’s not care about this issue yet, I have to ascend that mysterious Primordial Profound Ark early tomorrow morning... but I keep feeling that this journey will come with a lot of risk. The Primordial Profound Ark is the best place for the Divine Phoenix Sect to attack me.”

“If you retreat the moment you feel risk, then don’t ever think about having any breakthroughs. You wouldn’t be as strong as you are now either.” Jasmine said coldly: “The Primordial Profound Ark is the only thing in the continent which perks my interest. You have to bring me up! Based on my spirit strength, I could possibly be aware of its secrets in an instant.”

“Got it.” Yun Che crooked his lips: “To increase the possibility of surviving, I need to revitalize by... sleeping!”

Divine Phoenix Sect.

“Sect Master.”

Feng Feiyan drifted through the night and landed behind Feng Hengkong.

Feng Hengkong turned around, his face calm, with an indistinct darkness. He faced Feng Feiyan. Using an extremely low voice, he said: “Tomorrow’s ascension to the Primordial Profound Ark is the best chance to kill Yun Che, do you understand our intentions?”

Feng Feiyan’s eyebrows twitched, then nodded slowly: “I even thought that Sect Master was going to spare Yun Che. This Yun Che definitely cannot be spared, especially when his future will bring who knows what kind of dangers. Sect Master, you can relax. I will arrange for people to take action during tomorrow’s ascension to the Primordial Profound Ark. Based on the Primordial Profound Ark’s special laws of space, there will be no traces left after killing Yun Che... Or, I can do it myself!”

“Mn.” Feng Hengkong nodded.

Sect Master, will Xue’er be ascending the Primordial Profound Ark tomorrow too?” Feng Feiyan asked.

“That’s right, the Primordial Profound Ark appears once every three hundred years, to miss this opportunity would mean waiting another three hundred years. I will definitely bring Xue’er for this experience. Xue’er herself has some interest in the Primordial Profound Ark too. Although the Primordial Profound Ark is mysterious and strange, it still is not too dangerous. Besides, all the elders would be present too.” Feng Hengkong added.

Feng Feiyan nodded: “Hope that there will be rewards for the journey to the Profound Ark tomorrow. If Sect Master has nothing else, I will be taking my leave.”

As Feng Feiyan’s voice fell, his silhouette slowly disappeared into the night as well.

Chapter 454 - Entering the Primordial Profound Ark

Today was the first day after the end of the Seven Nation Ranking Tournament. The day had barely dawned, but Divine Phoenix City was already a field of clamorous noise. Countless profound practitioners raised their heads and looked upwards, watching the colossal black silhouette above the firmament... Today was the last day the Primordial Profound Ark would stop at Divine Phoenix City, and was also the only day the ark would open.

Yun Che meditated for an entire night. In the morning, when he walked out of his room at the scheduled time, Ancient Blue and Xia Yuanba were already waiting. When they heard Yun Che walk out, they turned around at the same time. Xia Yuanba quickly walked over: “Brother-in-law, I was just about to go and call for you. The Primordial Profound Ark will open in around fifteen minutes; the people from Divine Phoenix Sect have already gone up.”

“It’s about time. Let’s go up.” Spiritual Master Ancient Blue said slowly. He swung the horsetail whisk in his hand, and instantly, five-foot-wide profound energy cyclones simultaneously appeared underneath Yun Che and Xia Yuanba’s feet.

Before Yun Che could speak, the cyclone already began to revolve, carrying Yun Che's body as it flew up rapidly in a straight line. By the time he had reacted to it, his body was already three hundred meters into the air.

What kind of concept was sixty thousand meters? The altitude of an ordinary cloud was only around one or two thousand meters. Yun Che's body rose upwards in a straight line, quickly passing through layer after layer of clouds as the wind beside his ears whistled like rumbling thunder. Yun Che wanted to speak, but the moment he opened his mouth, berserk streams of air violently poured into his mouth, making him unable to do anything but obediently close his mouth.

Although both the Sky Profound Realm and Emperor Profound Realm were capable of utilizing the Profound Floating Technique, an altitude of sixty thousand meters was something they absolutely could not reach. In order to reach this altitude, one must at least be at Overlord-level profound strength. And to an incomparably powerful Monarch, it was actually nothing much. It wouldn't be in the least problematic to bring several thousand people up, let alone bringing Yun Che and Xia Yuanba.

Finally, after passing through countless layers of clouds, the sound of the wind beside his ears began to die down. Yun Che raised his head. The distance between him and the incomparably enormous Primordial Profound Ark was less than three hundred meters. As far as the eye could see, the Profound Ark was so enormous one simply couldn't even see its borders. Its color also wasn't the dull gray color which could be seen from below, but clearly a kind of deep red color.

At this time, only a short span of one hundred breaths' time had elapsed... Traveling sixty thousand meters in a hundred breaths, this was much faster than Yun Che's speed on land!

The place Spiritual Master Ancient Blue had brought them was one of the sides of the Primordial Profound Ark. When the three arrived, only twenty to thirty people had stopped at this place. Among these people, Ji Qianrou and Ling Kun were present, as well as the three people from Black Fiend Nation. Included among these people were a Tyrant, a half-step to Tyrant, and a young profound practitioner. The three from Black Fiend Nation were all peak figures amongst their generation, but the people around them were all from Divine Phoenix Sect and the Sacred Grounds, so their expressions were especially reserved; they didn't even dare to breathe heavily.

Apart from these people, everyone else was from Divine Phoenix Sect. Yun Che saw Feng Hengkong, Feng Feiyan, Feng Ximing... and beside Feng Hengkong, still stood the Phoenix jade glass-covered Feng Xue'er. Those who had the qualifications to come explore the Primordial Profound Ark were naturally existences with extremely high standings and power in Divine Phoenix Sect. Of these twenty-odd people, other than the aura-less Feng Xue'er, every single person released a Tyrant-realm aura.

Several tens of Tyrant powerhouses floated in the air together. The oppressive feeling that arose as a result was incomparably frightful; even the air had completely stopped circulating.

Spiritual Master Ancient Blue had arrived, so the Feng Hengkong and company walked over and paid their respects, but to Yun Che, they merely glanced at him for a moment.

Xia Yuanba's gaze swept the area as he spoke next to Yun Che's ear: "Master has entered the Primordial Profound Ark before. From what I've heard Master say, the maximum number of people that can enter the Primordial Profound Ark is thirty six. Every time, beside the Four Great Sacred Grounds, those that

enter are basically all core members of Divine Phoenix Sect. Including us, thirty five people have already arrived... there should be one more person.”

“It’s Ye Xinghan.” Yun Che said directly.

Yun Che raised his head, and looked at the incomparably enormous Profound Ark in front of his eyes. With his current eyesight, he was simply incapable of seeing the periphery to the top, bottom, left, or right of the Profound Ark. An indistinct colorless and formless aura field floated above the surface of the Profound Ark. After Yun Che’s spiritual sense touched this aura field, it would thoroughly disconnect, making him unable to sense even the least bit of activity within the Profound Ark.

And right in front of his line of sight, a “door” existed impressively on the surface of the Profound Ark. This door was fifteen meters wide, and a profound light imprint flashed on the surface of the door, flickering on and off. The flickering of this profound energy seal seemed to indicate that it was about to disappear.

Everyone’s gazes were also focused on this flashing profound imprint. At this time, the sound of a whistling cyclone came through distantly from below.

“Hmph, arriving just now, how arrogant.” Feng Ximing snorted coldly as an expression of disgust flashed on his face.

A blast of air soared upwards, and a man’s silhouette subsequently floated downwards; it was precisely Ye Xinghan. However, he didn’t arrive alone. He was accompanied by the two seductive women beside him, one clinging to the left and the other clinging to the right of his bosom. Both women’s attires were different from the day before; dressed in fiery-red up to the middle of their chest with the bottom part barely covering her buttocks, and the slightest movement showing everything. Although everyone present were exceptional Overlord-level experts, their expressions still became unnatural.

“Heheh, it looks like everyone is here. This young master was quite lusty last night and unconsciously lost track of time. I hope everyone won’t take offense.” Ye Xinghan embraced the two women, stepped off the cyclone, and sauntered over. His gaze passed through everyone as he looked at the Profound Ark’s door: “Seems like this profound ark door is about to open.”

If it was any other person who dared to be this arrogant, rude, and condescending, Divine Phoenix Sect would have exploded long ago. But this person was Sun Moon Divine Hall’s Young Hall Master. Even if Divine Phoenix Sect hated him in their hearts, none of them would dare reprimand him. Feng Hengkong nodded: “Young Hall Master Ye is just in time. In just a few more breaths, the Profound Ark’s door would... Oh?”

Before Feng Hengkong finished speaking, the profound seal on the ark’s door suddenly stopped flickering, and then slowly disappeared. The Profound Ark’s door which had always been shut slowly opened at this time with an extremely ear-piercing creaking noise.

“It opened!” Xia Yuanba called out. Those who were visiting the Primordial Profound Ark for the first time all held their breaths, and their eyes stared wide.

The door to the Primordial Profound Ark opened extremely slowly, and several dozen breaths' worth of time passed before the door opened completely. An incomparably pitch-black vortex lay behind the door, revolving rapidly like an ocean whirlpool.

"That's the spacial whirlpool to enter the Profound Ark. After entering, you'll be sent to a fixed location within the Profound Ark. Only, the Primordial Profound Ark is too large, and its interior is extremely tangled and complicated. After all of these years, we are still unable to determine where the location we are sent to actually is within the Profound Ark." Spiritual Master Ancient Blue explained to Xia Yuanba and Yun Che.

"Since it has opened, let's go in." Ye Xinghan laughed heartily. Disinclined to pay attention to everyone else, he drew himself closer to the two women and strode over to the entrance of the Profound Ark. Watching his attitude, the expressions of the people from Divine Phoenix Sect changed immediately. Feng Ximing frowned, and said: "Young Hall Master Ye, halt."

Ye Xinghan's footsteps paused. He leaned his head around, and said with a slack expression: "Does Divine Phoenix Prince have something to command?"

"I don't dare to command." Feng Ximing clenched his teeth, and said: "I just wanted to confirm, does Young Hall Master plan on bringing these two women in as well?"

"Of course." Ye Xinghan narrowed his eyes: "But they aren't 'two women'; they're my concubines — Yueji and Meiji, did—you—get—that?"

Ye Xinghan's last few words carried an obvious air of annoyance. Feng Ximing violently furrowed his brow; just as he was about to speak again, he heard Feng Feiyan snort lightly and say: "Young Hall Master Ye must know that only a total of thirty six people can enter the Primordial Profound Ark! The people that may enter have already been decided, this isn't someplace you can enter just because you want to! Young Hall Master Ye is included within these thirty six people, but these two young ladies that Young Hall Master Ye have brought are not included within our Divine Phoenix Sect's invitations!"

