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Chapter 461 - Explode! The Tyrannical Emperor Awakens (1)

Not only was the strength of the complete Emyrean Dance of the Phoenix Wing immensely strong, it also brought along an impact which immensely overshadowed the past. Although Yueji and Meiji had extremely quick reactions and strong defenses, they were still flung away by this formidable profound skill originating from the True Phoenix God, causing them to lose their balance when they fell and their entire bodies to be engulfed in incomparably hot Phoenix flames.

Yun Che's silhouette flashed, instantly appearing next to Yue Ji with Feng Xue'er in his arms while smashing his sword down.

BANG!!

The profound defense that Yue Ji conjured in a hurry was dearly smashed she borrowed the momentum to roll over, evading into the distance; and at the same time, a bone-chilling murderous aura drifted from Yun Che's rear. He rapidly swung his sword backwards... A chain of explosions could be heard as the three of them were separated far apart. The surrounding atmosphere was extremely chaotic, flooded with a scorching and violent aura.

Yun Che quietly exhaled. If he held his sword with both hands earlier, he was fully confident that he would have been able to severely injure Yue Ji with a single strike in the surprise attack just now. However, not only would handling a heavy sword with only a single hand lead to a massive decrease in its power, the speed of attacking and counterattacking would also take a huge hit. At the same time, it would be extremely taxing on physical strength and time.

Under the impact from the Emyrean Dance of the Phoenix Wing and the burning from Phoenix flames before, the short shirts and skirts of Yue Ji and Mei Ji were utterly damaged, and were not even able to cover their bodies. Apart from the killing intent, prudence and vigilance could now be seen from their eyes. They had originally thought that their combined efforts would be enough to completely suppress Yun Che with ease; they never expected that the moment they started to fight, just an explosion here and a flash there from Yun Che would cost them so much.

They glanced at each other, then did the exact same action.

Riiiiip!!

The utterly ripped clothes of Yue Ji and Mei Ji were torn off as two sets of full-bodied, alluring snow-white bodies with not a single thread presented themselves in front of Yun Che. The iciness and murderous intent in their eyes faded away quickly, replaced with a seductive look which could cause any regular man to be ensnared immediately.

Their actions caused Yun Che to pause for a moment. Feng Xue'er, who was looking at Yue Ji and Mei Ji with vigilance and worry suddenly let out an "Ah" sound and subconsciously said: "Big Brother Yun... you can't look... can't look..."

"They don't even look as good as Xue'er, I can't be bothered to look!" Yun Che answered immediately, but his eyes were firmly staring at their bodies, especially the two pairs of snow peaks which were

continuously undulating... Damn it! It was a waste to not look! However, only after saying that did he realize... what he said actually had several meanings.

“Big brother Yun has never even seen how I look without clothes, how would you know... oh... Big brother Yun... You’re actually so bad!” Feng Xue’er’s cheeks suddenly turned red.

“I... I didn’t mean it like that...”

“Uuu...”

The naked Yue Ji and Mei Ji slowly walked towards Yun Che, their originally icy expressions now replaced with a bewitching smile, as if hinting to Yun Che that he could enjoy their bodies anytime. At this point, Yun Che’s expression shook slightly, a sense of vertigo appeared in his mind, even the speed of blood flow in his body increased considerably.

Yun Che concentrated his consciousness, immediately becoming vigilant...

Seductive arts!?

Moreover they actually didn’t hesitate to rip off their own clothes to seduce him; these two women were really giving it their all.

A pity... it was used on the wrong person!

Yun Che maintained his position as the look in his eyes became more and more cloudy. Within the cloudiness was infatuation which was growing deeper, allowing Yue Ji and Mei Ji to inch closer, until they were within ten steps. Yun Che suddenly said with a low voice: “Xue’er, close your eyes...”

A strange, deep blue light suddenly blossomed within Yun Che’s eyes. Behind him, an azure blue dragon’s silhouette appeared, followed by a tyrannical and mighty dragon’s roar coming from the heavens that shook the earth. A pair of azure blue eyes as deep as the skies and as luminous as the stars appeared about a meter above Yun Che’s head.

Yue Ji and Mei Ji trembled violently. Their bewitching expressions and enchanting smiles suddenly became stiff, thereupon turning into incomparably intense fear; their pupils shuddered rapidly as their entire bodies trembled violently like sieves.