The idea expressed in Feng Feiyan's words was incomparably clear, but how could a madman like Ye Xinghan be someone who followed the rules? His eyes slanted as he said with a squinting smile: "What if this young master must bring them in?"

Once Ye Xinghan's rude and unreasonable words filled with menace came out, Feng Feiyan's complexion suddenly stood stiff, unsure of how to reply for quite a while. At this time, a soft and velvety laugh sounded: "Oh my, Little Hanhan wants to bring these two women in, yet the other side doesn't want Little Hanhan to bring these two women in... this problem couldn't be simpler. Kill both of these women, wouldn't that settle this issue completely? Hahahaha..."

This delicate laugh that was even more charming than that of a woman actually caused everyone to shiver unconsciously. Ye Xinghan's expression became fiercely overcast: "Ji Qianrou, you dare!"

"Hoh," Ji Qianrou's finger stuck upwards, and the corner of his eyebrows bent: "Little Hanhan's meaning is that other people won't dare to do so?"

Ye Xinghan was incomparably haughty, and Ji Qianrou was even more so someone that didn't even put emperors in his eyes. If these two people actually got into a conflict, Divine Phoenix Sect would still be

the most hapless in the end, to say nothing of the fact that this was the most crucial moment of the Profound Ark's opening. Feng Hengkong let out a heavy sigh, then said: "Our two esteemed Sacred Ground guests, the entrance to the Profound Ark has already opened; this is absolutely not the time to argue and waste time. Chiran, Yanmu, you two stay outside."

The Feng Chiran and Feng Yanmu Feng Hengkong spoke of walked out of the Divine Phoenix Sect crowd. Although their expressions were dim and they had no other choice, regarding Ye Xinghan, they dared to be angry, but didn't dare to voice it out.

"Hahahaha! Divine Phoenix Sect Master is truly broad-minded, fair, and reasonable. This junior cannot thank Sect Master enough. Yueji, Meiji, quickly thank Divine Phoenix Sect Master."

"That's not necessary." Feng Hengkong raised his hand, suppressing the disgust in his heart with great effort: "The ark door has already opened, everyone should enter."

"It's only natural that Divine Phoenix Sect Leader enters first." Ye Xinghan assumed an apologetic posture.

Feng Hengkong didn't say anything else, and entered the Profound Ark with Feng Xue'er. The instant their two bodies touched the spacial whirlpool, they disappeared into it completely.

Ye Xinghan, Yueji, and Meiji followed closely behind them, and the rest of the people from Divine Phoenix Sect filed in afterwards.

Ji Qianrou walked past Yun Che. Suddenly, his footsteps stopped, and he extended his pure white fingers towards Yun Che as he said silkily: "Little Cheche, I owe you a favor."

After he spoke, he smiled bewitchingly and stepped into the spacial whirlpool.

"Owe you a favor?" Xia Yuanba looked at Yun Che with wide eyes: "Brother-in-law, what does he mean?"

"It's just a trivial matter, let's go in."

"Aye!"

Yun Che and Xia Yuanba were the last two people to enter. The instant they touched the spacial whirlpool, an enormous attractive force greeted them head-on. Subsequently, their minds spun giddily from the frightening space-tearing force. Just as Yun Che was about to use his profound energy to resist the space-tearing force, a field of light suddenly flashed in front of his eyes.

Chapter 455 - Mysterious Space

This was the inside of the Primordial Profound Ark, but not only was it not dark, it was actually particularly bright. Yun Che looked up and was speechless, because in front of his eyes was astonishingly an endless dark green grassland, as far as he could see! The end of the grassland merged with the dusky sky.

"Wow! It's exactly the same as master said!" This was Xia Yuanba's first time here and his face was full of shock. He exclaimed uncontrollably: "Master had said that there were special spatial laws within the

Primordial Profound Ark; that it is a world unto itself. Looking at it from here, no one would think that this is actually the interior of a profound ark.”

“A world unto itself?” Yun Che’s face revealed shock. At the same time, Jasmine’s voice appeared in his mind: “As expected, the spatial laws in the interior are totally different from the outside world! It seems like the actual amount of space in the interior is actually much, much larger than seen from the outside! Or... it could be even larger than the entire Profound Sky Continent by several times... even tens of millions of times is possible!”

Yun Che: “...”

The entire grassland was incomparably flat; its edges could not be seen. The only eye catching feature was a three meter wide profound formation which was flashing with a red radiance not far away. Feng Hengkong and many other Divine Phoenix Sect elders surrounded the profound formation, seeming especially cautious.

“The spatial laws in this place really are strange, in the Profound Sky Continent, if left untouched, this kind of spatial profound formation’s profound strength would only be cut down by about half in ten thousand years. Yet this spatial profound formation which was left by our royal father’s generation has already weakened by about eighty percent in just three hundred years.” Feng Hengkong wrinkled his eyebrows as he spoke.

“However, the remaining strength is still sufficient to transport us to the area where the last exploration stopped.” Feng Feiyan pulled his hand back from the profound formation’s radiance and said collectedly. The Primordial Profound Ark was too humongous, a brief twenty four hours was simply not enough to explore completely. Thus, after every exploration, Divine Phoenix Sect would leave behind a spatial profound formation. When the Primordial Profound Ark opened again, they could directly use the profound formation to transport themselves to where they had left off.

“Strengthen the initial profound formation first, then we can begin.” Feng Hengkong said firmly.

“Yes!”

The twenty plus Overlords of Divine Phoenix Sect all took action at the same time, channeling profound energy into the profound formation. Very quickly, the dim radiance of the profound formation intensified.

After the profound formation was strengthened, Feng Hengkong turned around and said: “Guests from the Sacred Grounds and Six Nations, do you wish to proceed forward to explore the Primordial Profound Ark’s interior together? The previous generations’ exploration had reached about fifteen thousand kilometers deep. Although there were no gains in the end, who is to say that there will not be a breakthrough this time, for us to discover mystical primordial items. The deeper one gets, the more dangerous it is. Fifteen thousand kilometers in, there will be Tyrant Profound Beasts rampaging, it would be full of dangers, and the strength of a single person may not be able to overcome some obstacles; teamwork will be required. Those who want to proceed together, please enter this profound formation, those who wish to proceed freely, please feel free to do so... but,” Feng Hengkong’s voice paused for a moment before he said faintly: “Those who are not even Overlords can forget it, entering this profound formation is the same as courting death.”

Amongst the thirty six people present, there were only five with profound strengths below that of Overlords; Yun Che was one, two were profound practitioners from the Black Fiend Nation, and the other two were Yue Ji and Mei Ji that Ye Xinghan had brought along.

The Primordial Profound Ark appeared only once every three hundred years. Since they had already entered, of course they would choose to cooperate to explore even further. Spiritual Master Ancient Blue turned over and asked: "Yuanba, do you want to come along with Master?"

Xia Yuanba however shook his head: "No need, Master. the reason disciple followed Master up the profound ark this time was just for an eye-opener and not any ambitious reasons. Thus, I won't be following you. Brother-in-law and I will just go ahead to have fun."

With Yun Che around, Ancient Blue already knew that Xia Yuanba would give such an answer. He slowly nodded: "That's fine too. However, although the profound beasts in the surrounding area aren't a threat and the environment isn't too dangerous, this world is still extraordinary. No one can predict where dangers will be hiding, so you still have to be careful."

"Also, you have to remember what Master had repeatedly said before... once the Primordial Profound Ark's door opens, it marks the twenty-fourth hour before the profound ark disappears. When it nears the twenty-fourth hour, the entire space within the profound ark will start to tremble. When you feel the space trembling, you have to be in an area as spacious as possible. That way, at the twenty-fourth hour, you will be forcefully pushed out of the profound ark's world. However, if you are in a sealed area like a cave, canyon, house, tower or any such areas, you will not be discharged from the profound ark and will disappear with the ark... which means you will die! Since the appearance of the Primordial Profound Ark, there have been more than ten from the previous generations who have met with such an ill fate, their souls extinguished entirely! Bear this in mind!"

"I've got it, Master." Xia Yuanba nodded, then asked: "It's just that this disciple doesn't understand, why will one not get discharged from the profound ark in a sealed location?"

"Because in this area, every piece of land, every piece of stone is incomparably hard. Furthermore, they contain extremely frightening earth attribute laws." Spiritual Master Ancient Blue extended his hand, sucking a stone about the size of a fist and placed it into Xia Yuanba's hand: "Yuanba, try to destroy it."

"Oh..." Based on Xia Yuanba's current strength as a mid-stage Overlord, not to even mention a piece of stone, he was able to easily pinch a piece of profound iron into powder. The weight of the stone in his hand felt no different from an ordinary stone. He lifted the stone and forcefully grasped it... following that, his face exposed his shock, because the stone in his hand, not to even mention break into pieces, there was not even a trace of deformation.

Xia Yuanba placed the stone in his left hand. He opened his palm, then breathed in, made a fist with his right hand, and smashed down fiercely.

Plop...

Half of Xia Yuanba's face contorted, grimacing in pain. The stone in his hand had dropped... not damaged in the slightest.

“Wh-wh-wh... what kind of stone is this! How is it so hard!” Xia Yuanba flicked his wrist and said with a face full of shock.

Yun Che stood beside Xia Yuanba, listening to the conversation of the master-disciple pair. Looking at Xia Yuanba’s actions, he too revealed a face of shock.

“In many hypotheses, this Primordial Profound Ark is very possibly a profound ark from the time of the Primordial True Gods, and is thus an item from the era of the True Gods. So even if it is just a small little stone, it absolutely isn’t simple. Anything from this place is more durable than you can imagine. Even if you used all your strength, you basically will not be able to destroy even the most ordinary piece of stone, let alone a stone wall or such.” Spiritual Master Ancient Blue said unhurriedly: “Since objects in this area are able to deflect such huge amounts of force, it will naturally be able to deflect huge gusts of wind. If you are still in such a sealed area after twenty four hours, then the gust of wind which will expel us out of the profound ark will be isolated from you too. There would be no way of getting out, and you will be buried here forever, together with the disappearance of the Primordial Profound Ark.”

“Oh, oh. I understand.” Xia Yuanba glanced at the stone beneath his foot with lingering fear, then nodded seriously.

“Just to be safe, Yuanba, take this.” Spiritual Master Ancient Blue took out a jade pendant, then hung it around Xia Yuanba’s neck.

“Eh, master, what is this?” Xia Yuanba asked curiously.