Based on the powerful profound strength of Yue Ji and Mei Ji, they originally wouldn’t be in this state under the effects of the Dragon Soul Domain. Even if they were scared out of their wits by seventy percent, they would still have about thirty percent of clarity. However, they were attempting to use seductive arts on Yun Che... Seductive arts were a kind of mental attack, and Dragon Soul Domain was also a mental attack domain, but how could a mere seductive arts compare to the Dragon Soul Domain? In front of it’s immense might, their seductive arts rebounded on them, causing their mental barriers to collapse completely, thereby falling entirely to the suppression of the Dragon God. Their hearts filled with fear, having no mind to resist at all.

Yun Che suddenly rushed forward. Dragon Fault pierced ruthlessly toward Yue Ji’s throat; the coarse edge of the sword easily pierced into Yue Ji’s body whose profound strength defenses had been decreased by about ninety percent, completely piercing her throat. Then removing and swinging the sword again as Phoenix flames whizzed out, he brought along a scorching heatwave which rushed

towards Mei Ji's chest, piercing out through her back... creating a see-through hole about the size of a brain in her chest.

Dragon Soul Domain barely persisted for two breaths, and was quickly retracted by Yun Che... because every breath for which Dragon Soul Domain was activated taxed his mental strength immensely. Yet these two breaths were entirely sufficient for Yun Che. In the instant when the Dragon Soul Domain was extinguished, Yue Ji's and Mei Ji's bodies subsequently fell; a pool of fresh blood quickly accumulated beneath their bodies.

If there was a small chance for some leeway before, then, after killing these two women of Ye Xinghan's... and even the two that he rather doted on, he and Ye Xinghan would become mortal enemies. And Ye Xinghan's current identity was Sun Moon Divine Hall's Young Hall Master, even the publicly accepted future ruler of a Sacred Ground, so he could be considered a complete mortal enemy of Sun Moon Divine Hall.

He had only just gotten the public's favor in his enmity with Divine Phoenix Sect, but now he had offended Sun Moon Divine Hall!!

What a bitter life!!

In regards to his enmity with Divine Phoenix Sect, he could resist with incomparable toughness; even if the other party took the initiative to chase and kill him surreptitiously, he had absolutely no fear. Moreover, he already had thought of many plans to deal with and counterattack them... however, to provoke Sun Moon Divine Hall...

That was not something to be trifled with!

Furthermore, Ye Xinghan's personality was poisonous and crafty; his entire body emitted a kind of extremely dangerous aura... he was absolutely a dreadful and unscrupulous person!

Yun Che placed Feng Xue'er's coronet onto his chest, not allowing her to see the bloody scene, yet from the sound of the surroundings, she could already sense that Yue Ji and Mei Ji had already died. She opened her eyes, placing her cheeks onto his chest. Feeling that his heartbeat was a little chaotic, she softly said: "Big brother Yun... I... dragged you down..."

"I've said this before, it's not your fault." Yun Che slowed his breathing and said: "Since things have progressed to this point, we should live on with all our might... You don't have to worry about me. If worst comes to worst, after leaving this place, I'll head to Absolute Monarch Sanctuary!"

With his connection to Xia Yuanba, it wouldn't be too difficult if he wanted to enter Absolute Monarch Sanctuary. Being the head of the Four Sacred Grounds, Sun Moon Divine Hall would definitely not dare to provoke Absolute Monarch Sanctuary; he would definitely be safe there.

But the condition was that Xia Yuanba had to remain alive.

With that, Yun Che sighed heavily. However, when he summoned his profound strength, he felt a sense of vertigo in his mind, and almost face-planted into the ground... Although he had only activated Dragon Soul Domain for a short span of two breaths, it had taxed his consciousness by a considerable amount. He shook his head forcefully; only then could he barely get rid of the dizziness, escaping into the distance.

Bang!!!

A ball of Phoenix flames exploded onto Xia Yuanba's chest. His body flew far away, smashing heavily onto the ground. He groaned and stood back up yet again; however, just as he stood up, he violently knelt on one knee, incapable of standing up for a long time. Blood flowed from his forehead, hands and stray areas all over his body.

"This kid's physique is really not simple, after resisting for so long, he still has not died yet. He's still able to barely stand." Feng Feiyan said as he clicked his tongue.

"But what a pity, to have only practiced Absolute Monarch Sanctuary's core profound art to about thirty percent." Ye Xinghan waved his jade fan, looked towards Xia Yuanba and spoke as if talking about a dead person: "To be able to defend against that last strike was his limit already. It's time to send him on his way, this young master would never have thought that with the two of us cooperating, we would still waste so much time. This young master is already itching to pamper my little Xue'er."