“This is a profound formation jade made based on the Primordial Profound Ark’s spatial laws. In the profound ark, if met with fatal danger, or if in a sealed location after the twenty four hours with no way of escape, just break the jade into pieces. The special spatial profound formation within will directly transport you to the Phoenix City directly beneath the profound ark. Although the profound formation within the jade is small, it abides to the Primordial Profound Ark’s spatial laws, so making them is incomparably difficult, and requires the strength of several Monarchs.”

“Back in the day, the Saint Emperor’s personal disciple got lost in an ancient hall here, could not escape, and thus disappeared along with the Primordial Profound Ark. In his anger and sorrow, the Saint Emperor specially made these jade which specially countered the Primordial Profound Ark’s spatial laws. In the entire Profound Sky Continent, only our Absolute Monarch Sanctuary possesses them.”

“Oh! So it’s like that.” Xia Yuanba nodded, then said without even thinking: “Master, do you have another of this kind of jade? Give my brother-in-law one!”

“This...” Spiritual Master Ancient Blue revealed a face full of distress. Just when he wanted to shake his head, he had a thought. If he did not give out another, Xia Yuanba would probably give his to Yun Che. He could only sigh inwardly and take off the one he was wearing: “Forget it, take master’s. These two pieces of jade are rarer than you think, apart from life threatening danger, do not use it casually.”

“Thank you master!” Xia Yuanba immediately passed the jade in his hand over to Yun Che, then casually paid respects Spiritual Master Ancient Blue: “Brother-in-law, let’s go.”

“Even though there are profound beasts here, Master said that within a few hundred kilometers in the surroundings, the strongest are only Sky Profound Beasts. There won’t be much danger.”

Seeing Yun Che and Xia Yuanba walk off eastward, Spiritual Master Ancient Blue gave a bitter laugh inwardly. In the entire Profound Sky Continent, how many people dreamed to be his disciple, yet could not. But facing Xia Yuanba, most of the time, he had to try to please him, afraid that he would lose this disciple of his... After all, Xia Yuanba possessed the Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins from legends, which was fated to be a generation's overlord!

What made him worry was... in the last two years, Xia Yuanba's personality could be said to be silent and mighty, fit to be called an emperor's disposition. But after meeting Yun Che, the previous disposition which was getting even more tyrannical and domineering was practically hidden without a trace. Also, the reason for coming to the Primordial Profound Ark in Divine Phoenix was to experience danger. The riskier the conditions, the more he would want to experience. Then, from the crises and dangers he faced, he would break through his limits, stage by stage. However, he now chose to roam in the completely safe surroundings...

Spiritual Master Ancient Blue had already started to feel that Yun Che's appearance would be detrimental to Xia Yuanba's pursuit of strength and the awakening of the Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins.

Those from Divine Phoenix Sect entered the profound formation one after another. Spiritual Master Ancient Blue and Ling Kun stood the the side of the profound formation. Ling Kun took a glance and stopped midair, he said to Ye Xinghan who had no intention of going over: "Young Master Ye, aren't you coming with us?"

"Hmph! Forget it." Ye Xinghan smiled insincerely and said: "If I brought my Yue Ji and Mei Ji in, those old things would give this young master dirty looks. Instead of finding the so-called Primordial Divine Items, this young master is more interested in having a good time aboard this Primordial Profound Ark."

Finishing his speech, Ye Xinghan had a good laugh and lifted the two women, leaving into the distance.

"This one is here to admire the scenery. Things like fighting and killing would be better done by smelly men like you, this would not want it." Ji Qianrou flipped his long hair, pursed his lips and turned his body proudly, leaving independently as well.

Regarding Ye Xinghan and Ji Qianrou's solo departure, Feng Hengkong had absolutely no intention of retaining them. On the contrary, he heaved a sigh of relief. Without those two thorns in their sides, it would be much more peaceful: "Xue'er, let's leave. After that, follow royal father closely, you must by all means not wander off."

After Feng Hengkong was done speaking, Feng Xue'er, however, did not move a step, but said suddenly: "Royal father, Xue'er wishes to walk around by herself, not with royal father, may I?"

Chapter 456 - Conspiracy Within the Profound Ark

"You want to venture alone? No! Definitely not!" Feng Hengkong unhesitantly shook his head. "The world within this profound ark is strange and unclear, and even royal father has to be extremely careful in this place. In case we encounter some sort of danger, you have to stay by royal father's side at every given moment, otherwise, royal father definitely won't be able to feel at ease."

“But, royal father had said before that this place can be considered the absolute safest place in the entire Primordial Profound Ark, while the place royal father is currently heading to, is instead more dangerous. If Xue’er is only going to play around in the surroundings, isn’t that much safer?” Feng Xue’er said with a soft voice.

“This...” Feng Hengkong blanked, but still shook his head afterwards. “Xue’er, ever since you were young, you have never left Divine Phoenix City, nor have you ever gone to a dangerous place alone. Hence, royal father isn’t able to feel at ease at all if we leave you alone.”

“Mn. Xue’er knows. Xue’er has grown up in the protection of royal father and the various elders since childhood. But, Xue’er has to grow up someday, and can’t be under royal father’s protection for everything she’s going to do in her life. This year, Xue’er is already sixteen years old, and she has long been at the age where she should be able to make her own decisions, and train herself. Incidentally, isn’t this place a very good start? Could it be that royal father wishes for Xue’er to grow up under protection forever, and not find her own world forever?”

Feng Xue’er’s voice carried a deep hopeful feeling within, and even a small hint of desire.

Feng Hengkong’s heart stirred greatly. However, he was still unable to feel at ease having Feng Xue’er truly move on her own in this dangerous place. After all, for so many years, he had already gotten used to providing Feng Xue’er with the most extreme level of protection. Just as he was about to speak up, Feng Feiyan came forward, and spoke by his ears. “Sect Master, what Xue’er has said isn’t wrong either. She’s already sixteen years old this year... Though providing her protection with all our might isn’t wrong, we can’t protect her like this forever. Otherwise, she would never be able to act on her own accord, and instead waste her bloodline and strength. Furthermore, the Ranking Tournament yesterday had already exposed Xue’er’s strength. There’s no need to... conceal it any longer.”

“And with Xue’er’s strength, within a radius of ten thousand kilometers, there’s basically nothing that could possibly threaten her. If we were to speak of the rest who are venturing alone... Even if Ye Xinghan and Ji Qianrou were to combine their strengths, it wouldn’t be possible for them to be Xue’er’s match either. If Sect Master is still worried...” Feng Feiyan cast an odd glance at Feng Hengkong. “Then I will stay behind, and protect Xue’er from the shadows. And at the same time...”

What Feng Feiyan had said was right. With Feng Xue’er’s strength, it’s impossible for her to be in danger within a radius of ten thousand kilometers. If she were to be protected by Feng Feiyan from the shadows as well, then it would be more than just foolproof... At the same time, having Feng Feiyan kill Yun Che, would be a foolproof plan as well!

Feng Hengkong dropped his doubts, and slowly nodded towards Feng Xue’er. “Alright then. What Xue’er said is right. You have already grown up, and it is indeed time for you to make your own decisions and train yourself. But you must remember what royal father has told you before. Be careful at all times.”

“Wah... Thank you, royal father! Then Xue’er will be going off on her own now. Royal father, you must remember to be careful as well.” Feng Xue’er responded with incomparable joy, then waved her hands at Feng Hengkong. Lightly ascending into the air, she flew towards the east... which was also the direction which Yun Che and Xia Yuanba had left towards earlier.

“Haah, this child...” Feng Hengkong smiled as he shook his head.

“Sect Master, be at ease. There’s nothing here that can possibly threaten Xue’er. Furthermore, I’m protecting her from the shadows as well. So, Sect Master, please leave with a peace of mind.” Feng Feiyan said with a chuckle.

Not long after, Feng Feiyan ascended into the air as well, and leisurely flew towards the direction Feng Xue’er had gone.

“...Master had said before, that this place is a high-level world. But I don’t understand what a ‘high-level world’ means in the slightest. Though... In this place, Transmission Jades, and all message transmitting items are unusable. Even using one’s profound energy to transmit his or her own voice is not possible either. The range one can sense with his or her profound energy will be small as well.”

Because Yun Che had yet to possess the ability to fly, Xia Yuanba walked on foot with him. The two of them had leisurely walked for a few kilometers, yet what they could only see was still a patch of grassland, with no end in sight. After hearing what Xia Yuanba had said at the end, Yun Che tried to release his perception... As expected, his perception was only capable of reaching a distance of no more than sixty meters, and he was unable to stretch any further than that.

“It really is very strange.” Yun Che said. Two years ago, the Heaven Basin Secret Realm he entered was an independent small world as well. However, the feeling of this Primordial Profound Ark world was greatly different from the Heaven Basin Secret Realm. As for which parts were different, he wasn’t able to tell.

The two of them spoke as they progressed forward, gradually increasing their speed. Though, on this grassland area, they did not encounter any profound beasts, nor did they see even the smallest stalk of an abnormal or precious herb. It was barren to the point where they were becoming muddleheaded. After more than two hours, they finally stepped out of the grassland area and in front of them, was shockingly a wasteland with no end in sight.

After entering the wasteland, the wind became gentle and desolate. The surrounding air had also undergone a subtle change. This extremely small change had also caused Yun Che’s alertness to unconsciously rise. As expected, after walking but a few steps forward, a giant black shadow suddenly sprang out from behind a gigantic boulder, pouncing straight towards Yun Che and Xia Yuanba... It was shockingly, a giant scorpion! Its long scorpion tail glowed radiantly with the color of deadly poison.

Yun Che’s wrist moved, and with a flash of his body, he instantly appeared right below the giant scorpion. With lightning speed, Dragon Fault was smashed out, striking ruthlessly at the giant scorpion’s abdomen.

Bang!!

The giant scorpion was smashed tumbling in the sky, before it heavily landed onto the ground. At the very moment it landed, Xia Yuanba quickly charged, and with a growl, he smashed his fist at the giant scorpion’s body. An instant later, the giant scorpion’s body was instantly blasted apart with an explosive sound, scattering into countless shattered pieces as they flew far away. Streams of black blood spilled out and the places where they had poured onto had dyed the entire ground in complete black. Among them, two drops fell onto Xian Yuanba’s arm.

Yun Che hurriedly stepped forward, and used the Sky Poison Pearl to purify the poison on Xia Yuanba's body. At the same time, he was secretly shocked. The body of this poisonous giant scorpion was incomparably tough. The heavy horizontal strike from his Dragon Fault was only able to send it flying, yet its body had not been wounded. Yet Xia Yuanba, without borrowing the strength of a weapon and just by casually swinging a fist, was able to smash it into smithereens...

The strength that Xia Yuanba currently possessed had actually reached such terrifying heights.