"Heh... die already!"

Feng Feiyan laughed coldly, then growled, violently punching Xia Yuanba's brain with a fist of Phoenix flames.

Xia Yuanba gasped for breath. The look in his eyes slackened, his entire body soaked with sweat and blood; nearly a third of his exterior was a mixture of flesh and blood. Under the combined strength of Feng Feiyan and Ye Xinghan, he forcefully resisted for a quarter of an hour, which could be said to be an unbelievable miracle.

As death encroached, Xia Yuanba lifted his head and Feng Feiyan's fist of Phoenix flames appeared in his pupils. His gaze suddenly became incomparably vicious; roaring loudly, a tyrannical surge of strength surfaced within his scarred and bruised body as he threw a fist towards Feng Feiyan.

Boom!!

The flames exploded, the flow of air cracked, and Xia Yuanba spat out an arrow of blood as his body flew like a kite whose string was cut... Ye Xinghan's face revealed a poisonous and cold smile. Waving the Sun Moon Calamity in his hands, a profound beam of about five feet flew out, cutting Xia Yuanba's neck.

Xia Yuanba flew into the air injured, his consciousness drifting away just as the deadly profound beam approached. His willpower moved his body, doing his best to displace himself midair.

Riiip!!

The profound beam from Sun Moon Calamity pierced through his body... causing his entire left arm to be cleanly cut from his body.

Bang!

Xia Yuanba landed heavily onto the ground. His left arm however, landed tens of feet away. As blood spouted like a fountain from the cut in Xia Yuanba's arm, his entire face twisted; his body twitched and spasmed from the intense pain, yet he did not scream a single bit.

“Tsk tsk tsk, you really are tenacious, tenacious to the point of being pitiful.” Ye Xinghan beamed as he saw Xia Yuanba’s suffering: “Too bad. In this young master’s eyes, your tenaciousness is just laughably stupid. Apart from letting this young master have more fun and letting yourself suffer even more, there really isn’t a point.”

After losing an arm, the Xia Yuanba who was heavily injured and near death lay paralyzed on the ground with no means to stand up. Under the immense damage he had taken, his pupils had slackened; he couldn’t even see the silhouettes of Feng Feiyan and Ye Xinghan, yet the viciousness and resentment did not lessen by a single bit. As Ye Xinghan spoke, he slowly raised his right hand, then did an action that Ye Xinghan and Feng Feiyan could not comprehend.

Pssh!!

He heavily chopped himself with his right arm on the left side of his chest that had the longest wound, then fiercely sliced... the wound was ruthlessly torn... to the point where his breastbone clearly be seen, along with his quick beating heart underneath the bone, as well as the heart’s profound veins.

“Hm?” Feng Feiyan sneered :“Is he trying to commit suicide?”

“I... will... never... let... you... hurt... Brother-in-law!!”

The immense pain made Xia Yuanba speak every word with immense difficulty and weakness, yet every word was spoken with full conviction and fierceness. When the last word came out, his right hand accumulated what little strength he had left, and he raised his fist, using all of his strength to fiercely smash his own profound veins!

Bang!!

This fist was particularly heavy. To the half-dead Xia Yuanba, it was enough to end his life! When the fist landed at the position of his heart, his whole body shuddered. A lump of fresh blood spurted out from his mouth and beneath his fist, his eyes lost whatever focus they had.

Yet at this point, a golden brilliance radiated from beneath Xia Yuanba’s fist. Following his lost of consciousness, Xia Yuanba’s fist powerlessly moved away. The wound that he had torn revealed a profound vein which had turned completely golden in color!

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“What’s that?” Feng Feiyan, who was just about to step forward to deal a fatal blow to Xia Yuanba, stopped his feet, and questioned.

Suddenly, the golden light radiating from Xia Yuanba’s chest slightly startled Ye Xinghan. Following after, his expression suddenly changed greatly. Even his eyes which had been narrowed lazily all this while, had completely widened in an instant, and they were even filled immediately with deep fear.

“Tyrannical... Tyrannical Emperor’s Divine Veins!!”

“Tyrannical Emperor’s Divine Veins? What does that mean?” Feng Feiyan turned to face Ye Xinghan, and asked skeptically. The legends surrounding the Tyrannical Emperor’s Divine Veins only existed in the records kept in the Sacred Grounds. Although Feng Feiyan was the Great Elder of Divine Phoenix Sect, he had never heard of it either.