"Profound beasts are starting to appear. Brother-in-law, you have to be more careful." Xia Yuanba kicked away the chunk of its corpse next to his feet, and then, as he waved about his arms again, he said. "But Brother-in-law, there's no need to be too worried. There won't be any profound beasts that are too strong in this vicinity. With brother-in-law's strength and mine, there's nothing that can threaten us."

"If your sister were to find out about your current strength, she would definitely be in for a huge shock." Yun Che looked at Xia Yuanba, and said very seriously.

"Big Brother Yun!"

At this moment, a clear and spirited voice, as though it was heavenly music to the ears, could be heard behind them. Yun Che paused his steps, and hurriedly turned his head around... This voice, was clearly Feng Xue'er's voice!

The moment he turned around, he saw the figure of a teenage girl with peerless and illusory-like beauty in the sky. She slowly floated down from the sky, and the beauty of her posture was like a firefly demonstrating an elegant dance. Although she was still wearing the phoenix jade-glazed coronet, Yun Che was still able to sense her joyful feelings. "Xue'er!? Why are you here? Where's your royal father and the rest of them?"

Feng Xue'er landed next to Yun Che, and said happily. "Royal father and the rest have went to investigate the inner areas of the profound ark, and allowed me to freely move on my own."

"Why would your royal father allow you to be alone? In the past, he wouldn't even permit you to leave Divine Phoenix City." Yun Che said in shock.

"Hehe." Feng Xue'er smiled sweetly. "I told father the words that big brother Yun had told me back then. I told royal father that I have already grown up, that I have reached the age where I should be independent, and make my own decisions, so royal father agreed to it."

"Is that so..." Yun Che slightly nodded. Even though he still had doubts that Feng Hengkong would really feel at ease in allowing Feng Xue'er to freely move on her own in this world where unknown dangers could still exist, Feng Xue'er was currently standing right in front of him, so he had no choice but to believe it.

Seeing Feng Xue'er, who was now beside him, Yun Che's mood naturally lifted. Initially, he had thought that it would be a long time before he could face her at such a close proximity once again; he never expected that he would gain the opportunity to interact with her so soon. With a smile, he said. "Then... Xue'er, do you want to venture with us?"

“Mn!” Feng Xue’er nodded very strongly. If her phoenix jade-glazed crown was removed at this moment, it would be possible to see a pair of eyes which had already curved into bright new moons. She cheerfully said. “Then, Big Brother Yun, you have to protect Xue’er, alright? ...Oh, and Bulky Big Brother, you have to protect Xue’er as well.”

“Bulky Big Brother” had been staring straight at the two of them. Only when Feng Xue’er spoke to him did he regain his senses, and asked with widened eyes. “Brother-in-law, you two... know each other?”

“Mn.” Yun Che nodded. “Xue’er had once saved my life.”

When Yun Che uttered these words, the eyes Xia Yuanba had been looking at Feng Xue’er with instantly underwent a severe change... She had once saved Yun Che. Just by this point alone, forget about her being the Princess Snow of Divine Phoenix Sect, even if she was an extremely vile old demonic grandma, he would still respect her, and be thankful to her all the same. With a pat to his chest, he said. “You have saved my brother-in-law’s life, then that’s the same as having saved my life. Don’t worry, if anyone dares to bully you, no matter if it’s a man or a profound beast, I definitely won’t let any of them off... Eh, wait a minute!”

Xia Yuanba suddenly recalled the evaluation Spiritual Master Ancient Blue had given Feng Xue’er yesterday. His voice came to a sudden halt, and then, he began to stutter a little. “Little miss... Oh, no, no. Princess Snow, is your profound strength... really... half-step from the Sovereign Profound?”

“That’s right!” Feng Xue’er nodded very casually, as though in her opinion, it wasn’t really a matter that’s worth to be proud or mindful of. “When I’m twenty years old, my profound strength should be able to reach the actual Sovereign Profound Realm. Am I really incredible?”

“Incredible... Incredible...” Xia Yuanba strongly swallowed down a mouthful of saliva, and nodded with a stiff expression. He stayed in Absolute Monarch Sanctuary for nearly two years, and had seen countless numbers of experts who he thought only existed in legends. His outlook of the world had long changed from what it was before... However, even in Absolute Monarch Sanctuary, there had never been an appearance of a Monarch below the age of twenty! Forget about Xia Yuanba, even Spiritual Master Ancient Blue was stunned on-site when he found out about Feng Xue’er’s strength.

“You... You’re... You’re really only sixteen years old? How exactly do you cultivate?!” Xian Yuanba couldn’t help but ask.

“That’s a secret, so I can’t tell you that, alright?” Feng Xue’er cheerfully replied, and then came to Yun Che’s side. “Big brother Yun, where should we head to play? In the next twenty-two hours, I’m able to once again pass my time with big brother Yun. I’m so happy.”

“Xue’er, where do you wish to go?”

“Hm... Actually, anywhere is fine! Let me tell big brother Yun a secret, the reason why I left royal father and moved on my own, was in order to find big brother Yun. But this place is really spacious, and my perception range has been terribly reduced as well. Earlier, I had even gotten lost. And here I thought I wouldn’t be able to find you...”

Xia Yuanba, who was left hanging by the side, looked blankly at the two people who were standing affectionately together, and he silently stretched out his hand to scratch his head... Their relationship

seemed to look really good. But strange, didn't Master say that Princess Snow of Divine Phoenix Sect had never permitted anyone to make contact with her...

At the same time, in another place.

"Divine Phoenix Great Elder? Why are you here?"

Ye Xinghan turned around, and with narrowed eyes, he looked towards Feng Feiyan who had come to look for him. Yue Ji and Mei Ji beside him had slowly scattered aside as well, revealing a dagger in each of their hands; their expressions had turned icy cold as well. This world within the Primordial Profound Ark was the best place for a murder to take place, because no one else in the vicinity would be able to see or sense if a person was killed here. After the Primordial Profound Ark disappeared, all traces would completely disappear, allowing the murderer to return scot-free. Feng Feiyan was the Great Elder of Divine Phoenix Sect, and even more so, a high-level Overlord who was at the eighth level of the Tyrant Profound Realm. Naturally, Ye Xinghan wasn't his match.

"There's no need to be worried. This Divine Phoenix Great Elder is the smartest person in entire Divine Phoenix Sect. The reason he has come to find this young master, can only be for a good matter, and not a bad one." Ye Xinghan stretched his hand, and took the initiative to walk towards Feng Feiyan. "You didn't go to investigate with Feng Hengkong and the rest? Could it be that you're assigned for something else?"

"Hoho." Feng Feiyan gave a meaningful smile. "I'm of course here to bring Young Hall Master good news... I'm preparing to send Young Hall Master that huge gift. There's no longer a need to wait for tomorrow or the day after, as it can be done today. And, it can also be done absolutely flawlessly."

"Oh?" Ye Xinghan's face tilted upwards.

"Feng Xue'er, whom Young Hall Master wishes to have, did not accompany Feng Hengkong to investigate the deep areas. Instead, she's moving on her own... and the reason why I didn't follow them into the depths, was to comply with Feng Hengkong's intentions. Protect Feng Xue'er from the shadows, and at the same time, kill Yun Che, that rat who overestimated himself!"

Feng Feiyan's words caused Ye Xinghan's eyes to release an odd light. Right after, he stretched out both of his arms, raised his head skywards, and began to laugh maniacally...

Chapter 457 - Sudden Crisis

Inside of the Primordial Profound Ark, a vast wasteland.

After proceeding onward for yet another two hours more, the world before them was still a stretch of wasteland. If one could only use one word to express Yun Che's feelings, it would be...

Bored!!

In addition, there was not the least bit of excitement, nervousness, or mysterious feeling in exploring a different world. As far as the eye could see, it was all wasteland, there were barely any larger than usual rocks. One or two profound beasts would scuttle about, but they were all beaten to a pulp by one of Xia Yuanba's punches, he simply did not need to do anything... During his last adventure inside the Heaven

Basin Secret Realm, there was a sky filled with flying snow, there was danger, there were great encounters... In comparison, this place was simply dull to the extreme. There was not much to see, no encounters, and no risks at all.

Fortunately, the delightful Feng Xue'er was by his side.

"Jasmine, did you sense anything?" Yun Che asked casually.

"...This is an independent world's wasteland." Jasmine said indifferently: "The first place you guys landed in was basically this world's only green area. All other places are wastelands, and the deeper you go, the more desolate it becomes."

"What does this mean?" Yun Che asked.

"It means that this world is dying!" Jasmine answered: "Even though this world still has profound beasts, you should also realize that not only are the profound beasts here few in number, they all have hard outer armor. They're all profound beasts that are extremely resistant to extremely poor environments! After a few more millennia, these extremely durable profound beasts will also gradually go extinct. By that time, this world will completely become a dead world."

"...Why would this world die?"

"This is an independent world, not a natural world born from the large universe. Since it is a self-made independent world, its existence relies on the support of certain forces. Once the power that supports this world disappears, this world will also slowly and naturally become desolate and die.

Yun Che: "..."

"Big brother Yun, I heard yesterday that you're Blue Wind's Prince Consort. Your wife is also a princess... so Big brother Yun's wife must be really pretty, right?" Feng Xue'er tilted her head to look at Yun Che as she asked with curiosity.

Before Yun Che could answer, Xia Yuanba had already moved closer and said replied seriously: "Senior Sister Xueruo is indeed beautiful, but she's not as beautiful as my big sister... oh, oh, and, my big sister is Brother-in-law's big wife. Even though Senior Sister Xueruo is a princess, she's only a little wife."

As the younger brother of Xia Qingyue, Xia Yuanba had a small instinctive hostility toward Yun Che's latter wife, Cang Yue, but due to Cang Yue's noble identity as a princess and her sweet-tempered disposition, he couldn't help but feel a sense of crisis for his elder sister. So when Feng Xue'er mentioned Yun Che's wife, and even directly mentioned Princess Cang Yue, he quickly stepped in and upheld his sister's first wife position.

"..." If not for the fact that he couldn't beat Xia Yuanba, Yun Che really wanted to kick him flying.

"Ah?" As expected, Feng Xue'er's cherry lips gaped open in amazement: "Big brother Yun, you actually have... two wives?"

"Cough cough... this... this... you also know that your big brother Yun has great charm. Some things cannot be opposed with one's will." Yun Che explained incoherently.

But he never expected for Feng Xue'er to nod, and answer seriously: "Mn, right. Big brother Yun is so nice, so there must be many girls who like him. Big brother Yun having two wives at the age of nineteen... doesn't seem to be much! Royal father has more than four hundred sixty wives, way more than Big brother Yun, you know!"

M... more... than four hundred sixty?!