When he turned to face Ye Xinghan, he had naturally seen the severe change in his expression as well. His heart suddenly skipped a beat, before he hurriedly turned to once again face Xia Yuanba... And at that moment his line of sight landed on Xia Yuanba once again, his pupils fiercely shrank.

Xia Yuanba, who was initially gasping for his final breath and looked as though he was about to lose his life, suddenly stood up slowly at this moment. The golden radiance quickly spread out from his chest, gradually enveloping his entire body, which caused his chest, limbs, and even his hair, to become a blinding golden color! And at the moment this golden color spread to where his left arm was, the radiance suddenly grew intense, and right after, it suddenly stretched... In an instant, the left arm and even the hand which he had initially lost, actually grew out in but a single moment!! It recovered nicely and completely.

“Wh... Wh... What!?” Feng Feiyan’s pair of eyeballs had almost burst from shock. This was definitely the most shocking, and most unbelievable scene he had ever seen in his entire life.

Not just his severed arm, following the spread of the golden radiance, the injuries on Xia Yuanba’s entire body were recovering extremely quickly. In but a few seconds, the hundreds of large and small wounds on his entire body, had all disappeared. He straightened his body, and stared widely with his eyes... His pair of pupils, were shockingly a blinding golden color as well! From his muscles, to his blood, to his hair, and to his pupils... Not a single part of his body wasn’t golden!

This abnormal change which he had never seen, nor had he ever heard of before, frightened Feng Feiyan to the extent where it was as though he had seen the descent of the legendary demon god. He fiercely swallowed down a mouthful of saliva, and said with a trembling voice. “Yuh... Young Hall Master? What is going on here? Could this be some sort of unique profound art... from Absolute Monarch Sanctuary?”

However, after he said that, he did not receive a reply from Ye Xinghan. The moment he turned his head, in his shock, he realized that Ye Xinghan who was just by his side a moment earlier, was already several hundreds of meters away. And, he was currently fleeing with astonishing speed... That speed, seemed to have already surpassed the limit a mid-stage Overlord could have! And earlier, while he was shocked by Xia Yuanba’s unbelievable change, he actually didn’t notice that Ye Xinghan had already fled with all his might.

And the direction he was fleeing to, was definitely not the direction Yun Che and Feng Xue’er had left towards earlier. Rather, he was distancing himself from Xia Yuanba in the complete opposite direction!

Feng Feiyan completely did not understand what had happened to Xia Yuanba’s body, nor did he understand the concept of the “Tyrannical Emperor’s Divine Veins” which Ye Xinghan had shouted out earlier. But even if he was an idiot, he should still understand how terrifying of an existence this person was to actually frighten Ye Xinghan to such an extent. He took a step back, fiercely raised his energy, and was just about to flee with all his might... But following after, his body shuddered, and his feet did not move a single inch.

Because at that moment, he could feel his body suddenly being tightly locked onto by an indescribable large aura. A boundless, overbearing, and extremely heavy pressure, as though tens of thousands of mountains all mashed together, was ruthlessly pressing down onto his body, restraining a mighty level eight Overlord like him to the point where he couldn’t even move... He sensed that this colossal power had even completely sealed the surrounding space, sky and earth.

What... is this power!?

Impossible... Impossible! He was clearly at the brink of death! He's clearly a burnt-out candle, a mid-stage Overlord who was beaten till he was half-dead! How could he possess such a powerful aura... How could such a thing happen!?

Endless shock and fear filled Feng Feiyan's soul. No matter how much he crazily circulated the profound energy in his entire body, he was unable to move even the slightest inch... That feeling, was as though he was nailed to a metal frame, a convict who could die at any moment! He could only continue to widen his horrified eyes as he looked Xia Yuanba, whose entire body was golden in color. His pupils would occasionally expand, and occasionally shrink.

The painful expression on Xia Yuanba's face had completely disappeared, and what replaced it was complete calm, to the extent where not a single emotion existed. His pair of eyes were completely golden in color, so pure where the existence of the pupils could not even be seen. Slowly, he raised his right fist...

Hiss!!

Space was brutally torn by a ray of golden light, and Xia Yuanba's golden body, had appeared right before Feng Feiyan... Feng Feiyan's eyes were deadly widened, and countless strands of blood, like cracks, hurriedly filled his pair of eyeballs. Slowly, he hanged his head down, and his sight which had begun to blur, clearly saw a pair of robust golden arms that had completely sunk into his body... His body, which was several times stronger than stainless steel, when faced with his golden arms, was penetrated like beancurd.

"Just... what... kind of... a... monster... are... you..."