Yun Che sucked in a breath of cold air... as expected, being an emperor was so comfortable that it made one envy!

Wait... More than four hundred sixty wives, yet only had fourteen sons and one daughter?

Doesn't seem too special!!

After thinking about the latter, Yun Che's mind immediately calmed. He nodded, and said earnestly: "Mn! I will learn from Xue'er's royal father and work hard in that aspect... Xue'er, I have a few questions to ask you. If you can answer them, answer them, if you don't feel comfortable answering them, you don't have to."

"Mn, Big brother Yun, go ahead." Feng Xue'er replied cheerfully.

Yun Che arranged his thoughts, and asked: "Xue'er, before you turned sixteen, was most of your time spent beside your sect's 'Phoenix God'?"

The two words "Phoenix God" caused a slight pause to appear in Feng Xue'er's footsteps. After a moment of silence, she nodded lightly: "Yes, Lord Phoenix God suddenly appeared on the day I was born and brought me to its side, all the way until I turned eight, which was when I first saw my royal father. Then, most of my time was still spent by Lord Phoenix God's side, until the year I turned thirteen..."

Feng Xue'er's voice cracked, then didn't continue any further.

Yun Che was able to guess that the "Lord Phoenix God" had died in the year Feng Xue'er turned thirteen, which was three years ago. Of course, he wasn't going to ask Feng Xue'er to confirm this fact, because even in Divine Phoenix Sect, there was probably not many in the sect who knew that the phoenix spirit was already dead. It was an humongous secret that could not be spread out. He pondered, then asked: "Then had your Lord Phoenix God ever talked to you about... another phoenix god?"

Feng Xue'er lifted her head. Her beautiful eyes silently looked at Yun Che for a while, then... she lightly nodded.

"Lord Phoenix God is one of the two remnant spirits that the Divine Phoenix Beast left behind in the Profound Sky Continent a long long time ago, a guide to test those who are worthy of the Phoenix power and pass on its legacy. One of them is our Divine Phoenix Empire's Lord Phoenix God. The other, is in Blue Wind Nation... Lord Phoenix God told me this a long time ago." Feng Xue'er said slowly. She looked at Yun Che: "You asked me yesterday why I taught you the World Ode of the Phoenix even though I knew you were the other Phoenix God's inheritor... In fact, I only half-answered it yesterday. The other half of the reason... was that it was Lord Phoenix God's wish."

"Phoenix God's wish?" Yun Che's brows twitched violently.

“Lord Phoenix God was originally a pure Phoenix Spirit, but due to it staying in Profound Sky Continent for a long time, its pure spirit was polluted by the mortal world’s filth, making it give birth to feelings it shouldn’t have, making it desire to be the only phoenix spirit in the Profound Sky Continent, and claim the entire Profound Sky Continent as its own. As it result, it broke away from its bindings and left the trial grounds for Blue Wind Nation in order to find the other phoenix spirit. After a fierce battle, it annihilated the other spirit, but it also suffered heavy injuries. Not only had its power weakened by several times, its lifespan of more than several ten thousand years had been reduced to a few thousand years. Even World Ode of the Phoenix had been damaged by the fierce battle, fragmented...”

“...” What Feng Xue’er had said and what Yun Che had heard from the phoenix spirit’s own mouth back then in the trial grounds was exactly the same. Only, the phoenix spirit didn’t actually die that year and its World Ode of the Phoenix had broken to the point where only the fifth and sixth stages remained.

“Then, as Lord Phoenix God’s lifespan gradually approached its end, it saw through many things, so its filth slowly diluted. In regards to that year, it felt evil and regretted destroying the other phoenix spirit. However, three years ago, when Lord Phoenix God was about to... Lord Phoenix God suddenly felt the existence of the other phoenix spirit and another Phoenix bloodline inheritor. It told me that if I ever met the other Phoenix successor, I should be peaceful and teach him the World Ode of the Phoenix... because Lord Phoenix God had lost the fifth and sixth stages of the World Ode of the Phoenix during the battle back then, and it had completely destroyed the other phoenix spirit’s World Ode of the Phoenix. Even if the successor obtained the Phoenix bloodline, he would never be able to cultivate Phoenix Profound Arts.”

Yun Che listened in earnest, baffled.

Even though Feng Xue’er was trying to cover it up as much as she could, most of her words all indicated that the phoenix spirit had already died. What surprised him was that the “Phoenix God”, which the phoenix spirit had warned him to be careful of, the one he was the most afraid of before coming to Divine Phoenix Sect, had already regretted and confessed its crime and betrayal. The world was truly full of unpredictable happenings.

“I never expected that Big brother Yun would actually be the other Lord Phoenix God’s inheritor, and even obtained its original power and soul... Oh, right. Big brother Yun, how does the other Lord Phoenix God look like? Is it... still well?” Feng Xue’er asked excitedly.

“Looks like...” Yun Che pondered, then said somewhat helplessly: “Actually, I never clearly saw what it looked like, every time I saw it, I only saw two dazzling gold eyes. Right now it’s somewhere in Blue Wind Nation. It had also told me about a few of the grievances between it and your Lord Phoenix God that year. Once I return back to Blue Wind, it seems that I have to talk to it about this. It ought to feel quite a bit relieved by it.”

“Mn!” Feng Xue’er nodded. Then, her expression became misty: “Actually, when Lord Phoenix God found out that the other phoenix spirit had not died, it really was happy. Like... its greatest worry had been unknotted. So when I found out that Big brother Yun was the other phoenix spirit’s successor, I was also very happy.”

Just as Yun Che was about to say something, an ear-piercing voice suddenly sounded from behind:

“Oh? Isn’t this my incomparably beautiful little sister Xue’er? Meeting you in such a vast mysterious world is truly this young master’s fortune.”

Yun Che, Feng Xue’er, and Xia Yuanba turned around at the same time. No less than three hundred meters away from them was a black attired Ye Xinghan who held onto his two seductive women. His face full of smiles did not cover up the slightest bit of his insolence and excessive lewdness as he casually walked their way.

“Ye Xinghan?” Yun Che muttered as his brows instantly furrowed. Ye Xinghan’s dangerous smile and expression immediately unsettled him greatly. He quietly uttered: “Yuanba, careful.”

“Oh...” Yun Che’s words made Xia Yuanba stiffen. He slightly nodded as every vein on his thick arms all bulged outwards.

Xia Yuanba was a mid-stage Overlord, and Feng Xue’er was a half-step Monarch. Ye Xinghan’s was also a mid-stage Overlord, so if he wanted to fight, he was definitely not a match for both Xia Yuanba and Feng Xue’er... But it was exactly because of this that Yun Che was even more unsettled, because there was an expression of having something up his sleeve, which clearly indicated that his prey was in his hands... in Ye Xinghan’s eyes!

“Young Hall Master Ye.” Feng Xue’er greeted.

“Oh~~” Ye Xinghan’s long, thin eyes narrowed as he stared fixedly at Feng Xue’er’s beautiful goddess-like figure, not seeing Yun Che or Xia Yuanba at all: “Little sister Xue’er, you’re being too formal, calling me Young Hall Master Ye is too dull and distant. I want little sister Xue’er to call me... Big brother Ye.”

Chapter 458 - Phoenix Sealing Imprisonment Formation

The frivolity in Ye Xinghan’s voice was extremely heavy, and his eyes were even more so, filled with naked lust. During the Ranking Tournament yesterday, although he was arrogant, it was definitely not to such extent. Under his gaze, Feng Xue’er instantly felt uncomfortable throughout her entire body, as she replied. “Due to Young Hall Master Ye’s esteemed position, Xue’er does not dare to refer to you in such a casual manner... If Young Hall Master Ye does not have any other matters, then Xue’er will continue to sight-see.”

After saying that, just as Feng Xue’er was about to turn around and no longer pay Ye Xinghan another mind, Ye Xinghan, however, said smilingly. “Little Sister Xue’er, don’t be in such a rush to leave. This young master has a very important matter to talk about... Three years ago, this young master has heard of Little Sister Xue’er’s reigning beauty, incomparable by anyone else in the world, hence, I have always wished to personally witness Little Sister Xue’er’s fairy-like appearance. Above the stage yesterday, under the watchful eyes of the masses, even though this young master holds this strong wish, I could not bear to have Little Sister’s fairy-like appearance be tainted by the eyes of a bunch of mortals.”

“Then I wonder if, little Xue’er is able to fulfill this young master’s wish today?”

“Please forgive Xue’er for refusing. Xue’er’s looks are crude, and difficult to enter Young Hall Master’s eyes.” Feng Xue’er used a calm tone, and rejected him with the exact same words as yesterday. This person in front of her, called Ye Xinghan, caused her to feel a very intense disgust for the first time in her life.

However, Ye Xinghan was not angry in the slightest. Instead, he began to laugh out loud. “Hahahaha, that’s fine as well. Though today is different from yesterday; there are still two ridiculous and unpleasant brats. This young master isn’t really in a hurry either. In any case, before long, little sister Xue’er will only belong to me, Ye Xinghan. When that time comes, in this world, Little Sister Xue’er’s appearance can only be seen by me alone. Facing each other under the moonlight, while enjoying your appearance all to myself. Now that’s the real beauty in this world. Hahahaha.”

Yun Che: “...”

“You...” Feng Xue’er turned sullen. “You’re the Young Hall Master of Sun Moon Divine Hall, how can you spout such nonsense!?”

“Nonsense? Heh...” Ye Xinghan smiled immorally. “This young master has never spoken any nonsense, especially when it’s matters regarding Little Sister Xue’er. The reason this young master has come to Divine Phoenix Empire this time, was not entirely because of the Seven Nation Ranking Tournament nor the Primordial Profound Ark. Rather, it’s because of you... My little sister Xue’er. After this trip in the profound ark, I will immediately ask your royal father, in other words, my future father-in-law, for your hand in marriage, and have him betroth you to me. At that moment, we will be husband and wife, and when that time comes, I will have you become someone who completely belongs to me. No other man should ever hope of making contact with your beauty.”

Feng Xue’er’s voice became hurried, and under the phoenix jade-glazed coronet, her snow-like face had already turned pink from anger. “You... You’re spouting nonsense! Like I will ever... become your wife! And it’s definitely impossible for my royal father to accept your proposal either! If you speak nonsense again, then I will really get angry!”

“Even when my Little Sister Xue’er become angry, your voice is still so pleasant to the ears.” Ye Xinghan laughed out sinisterly. His demeanor was full of self-arrogance, as though everything had already fallen into the palm of his hands. “But, when it comes to something that I, Ye Xinghan, wishes for, I have never failed to obtain it. When it’s a matter that I, Ye Xinghan, has decided on... Heh, even if it’s your royal father Feng Hengkong, when the time comes, he would have no choice but to accept it either!”