These were Feng Feiyan's final words in his life. Xia Yuanba's face was completely indifferent. Before his lips even moved, a low voice had actually spilled out from his throat. "A lowly creature such as you, actually dares to infuriate me... Die!!"

A violent energy exploded from within Feng Feiyan's body, completely wrecking his organs and profound veins in an instant. Right after, with a "boom", Feng Feiyan's entire body directly exploded, scattering flesh and blood which filled the sky; the furthest was blown several hundreds of meters away... Forget a completely intact corpse, not even a complete finger was left behind.

When the blood stained onto Xia Yuanba's golden body, it instantly disappeared, and not even a single trace of blood could be seen on his right arm. He slowly lowered his arms, and his cold gaze looked towards the direction Ye Xinghan fled to. However, he didn't chase after him, and his humongous body fell forward in an upright manner, just like that...

Plop... Xia Yuanba heavily collapsed onto the ground, and the golden radiance on his body had completely disappeared as well. That pressure which even the heavens would have to hold their breaths for, had completely disappeared at the moment he fell as well.

Xia Yuanba's collapsed body did not move an inch, and even the strength to twitch had been completely lost. Only after a long while, did his fingers finally slightly move. His arm moved upwards bit by bit... This action which could even be said to be extremely easy for a baby, had actually caused him to use several

seconds to complete. Finally, his palm had caught onto that piece of jade which was hanging on his neck, then, he used all of his might to shatter it.

Ziing!!

The shattered jade radiated a light glow, and then, a small-scaled profound formation appeared above Xia Yuanba's body. Following after the spiraling of the profound formation, Xia Yuanba's body, along with the profound formation, disappeared from the place in an instant.

The vicinity had quietened down, however, the heavy scent of blood which suffused into the air did not disperse for a long while. In the high skies, a few kilometers above ground, a snow-white figure retracted his gaze, and murmured. "Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins? That sure is incredible... Oh?"

In the next moment after Xia Yuanba disappeared, Ye Xinghan who had flown far away earlier, was returning with extreme speed. Evidently, after the sudden explosive aura Xia Yuanba had, disappeared, he no longer had the need to continue fleeing as well.

Ye Xinghan's speed was as fast as a shooting star, and in a blink of an eye, he had already returned to his former place. His expression looked as though he was still a little shocked and unstable. With a cold gaze, he swept through the surroundings, and what he could see were merely the traces of blood and tattered, torn flesh which filled the ground. And these pieces of flesh still carried a weak presence of the Phoenix's bloodline, proving that Feng Feiyan had already died... He had even died utterly, completely, and absolutely miserably. However, he couldn't determine if Xia Yuanba was among these torn pieces of corpses. Recalling that Xia Yuanba did not hesitate to cause self-infliction to force out the power of the Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins earlier, and seeing that his figure could not be seen as well, there was an eighty to ninety percent chance that he had already died. Because forcefully awakening the Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins' power was suicidal. There was an extremely huge possibility that he would die from self-explosion, and even if he didn't die, it would be impossible for him to possess the strength to flee.

"The Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins stated in legends... actually appeared!" Ye Xinghan's face twitched from fear. If he had not heard of the rumors surrounding the Tyrannical Emperor's Divine Veins, and had fled with all his might, then the person dying miserably here might not have been Fei Fengyan, but him.

"And it was no wonder that old man Ancient Blue would value this person so greatly... If he didn't die, once he grows up, the position of Absolute Monarch Sanctuary will solidify even more! It's great that he's already dead... If father and the rest knew that I had inadvertently killed Absolute Monarch Sanctuary's hidden trump card, they will definitely reward me extremely well!"

Ye Xinghan muttered to himself. After confirming that Xia Yuanba only carried the possibility of death, he was finally able to completely put his heart at ease. In regards to Feng Feiyan... Although it was a little unfortunate, his value had already been pretty much squeezed out. And, Feng Feiyan had already helped him accomplish his goal, so it no longer mattered if he died!

Ye Xinghan's gaze turned towards the direction Yun Che and Feng Xue'er had fled towards earlier. As though his entire body was a shooting star, he charged over. His speed was at the least five or six times faster than Yun Che as he brought about a violent windstorm behind him.

Phoenix City.

Feng Xichen occasionally raised his head to look at the activated Primordial Profound Ark in the sky, and occasionally walked back and forth. He was completely anxious and filled with worries. Right after the Seven Nation Ranking Tournament was the exploration of the Primordial Profound Ark so Feng Hengkong would have the time to care about his matters. However, he was very clear that after the completion of the exploration of the Primordial Profound Ark, Feng Hengkong would definitely not easily forgive him. And from last night to the afternoon today, he could also sense that the eyes of the other princes and even the regular Phoenix disciples, were all carrying various anomalies.

At this moment, just right in front of him, a profound light suddenly flashed. A small-scaled profound formation appeared in thin air, and within the profound formation, a figure that was especially robust appeared.

“Who goes there!?”

The frustrated Feng Xichen was stunned as he shouted with a sharp voice. However, immediately after, he realized that the eyes of this person who suddenly appeared had his eyes tightly shut. There wasn't even a single movement; his face was extremely pale, and his presence was even more so, incomparably weak. He was basically no different from an actual dead person. He took two steps forward, and was able to recognize the person with a single glance. This was clearly that disciple whom Spiritual Master Ancient Blue of Absolute Monarch Sanctuary had brought along!

Feng Xichen's earlier shout had caused the two guardians that were protecting outside to charge inside with swift steps. Seeing Xia Yuanba, they could not help but exclaim out. “Is... isn't that the disciple of Spiritual Master Ancient Blue? In the morning, he had clearly headed towards the Primordial Profound Ark, so how can he be here? And he seems to have suffered heavy injuries.”

Xia Yuanba's aura was frighteningly weak, and he could die at any moment. If Spiritual Master Ancient Blue's disciple were to die in Phoenix City, then that matter would definitely be huge. Cold sweat dripped down Feng Xichen's forehead as he anxiously called out. “Hurry! Hurry and carry him to the Medicine Room! Instruct Elder Feng Yu to definitely save his life, no matter how huge the price is! He is after all, Spiritual Master Ancient Blue's closed-door disciple. If he were to die here, when Absolute Monarch Sanctuary comes seeking for blame, you two had best prepare to take on the blame and bury yourselves!”

“Y... Yes!” The bodies of those two guardians stiffened, before they hurriedly agreed. Cautiously lifting Xia Yuanba, they charged straight towards the Medicine Room.

Chapter 463 - Three-headed Giant Python

Yun Che dashed madly throughout entire journey. Apart from being obstructed for a moment by Yue Ji and Mei Ji, he did not stop at all for two hours. His forehead was drenched with sweat; in his ordinary state, he would not feel exhausted from sprinting for such a short while, but in the past two hours, he had been running madly at full speed. Along with expending a huge amount of profound and physical energy, the utilization of the Dragon Soul Domain from before had caused his consciousness to be exhausted too.

This world was incomparably spacious. The sky was entirely murky, only an endless wasteland was visible without any significant changes in the height of the land, even more so without any forestation to hide in; even slightly taller rocks were rarely seen. Therefore, fleeing forward was Yun Che's only choice.

The consolation was that for the past two hours, there was no one chasing them.

"Be careful, there's a big dangerous fellow up ahead." Jasmine suddenly cautioned.

Yun Che momentarily raised his vigilance. They had met a number of profound beasts throughout the journey, but were all easily gotten rid by him. However, since Jasmine had specially warned him, the profound beast this time around would definitely not be an ordinary one.

Very quickly, a huge black lump appeared within Yun Che's line of sight. It was quietly curled up ahead, seeming like a giant profound beast sleeping soundly, and when Yun Che saw it, it had also detected the presence of life. The originally coiled up body started to unfurl, revealing three gigantic pitch-black heads which were triangular and twice the size of Yun Che's body. Spitting pitch-black venom from its mouth, its tiny eyes emitted a terrifying radiance.

It was actually a Three-headed Giant Python!!

"Ah!!" Just when Yun Che wanted to warn Feng Xue'er to shut her eyes, the startled voice of a young lady came from his arms. With regards to creatures like snakes, even the strongest women would be instinctively afraid, let alone such a huge Three-headed Giant Python.

The aura the Three-headed Giant Python emitted was dark and terrifying, it was as powerful as a high level Emperor profound beast! It's six pairs of eyes locked onto Yun Che; with a hiss, the middle head rushed over like black colored lightning. Opening its giant abyss-like pitch-black mouth, it's poisonous teeth like poisonous blades from hell would cause one to feel terrified.

Yun Che quickly protected Feng Xue'er with his chest, not allowing her to see the horrifying scene. With a flash, he instantly appeared thirty meters ahead as if stepping across space, causing the giant python's attack to miss completely. Throughout the journey, he would simply use all his might to avoid and shake off any profound beasts he encountered, never fighting face to face. This was because it would cost him and Feng Xue'er precious time to flee; this giant python was no different.