“Shut your mouth!”

A rumbling thunder-like voice suddenly descended from the sky, and following after, a human figure flashed, appearing right in the front of Feng Xue’er with lightning speed, as he furiously stared at Ye Xinghan. “Young Hall Master Ye, our Divine Phoenix Empire has always respected the Sacred Grounds, and even more so respect you, a guest who had travelled far to come here. I never expected that you would actually spout such arrogant remarks, and even dare to offend Xue’er and my Sect Master with your words! What are your motives!?”

“Great Elder.” Seeing the figure who had suddenly appeared, Feng Xue’er cried out softly. “How are you here? Aren’t you supposed to be royal father and the rest...”

Feng Feiyan turned his head around, and lightly smiled. “Sect Master was worried about you being alone, so he had me protect you from the shadows. But, I never expected that... Hmph, that there would actually be someone who dares to offend you when we’re not around. Xue’er, don’t worry. Even if he’s

the Young Hall Master of Sun Moon Divine Hall, since he dared to offend you, I will definitely not let him off either.”

“Thank you, Great Elder.” Feng Xue’er gently said. With the Great Elder here, her anxious and angry emotions had softened a great deal as well.

“Brother-in-law, what is this situation... Wu, it seems like we don’t have any part in this, right?” Xia Yuanba softly said.

Yun Che didn’t reply, his gaze turning even more solemn... However, at this moment, his gaze was not falling on Ye Xinghan, but rather, on Feng Feiyan. Because from his figure, he suddenly sensed that something was wrong. He was unable to say what was wrong concretely, and it was just his gut feeling.

“Oh! Isn’t this the Divine Phoenix Great Elder? You did not head over to investigate that so-called Primordial Treasure, but instead ran all the way here. Now that sure is unexpected.” Ye Xinghan said with a chuckle. “This young master has completely no intention to offend your Divine Phoenix Sect. I merely wish to marry my little sister Xue’er.”

“Give up.” Feng Feiyan said with a solemn face. “Not only is Xue’er the princess of Divine Phoenix Sect, she’s even the person personally chosen by our Sect’s Phoenix God. She’s the direct successor of the Phoenix God! In this world, there’s no one who is worthy of her. And Sect Master will definitely not agree to it either.”

“He will not agree to it? Hahahaha...” Ye Xinghan burst out in a disdainful, maniacal laughter. “And how are you people going to go about refusing it? Do you really think the Divine Phoenix Sect now, is still the same Divine Phoenix Sect of the past!?”

Feng Feiyan’s expression slightly changed. “Ye Xinghan, what do you mean by that!?”

“What do I mean? Great Elder, you should be more clear of the situation that this young master.” Ye Xinghan coldly smiled. “The growth speed of your Divine Phoenix Sect is indeed astonishing. In just a short five thousand years, you people have already begun to gradually approach the level of our Sacred Grounds. And with the existence of your ‘Phoenix God’, the Four Great Sacred Grounds didn’t dare to apply pressure, and simply allowed you to grow. After all, in this Profound Sky Continent your Phoenix God is the one and only Divine Spirit which had truly touched the Divine Profound Realm. Under the Phoenix God’s protection, if given another five thousand years, there might be a possibility that you people can really surpass the level of our Sacred Grounds.”

“But, unfortunately, your strongest protector has already disappeared. Do you people really think that we do not know that the Phoenix God had long been dead since three years ago!? Without the existence of the Phoenix God, what qualifications do you people have to challenge our Sacred Grounds!?”

“Ah!” Ye Xinghan’s words caused Feng Xue’er to exclaim out, while Feng Feiyan’s expression had even more so, changed drastically, as he said with a sharp tone. “What a bunch of nonsense! Lord Phoenix God of our Divine Phoenix Sect is a divine spirit of the Phoenix, which possesses an endless lifespan, and can never ever die! You... You actually spout such offensive remarks!!”

“Hahahaha, Phoenix Great Elder, in regards to the life and death of the Phoenix God, you’re more clear of it in your heart than this young master. With such a huge sect, you people actually play out such

deceitful acts. Don't you find it laughable and shameless!? Heh... Do you actually think that without the existence of the Phoenix God, the Four Great Sacred Grounds will allow your Divine Phoenix Sect to continue growing any further!?"

"You..." Feng Feiyan's expression turned extremely ugly.

"This young master has currently set his sights on little sister Xue'er, and that's a huge gift that I'm bestowing to your Divine Phoenix Sect!" Ye Xinghan stretched out his palms, pushing them up to the sky. That arrogant posture of his was as though he was a peerless emperor who was in control of the world. "Sun Moon Divine Hall will one day come into my hands. With the marriage intertwining my Sun Moon Divine Hall and Divine Phoenix Sect, if the other three Sacred Grounds wish to suppress the Divine Phoenix Sect, then they will have to still give face to my Sun Moon Divine Hall! If the marriage cannot be established..."

Ye Xinghan's palms slowly lowered as his face revealed an extremely insidious light smile. "Then the other methods this young master has in his disposal, might not be as gentle. As for your Divine Phoenix Sect, let alone suppression, in regards to whether it still exists a thousand years later is still an uncertainty... Phoenix Great Elder, you must have heard of the Eternal Night Royal Family of a thousand years ago... Heh heh. Such a huge Eternal Night Royal Family was exterminated just like that. In a mere thousand years, every trace of it had disappeared, and even its name, had completely been forgotten... This is so unfortunate and pitiful."

In Ye Xinghan's speech, seemingly every single one of his words was piercing right into Feng Feiyan's achilles heel, causing his body to tremble. Feng Xue'er's expression was becoming paler as well... Although she had never inquired about the sect's matters, and knew very little regarding the structure of the profound world, she knew that the death of the Phoenix God was a heavenly secret which definitely could not be leaked out of Divine Phoenix Sect. In the entire sect, only but a few people knew about it as well...

Why did this Ye Xinghan know about it!?

"This is really... a bunch of nonsense!" Feng Feiyan clenched his fists, and Phoenix flames exploded above them, while extremely intense profound aura stirred around his entire body. "Ye Xinghan! Just by those words you spoke earlier, forget about the fact that you're the Young Hall Master of Sun Moon Divine Hall, if you're the heavenly king himself, I will still kill you!!"

"Oh? Did your humiliation turn into anger, and you now wish to kill me? Hahahaha..." Ye Xinghan laughed maniacally with his head raised. "Then come. Allow me to witness just what the so-called Phoenix Great Elder is capable of!"

"You're courting death!" Feng Feiyan loudly roared, and the flames in his hands once again surged as the profound energy from his entire body stirred crazily... Evidently, he had already completely brought out his entire profound energy out of anger.

The strength of an aura brought about a high-stage Overlord completely stopped Yun Che from breathing. However, the uneasiness in his heart, had grown to its limit at this moment as well. Looking at Feng Feiyan's actions, his pupils suddenly shrank, as he roared out explosively. "Yuanba, watch out!!"

“Ah?” Xia Yuanba blanked... However, seemingly at that moment when Yun Che’s words fell, Feng Feiyan whose entire body was suffused with energy, fiercely turned around, and suddenly blasted his fists out... But, what Yun Che had completely never expected was, the person he attacked was not Xia Yuanba, it was instead... Feng Xue’er!!

At that moment, Yun Che’s pupils had instantly shrunk to the size of a needle. He had long sensed an anomaly, yet, never would he have guessed that the person Feng Feiyan would suddenly attack, was not himself, nor Xia Yuanba, but actually Feng Xue’er!!

When a high-stage Overlord suddenly attacked with his full strength, forget about Yun Che, even if it was Xia Yuanba, it would be impossible for him to react to it. Even if he was able to react, it would be impossible for him to block it either. And that went even more so for Feng Xue’er who was behind Feng Feiyan. She would have definitely never expected that Feng Feiyan, Feng Hengkong’s most trusted person whom had always cared about her, would actually attack her... Furthermore, her distance from Feng Feiyan, was merely less than five steps away!

Her pupils merely quivered for a moment. Before she had time to react, she had already been struck ruthlessly in the chest by Feng Feiyan’s palm... In an instant, a blood-red colored jade, which Feng Feiyan had been quietly grasping in his hands, completely shattered. With his energy, he released a crimson red profound formation, which firmly printed onto Feng Xue’er’s body.

Like a willow catkin being carried away by the light breeze, Feng Xue’er’s body flew up, and the phoenix coronet on her head slipped off far away.

“Xue’er!!”

The sound of the profound energy blast did not resound through his ears like it should have. Just as Yun Che’s face paled from shock, he charged out with lightning speed, and firmly caught onto Feng Xue’er. Then, stomping his feet with Star God’s Broken Shadow, he instantly flashed sixty meters away, and at the same time, roared out loudly. “Yuanba, block him!!”

At this moment, Xia Yuanba reacted as well. Glaring with his eyes, he threw a fist towards Feng Feiyan, and with an explosive bang, the two of them separated a good distance away. Xia Yuanba turned around in midair, landing in front of Yun Che and Feng Xue’er, with his two fists faintly trembling. On the other end, Feng Feiyan slowly floated over to Ye Xinghan’s side, his face carrying a light smile with a hint of treachery and willfulness within.

“Xue’er... Xue’er, are you alright...? Xue’er!” Yun Che carried Feng Xue’er’s soft body, as he shouted out anxiously. However, he immediately realized that there wasn’t a single trace of harm on Feng Xue’er’s body, but, the presence of energy in her body had completely disappeared instead. He couldn’t sense the existence of even a single hint of profound energy!

“Phoenix Sealing Imprisonment Formation...” Without the concealment from the phoenix coronet, Yun Che once again saw Feng Xue’er’s flawless appearance. Her face was completely pale, and her pair of beautiful eyes were quivering intensely. They were completely filled with fear, mist, and utter disbelief. In Yun Che’s embrace, she gently turned her head, and looked towards Feng Feiyan who was standing together with Ye Xinghan. Leaking out an uncertain voice, as though she was talking in her sleep, she asked. “Great Elder... why... must you... do this...”

Chapter 459 - Harboring Malicious Intentions

Feng Xue'er was indeed uninjured, but she was unable to use any bit of her profound strength. She was so weak that she couldn't even stand; it was as though all her strength had been sealed. Yun Che was slightly relieved. He turned his head around ferociously, angrily staring at Feng Feiyan: "Feng Feiyan... Have you gone crazy?!"

"Heheheh, Xue'er, I'm only doing this for your own good." Feng Feiyan laughed with a harmless looking expression: "Young Hall Master Ye will be the future master of a sacred ground. If you are to marry him, it would be the world's most perfect pairing. However, I know that your royal father will definitely not agree in this. Therefore, I have no choice but to use a little trick. After you completely become Young Hall Master Ye's woman in this Primordial Ark and the both of you have enjoyed the body of the Divine Phoenix, even if your royal father doesn't agree, he wouldn't have any choice."