Just as Yun Che dodged the giant python's attack and was about to use his full power to shake it off, a hissing sound came from his side... the second head of the giant python also attacked at this point, its speed twice as fast as the first head. Yun Che had just activated the Star God's Broken Shadow and would not be able to move for an extremely short amount of time. Based on his current speed, even if he reached his limits, it would still be impossible for him to dodge the giant python's attack. His face fell as he rapidly turned his body and grabbed Dragon Fault, ruthlessly smashing the giant python on its terrifying mouth.

A strange and extremely awful sound could be heard. The giant python's second head was smashed, its entire body was stirring chaotically, yet this Three-headed Giant Python's strength was more than what Yun Che had expected. Under a huge amount of force, he was flung far away. Ferociously slamming into the ground, his legs slid across the ground for more than sixty meters before stopping.

"Xue'er, are you alright..."

Just as Yun Che wanted to check on whether Feng Xue'er was hurt, a dangerous aura approached yet again. The second head had just been smashed, yet the first and third heads immediately came biting and tearing, not giving Yun Che any time to breathe at all.

Having just witnessed this giant python's terrifying speed and strength, Yun Che retreated rapidly. It was basically impossible for him to single-handedly defend against attacks from two python heads at the same time. He immediately made a decision; pushing his palm upwards, he tossed Feng Xue'er high into the sky in a breath. Grabbing Dragon Fault with both hands, he activated Burning Heart and an Overlord's Fury met the two python heads.

Bang!!!

Under the bombardment of Yun Che's full strength, the two python heads let out painful hisses at the same time, and were smashed far away. Yun Che turned his body, then leaped into the air, gently encircling the falling Feng Xue'er back into his embrace... It was just that since he was conscious and vigilant about the Three-headed Giant Python at all times, the position of his hand shift slightly when receiving Feng Xue'er; his palm was covered by a towering and silky soft ball.

The feeling in his hand was a soft and somewhat tender, yet still developing plumpness. It just so happened that it could be completely grabbed by Yun Che's palm. Though there was a layer of Phoenix clothes, the inconceivably soft feeling permeated through his entire palm, causing his entire body to go numb for a little while.

"Nnn..." The young lady in his embrace let out a whimper. All of a sudden, Yun Che also realized what his hand had touched. Just as he wanted to hurriedly move away his hand, a huge black shadow bringing along a violent storm swept across from behind... it was astonishingly the tail of the Three-headed Giant Python!

Three python heads and a tail could take action independently. Facing these three headed giant python, Yun Che completely felt as if he was facing four different enemies. Moreover, it was four enemies whose speed completely surpassed his; he simply had no opportunity to catch a breath. Yun Che's eyes focused; without caring about anything else, he suddenly gripped Feng Xue'er tightly. His palm also subconsciously grabbed harder too... Immediately, the five fingers of his right hand had sunk into a ball of soft and tender silkiness.

"Ah..."

Falling Moon Sinking Star!!

The young lady's startled cry and the violent crash both sounded out at the same time, the giant python tail was smashed away by Dragon Fault. Yun Che was also swept away, staggering for more than ten steps after landing, almost falling face first on the ground.

"Big brother Yun... your... hand..." Feng Xue'er's whimpering was as soft as a mosquito. Her powerless body struggled slightly. Yun Che hurriedly put his arm down and grabbed her waist: "Xue'er, I didn't do it on purpose..."

The Three-headed Giant Python did not give Yun Che any time whatsoever. The giant python who was continuously attacked was now deeply enraged. Its gigantic body was now fully extended. Spanning over

more than thirty meters, the three giant python heads' demonic fangs simultaneously descended from the sky, biting at Yun Che.

Yun Che activated Star God's Broken Shadow, and abruptly dodging backwards. Then, repeating the moves from before, he threw Feng Xue'er's lovely body up into the air again, and grabbed Dragon Fault with both hands as the look in his eyes became extremely dark.

This giant python was a huge problem. If it was not thoroughly repelled, it would be virtually impossible to get rid of!

"Purgatory!!"

Yun Che's eyes instantly glowed red, the aura from his entire body suddenly became as violent as lava.

"Empyrean Dance of the Phoenix Wing!!"

Yun Che's entire body ignited in flames. He suddenly rushed upwards and pierced the three python heads in an instant, ruthlessly ramming it in its body.

Boom!!