Yun Che fiercely gritted his teeth, as both his fists clenched in secret. No one would have expected that the great elder of Divine Phoenix Sect, a core member of the sect whose position and reputation among his generation was only second to Feng Hengkong, the person Feng Hengkong and Feng Xue'er trusted the most, would actually harbor such malicious intentions.

Ye Xinghan wanted to possess Feng Xue'er, which meant that Yun Che and Xia Yuanba would most likely be killed to keep the secret!

Feng Xue'er's expression was sorrowful. Her eyes were clouded as though she was in a dream: "The matter about Lord Phoenix God having already passed on, only me... royal father... grandfather... great grandfather... and you knew. It was you... you..."

"That's right. I was the one that told Young Hall Master Ye." Feng Feiyan directly admitted: "However it's not just Sun Moon Divine Hall. The other three Sacred Grounds have probably already received this news as well. After the Phoenix God passed on, your useless royal father only knew how to try to indefinitely hide this matter. He never thought of finding a solution for Divine Phoenix Sect now that we no longer have the protection of the Phoenix God. Paper can never ever wrap fire. Only with the assistance of the future Hall Master of Sun Moon Divine Hall can we ensure the prosperity of our Divine Phoenix Sect. This is the best way for Divine Phoenix Sect to proceed!"

Yun Che laughed coldly: "A solution for Divine Phoenix Sect? You're obviously finding an escape for yourself! You even chose to betray the entire Divine Phoenix Sect! Simply too despicable!"

Even after being scolded by Yun Che, Feng Feiyan was not angry, but instead laughed loudly: "Hahahaha, every man for his own and the devil takes the hindmost. Without the Phoenix God, Divine Phoenix Sect's powers will deteriorate quickly, and might even become a subject of the Four Sacred Divine Grounds, never able to return to its former glory. As long as I am loyal towards Young Hall Master Ye. Heh, I believe that when he feels my loyalty, he would definitely treat me kindly."

"That is natural. I personally am fond of smart men like Great Elder." When Ye Xinghan was speaking, he eyes were firmly on Feng Xue'er's fairy-like appearance. He has had numerous women but only until today did he realize that a woman could be beautiful to such an extent. He even felt that all the numerous women he had conquered up till today could not compare to a bit of her fairy-like appearance, even if their beauty were all added together.

He stretched his hands out, his fingers gripped continuously as he could not longer wait. He wanted to immediately conquer this girl who should not even belong to the human world.

Feng Xue'er's chest rose intensely. She rarely interacted with the outside world and grew up under the most extreme form of protection and never knew of the world's dangers at all. She closed her eyes as she uttered sadly: "Why is it like this... This isn't real... Big brother Yun ... This isn't real..."

"That brat... You seem to be called... Yun Che?" Ye Xinghan stared at Yun Che who was currently carrying Feng Xue'er with a massive killing intent: "Immediately let go of this young master's Xue'er and scam. Perhaps I can still consider leaving you with a full corpse. Garbage such as you are not fit to touch my Xue'er's jade body!"

Yun Che carried Feng Xue'er and stood up, his gaze similarly emitted an icy cold killing intent. This matter was originally of no concern for Yun Che and Xia Yuanba, but now that he was present, he would definitely not be able to escape this situation! When Ye Xinghan and Feng Feiyan conversed, they didn't hide anything from him and Xia Yuanba. Clearly, they had already been treated as dead!

"Big brother Yun..." Feng Xue'er who was in his arms, softly said: "I have been sealed by the Phoenix Sealing Imprisonment Formation... This is a forbidden formation used to seal off the profound strength of disciples who have committed heinous acts... Though I have the protection of the Phoenix God's powers, for the next twenty-four hours, I won't be able to exert any strength... I don't want... by that evil man... so... Big brother Yun... please... can you... kill me...?"

Yun Che felt his heart tighten as he saw Feng Xue'er's beautiful eyes turn dull, losing all its former glory. All that was left was now despair and sadness. He breathed out heavily and hugged Feng Xue'er even more tightly, gently saying: "Xue'er, don't be scared. Unless I'm dead... I won't let anyone harm you!"

Some vibrance returned to Feng Xue'er's eyes. She looked tenderly at Yun Che's eyes, meekly saying: "Big brother Yun..."

"Die!" Seeing that Yun Che wasn't letting go of Feng Xue'er, but instead hugging her more tightly, Ye Xinghan was instantly enraged... He had not even managed to touch a piece of clothing on Feng Xue'er, the one who gave him the greatest hunger of his life, yet this garbage was hugging her in front of him! He swung his hand, and soon, a cold glinting jade fan appeared in his right hand.

This jade fan was an item that was always kept with Ye Xinghan. It was not just a simple fan. When the fan appeared in the hands of Ye Xinghan, even Feng Feiyan who was beside him shuddered... The name of the fan was "Sun Moon Calamity", created with Heavenly Brahma Jade which had undergone more than ten thousand years of shine under the sun and moon. It was one of only ten Tyrant Profound Artifacts within the entire Profound Sky Continent. Simply relying on the "Sun Moon Calamity", Ye Xinghan's powers would be raised by at least three levels. He would even be able to fight against Feng Feiyan, who was in the eighth level of the Tyrant Profound Realm!

Sun Moon Calamity shone slightly following the wrist movements of Ye Xinghan which produced a crescent profound beam that shot straight towards Yun Che's throat. Wherever the profound beam went, space was violently cut apart accompanied by an ear-piercing tearing sound.

Xia Yuanba's huge body instantly moved, blocking Yun Che's front. His rock-like fist punched out angrily... With a loud explosion, the frightening crescent profound beam exploded midair. A one inch

long bloody wound appeared on the back of Xia Yuanba's hand. Xia Yuanba face turned somber as he gritted his teeth and uttered: "Brother-in-law, quickly leave... leave!!!"

"Yuanba..."

"LEAVE!!!!"

Xia Yuanba howled so loudly that it even caused Yun Che's entire body to shudder as he clutched his hands tightly. Xia Yuanba was already clear about the situation at hand, and Yun Che too, knew it clearly... Looking at Xia Yuanba's back and the determination coming off from him, he no longer acted hypocritical anymore. He gritted his teeth and turned around with difficulty: "Yuanba, don't die... Remember the transportation jade on you... Definitely don't die!"

With Yun Che's current strength, it was simply insufficient in front of Feng Feiyan and Ye Xinghan. There would be no use even if he stayed; the result would still be death. However, leaving Xia Yuanba behind and escaping with Feng Xue'er meant that there would be a slim glimmer of hope for him and Feng Xue'er... But that also meant Xia Yuanba would be left in mortal danger.

As Yun Che finished speaking, he bit his tongue and turned from Xia Yuanba to the road in front and sprinted towards the east together with Feng Xue'er. He didn't turned back, but streaks of blood overflowed between his fingers.

"Want to run?" Feng Feiyan laughed coldly, and just as his was about to give chase, he was stopped by Ye Xinghan who said beamingly: "Isn't it better that they left?"

Feng Feiyan was stunned: "Young Hall Master means?"

"Do you think that that garbage Yun Che would be able to escape from me?" Ye Xinghan laughed in disdain: "Now that he has escaped with my Xue'er, we can peacefully send this disciple of Ancient Blue to his death. He is still a mid-stage Overlord. Killing him would still cause quite a stir. Now that my Xue'er's profound strength has been sealed, she does not have any way of protecting herself. If she were to come to harm in an accident during our battle, even if it were a hair of hers, I would still feel heartbroken."

Feng Feiyan nodded slowly: "No wonder. Young Hall Master has thought it through completely... However, this Xia Yuanba is Ancient Blue's disciple. Won't there be any problems?"

"This Primordial Profound Ark is the perfect killing ground. No matter who dies here, there wouldn't be any troubles. The only people who knows about this is only you, me, Xue'er and Yun Che who's about to die. My perfect Xue'er will also soon become my woman. And if she's my woman, she will be implanted with a profound seal that will never disappear. All her actions, speech, will would be in my control, and she will never be able to say this to anyone... Great Elder, are there any more worries?"

"Of course not." Feng Feiyan laughed ominously: "Then I would trouble Young Hall Master to team up with me. For me to defeat him is but simple, but killing him would be challenging. If he were to accidentally escape, it would be troublesome."

Hearing the conversation between Feng Feiyan and Ye Xinghan, Xia Yuanba didn't speak nor move. All the muscles in his body bulged as all the profound energy inside and on the surface of his body surged. Hearing that they didn't intend to split up and chase Yun Che, but instead chose to team up and ensure

his death made him secretly happy... This way, he could at least drag it out, giving Yun Che slightly more time and chances to escape.

Cra-cra-cra-crack...

The joints in Xia Yuanba's body produced a cracking sound; his blood vessels became obvious, nearly bursting. His eyes were calm and composed as he stared at Ye Xinghan and Feng Feiyan who already treated him as dead...

Brother-in-law, I finally have the chance and ability to protect you. This time, I'm betting my life. No matter what... I won't let you come to harm!

"Let's send him on his way." Ye Xinghan swung his jade fan and numerous crescent profound beam shot straight towards Xia Yuanba's vitals.

"Die!" Feng Feiyan wildly shouted. Flames leapt up from his body, and soon the sky was instantly shrouded in fire as well. He struck down from above, instantly engulfing Xia Yuanba's figure...

Chapter 460 - Yue Ji and Mei Ji

Yun Che sprinted onwards with all his strength while carrying Feng Xue'er. The strength in his entire body was concentrated onto speed as the wind whistled past his ears. Occasionally, profound beasts would spring out, but before they could even harbor the intent to attack him, he had already zipped past them.

Behind him, Ye Xinghan and Feng Feiyan did not come chasing after them. Yun Che heaved a small sigh of relief, but right after, his heart once again clenched... The fact that they didn't come chasing after them, clearly meant that they first wanted to work together in defeating Xia Yuanba, to put him to death!

When he thought of this, Yun Che's speed instantly slowed down. However, immediately after, he gnashed his teeth, and once again increased his speed, while restraining himself from turning around with all his might... Even if he were to return, he basically was unable to help Xia Yuanba in any way. He could only hope that in the time of crisis, Xia Yuanba would be able to use the teleportation jade that Spiritual Master Ancient Blue had handed him in time. Otherwise, with Ye Xinghan and Feng Feiyan working together, he would undoubtedly die.

Boom...

The great earth shook, flames spread, and shockwaves came rushing over from several kilometers away, causing the madly sprinting Yun Che to stagger. The destructive power caused by a battle between Overlord-class practitioners was extremely terrifying. Even Yun Che, whose name now shook the entire world, definitely did not have the qualifications to be a part of it.

Even though his speed had already reached its limit, Yun Che still thought that it was not fast enough as he desperately circulated all of the energy in his body. He was very aware that although the distance he had fled seemed far, to an Overlord, catching up to him would essentially be a simple feat. Right now, he was absolutely regretting that he didn't put down his reluctance to comprehend "Extreme Mirage Lightning" last night. With his comprehensive ability, even with merely a single night, it would be

enough for him to have small gains, which might even bestow him with an extremely huge support in a time like this.

“Jasmine, just when will your strength recover!?” Yun Che roared out in his consciousness. Back then in the Heaven Basin Secret Realm, after Jasmine aided him in killing Mu Tianbei, in order to prevent him from being dependent on her strength, and in order for her to drive out the poison in her body with a peace of mind as well, she forcefully sealed her own strength... Back then, she said that this self-seal would last for at least a year.

However, it had already been more two years since then!

“Since it’s a self-seal, then naturally, even I am unable to control it. Hence, even I myself do not know when the seal will automatically release.” Jasmine lightly said. “Back then, the minimum time limit I set for this seal was a year, while the maximum is five years. Now that two years have already passed, it might be released in the next second, or even three years later.”

“...” Yun Che had the sudden urge to pull Jasmine out and give her a fierce spanking.

“Are you worried about Xia Yuanba?” Jasmine said with incomparable calm. “Even if you’re worried, there’s nothing you can do. Right now, you basically do not have the qualifications to participate in a Overlord-level battle. In regards to Xia Yuanba, I don’t know if he will die, but... between Ye Xinghan and Feng Feiyan, one of them will definitely die.”

Yun Che blanked. “One of the two will die? Why?”

In terms of profound strength, Xia Yuanba would basically be on par with Ye Xinghan. However, Ye Xinghan possessed a Tyrant Profound Weapon, which was enough to completely suppress Xia Yuanba. While Feng Feiyan was even stronger than Xia Yuanba by a small part of a realm. When facing either only one of them, Xia Yuanba held no possibility of victory, let alone when the two of them were working together... How could one of them die?

“Because his profound veins are the Tyrannical Emperor’s Divine Veins which have already awakened at the preliminary stage!” Jasmine’s voice, was filled with an odd sense of pity. “Your Evil God’s Divine Veins come from the Evil God’s Indestructible Blood, while the Tyrannical Emperor’s Divine Veins, have similarly originated from blood left in this world by a true Primordial God... That god, was the ‘War God’ who was born for wars. Though the War God’s overall strength isn’t comparable to the Evil God’s, a War God in explosive rage, is comparable to a berserk Evil God. If mere mortals were to dare stir up a god’s anger... The consequences, would only be death!!”

Yun Che: “...”

Speed, in the very end, was not Yun Che’s specialty. After all, his profound strength was merely at the Earth Profound Realm. The reason why he was able to face Emperor Profound foes with his current profound strength, was because of possessed the Evil God’s Profound Veins which brought about an expansion to his profound energy and its berserk elements, the strong physique bestowed by the Dragon God’s blood and Dragon God’s marrow, the perverse physical strength and defense bestowed by the Great Way of the Buddha... However, other than the expansion of profound energy bestowed by the Evil God’s Profound Veins, the rest were unable to bestow any increment to his speed. Still, the main reason why he was able to reach his current speed, was because he had usually carried an extremely

heavy sword, and whenever he kept his heavy sword, his body would feel as light as a feather. However, his speed at its utmost limit, would merely be comparable to the speed of a half-step Emperor Profound practitioner.

The sounds of profound energy explosions behind him grew further and further away, however, he did not rest or stop for even the slightest moment. Beads of sweat fell off from Yun Che's forehead, lightly hitting onto Feng Xue'er's snow-white, jade-colored neck. Feng Xue'er opened her eyes, and stared at Yun Che, whose body was completely drenched in sweat tightly gnashing his teeth, as she lightly called out. "Big brother Yun... Big brother Yun..."

"Xue'er, don't be afraid. We have already fled very far away!" Yun Che looked towards the unknown distance, and consoled her while gritting his teeth with all his might. However, in his heart, he was incomparably aware that with his current speed, even if he were to wildly sprint for several hours more, it would basically be impossible to escape from danger.

"Big brother Yun... Put... Put me down... Alright...?" Feng Xue'er lightly said. "Their target... is me... By putting me down... Big brother Yun can go to much a further place... I..."

"You're not allowed to say such words!" Yun Che said. "In this world, there are merely a few people who are worth protecting with my life... And among these people, Xue'er is definitely one of them! It's not merely because Xue'er has saved my life once before, the bigger reason is... let alone me, even the heavens themselves cannot not bear to see Xue'er suffer any harm!"

"But... I..."

"You're not allowed to say the same words again!" Yun Che growled. "Otherwise, I will get angry."

"Big brother Yun..." Feng Xue'er clinged onto Yun Che's chest as her entire body was tightly hugged. She was currently in a dangerous situation she had never been in her entire life; her body was weak and powerless, unable to even circulate the tiniest bit of profound energy needed to summon the Snow Phoenix Beast. However, what filled her heart the most, was instead an indescribable calm. This calm feeling, was quietly dispersing all her fear and powerlessness... She stared with her beautiful star-like eyes, and looked unblinkingly at Yun Che's face which was a sweat-filled crimson red. As she looked, she gradually turned silly, and she unconsciously muttered out with a soft voice. "Big brother Yun... To be able to meet you... Xue'er is really blissful... I'm so happy..."

The voice which was gentle as fluttering snow, had seemingly melted the tension in Yun Che's heart in an instant. In his mind, images which could not be forgotten in his entire life, could not help but surface... That dream-like view before he fell off the Absolute Phoenix Cliff... Feng Xue'er, who was dancing in the snow... Feng Xue'er, who was playing happily with the Snow Phoenix... Feng Xue'er who was quietly drooling... The serious Feng Xue'er when she was teaching him the World Ode of the Phoenix... Feng Xue'er, who was listening to his stories... Feng Xue'er, who was looking at him with worshipping eyes... Feng Xue'er, who could not bear to see him go... And Feng Xue'er, who questioned her own royal father during the Seven Nation Ranking Tournament for his sake...

If he were to talk about bliss, then, for him to receive the opportunity to meet Feng Xue'er, and spend so many days with her where they had gotten closer every single day... That was true bliss.

Even though, he was involved in extreme danger because of Feng Xue'er today and was in such a dangerous situation that he might lose his life, he definitely did not regret his meeting with Feng Xue'er. If he was given the choice to choose once more... Even without Feng Chihuo, he would still choose to fall off Absolute Phoenix Cliff on his own accord.

"Watch your back."

Yun Che had concentrated all of his profound energy on his speed, and currently, he was a little out of sorts as well. With Jasmine's low and cold warning voice, he then suddenly realized that two ice-piercing murderous auras were currently approaching him from the rear.

Yun Che hurriedly turned his head around, and suddenly saw two explicitly-dressed women with bewitching figures, currently flying slightly above ground, chasing after him with extreme speed, closing the distance between them.

With just a single glance, Yun Che was able to recognize that they were the two women who were by Ye Xinghan's side... Yue Ji and Mei Ji! At the moment he turned his head around, the two of them had already closed the distance to about three hundred meters.

"What are the levels of strength of these two people?" Yun Che hurriedly asked.

"They are both level eight Thrones." Jasmine said with a heavy voice. "You can barely fight off with just one, but if it's two of them... You have to pay a certain price, and furthermore, you're carrying a burden as well!"

Even if Yun Che's speed was raised to its limit, it would definitely still be unable to compare to two late-stage Thrones. After a short moment of contemplation, Yun Che made a quick decision, and quickly stopped in his tracks. Turning around, his brows tightened as he stood in place, coldly looking at the two approaching women.

Hiss!!

In two short seconds, Yue Ji and Mei Ji had already charged over. Their speed had caused the surrounding air to screech, as though it had been coarsely sliced by a bayonet. The two of them descended from the sky, and stood at Yun Che's left and right sides. When they stopped, their gigantic and silky breasts, which a large half of them were seemingly exposed, intensely shook up and down, bringing about an enchanting wave which could cause a person's blood to surge.

If there were merely these two enemies, Yun Che might have calmed his breath, and enjoy the view smilingly for a moment. However, right now, with a crisis behind him, there was only killing intent in his eyes... He had to get rid of these two obstacles who were obstructing him and Feng Xue'er from escaping with the quickest speed possible.

"Big brother Yun..." The ice-cold killing intent emitted by the two women caused Feng Xue'er, who completely did not possess the strength to protect herself, to shudder.

"Xue'er, don't be afraid. They're only here to seek their deaths!" Yun Che consoled her with a low voice and then carried Feng Xue'er in his embrace with a single hand while grabbing onto Dragon Fault with his right hand... At that moment, the image of the Dragon God's Trial Grounds flashed past his mind.

Back then, just like now, he had carried Chu Yuechan with a single hand, and a heavy sword with another as well...

But... Little Fairy... Where exactly are you...

The ice-cold killing intents locked tightly onto Yun Che, and Yun Che's aura had similarly locked onto the two of them as well... These two bewitching women were wearing an extremely small amount of clothes, their gazes were cold, and they didn't seem to have any weapons. However, a chilling light was flashing between their fingers. Clearly, they had poisonous short daggers tucked within, and adding the astonishing speed they had displayed earlier, their strengths should mostly lie in assassinations and instant kills! When facing opponents like them, he definitely couldn't allow them to approach his body!

Huu...

A slight breeze blew past, causing the auras of the three people to slightly sway. In an instant, Yue Ji and Mei Ji leapt at the same time, forming into two brilliant red silhouettes. Two spots of chilling light, as though they were shooting stars in the dark night, shot towards Yun Che. One of them struck straight at Yun Che's throat, while the other pierced straight towards Yun Che's ankle.

Screech!!

The poisonous daggers of the two people brushed past Yun Che's body with lightning speed, completely tearing apart his silhouette. While around them, four figures of Yun Che which possessed the completely same aura suddenly appeared in four different directions. This strange change stunned the two women for a short moment, and in the next instant, flames surged from all over Yun Che's true body. Phoenix wings were spread, and violent energy belonging to the Phoenix's flames poured out like a tsunami...

The moment Yun Che attacked, he used the extremely powerful, and extremely consuming, complete Divine Phoenix Skill — “Empyrean Dance of the Phoenix Wing”!!

As though an underground volcano had suddenly erupted, flames that filled the air surged upwards into the sky with an incomparably violent charge, instantly illuminating the sky into a crimson red.