Following the explosion from the wave of flames, the Three-headed Python let out an incomparably tragic screech. As if he had been knocked flying by a hurricane, Yun Che was flipped back to his original spot by the sound waves. A blue light flashed behind him as the silhouette of the Sky Wolf roared toward the sky.

Sky Wolf Slash!!

Following Dragon Fault's violent brandishing, the silhouette of a Sky Wolf shot out, ripping across the air, viciously charging at the body of the Three-headed Python, causing its giant body to rotate rapidly in the air like a gyroscope, as pitch-black snake blood sprinkled the sky.

After expending energy on the immensely taxing Purgatory and using two huge moves consecutively, Yun Che's body similarly experienced a large amount of stress. After utilizing the Sky Wolf Slash, he staggered backwards from the recoil, deviating from the position which he predicted to land. At this point, Feng Xue'er fell from the sky. He clumsily balanced himself, leaped upwards to catch her mid fall and embraced her firmly. Then, he carried her, protecting her perfectly.

"Big brother Yun... your hand..."

Feng Xue'er's voice was soft and delicate. In addition, there was a vague sobbing sound, Yun Che grabbed her delicate waist firmly with one hand, the other hand was grabbing onto a ball of silkiness... He looked down and his pupils jumped violently, because that hand of his had slipped into Feng Xue'er's Phoenix clothing, and was gripped tightly by her snowy legs, and his palm, was plastered onto her forbidden area.

"~ ! # ¥ %..." Yun Che removed his hand like lightning. No matter how quick-witted he was, he couldn't help but to be at a loss as said in a flurry: "I'm sorry... Xue'er, I didn't do that on purpose... definitely not on purpose..."

Previously, he had firmly grabbed onto her chest. Now... even Yun Che himself could not really believe that none of that was not on purpose.

"I know..." Feng Xue'er buried her entire snowy face into Yun Che's chest. A cloud of red had already spread from her ears to her neck: "But Big brother Yun... is really bad..."

"..." After hearing that Feng Xue'er was not angry, Yun Che inwardly sighed a breath of relief. As he carried Feng Xue'er again, the exceptional feeling was still lingering on his palm, unwilling to scatter, causing his heart to ripple unceasingly.

In the distance, the giant python which was smashed away by Yun Che had finally calmed down and did not continue attacking Yun Che. Its six sinister looking eyes glanced at Yun Che but its humongous body retreated. Fleeing with astonishing speed, it quickly disappeared from Yun Che's line of sight.

"You're in trouble."

As the giant python escaped, Yun Che was just starting to relax when an overcast voice sounded out in Yun Che's mind. He paused for a moment. Just when he wanted to question Jasmine, he suddenly became somewhat aware and rapidly turned around.

He had a vague feeling that an incomparably strong and dangerous aura was heading towards their direction with extremely quick speed. Gradually, within his line of sight... a blurry white dot appeared. Furthermore, it became bigger and bigger with incomparably astonishing speed, coming closer and closer.

"Ye Xinghan!!"

The look on Yun Che's face changed abruptly as he bit his teeth together... he had still caught up in the end! He clenched his fists. Then, with his maximum speed, he fled forward quickly.

"You can't outrun him." Jasmine said faintly: "You noticed him, which means that he has certainly noticed you. This area is just a piece of empty land. Based on your speed, it would be impossible to outrun him... Your best choice now would be to use the jade stone that Xia Yuanba gave you to leave this place immediately, or else, you will inevitably die!"

"Have you ever seen me abandon a lady to escape!" Yun Che clenched his teeth and said.

"..."

"This is not even mentioning that Xue'er had saved my life before... even if she didn't save me before, I won't allow her to be harmed by anyone!"

"Hmph." Jasmine's voice was full of disdain: "There should be a limit even if you want to play hero. Ye Xinghan is a mid-stage Overlord. Do you think that even if you put your life on the line, you'll be able to save her? You are clearly sending yourself to die!"

"I still have to try!"

"..."

Chapter 464 - Song of the Flower Burial

Yun Che's speed was fast. However, compared to Ye Xinghan's speed, he was still lacking simply far too much. The distance between them was quickly closing. In a few tens of breaths, it had already closed to three hundred meters. Yun Che tightened his grip on Feng Xue'er as he gritted his teeth. Thoughts spiraled anxiously in his mind as he racked his brains for a way to escape. And at this moment, he suddenly sensed that presence, which had locked onto him, had been severed in an instant, and even the sense of danger had also dissipated by half.

Yun Che hurriedly turned his head around, only to shockingly find a snow-white floating figure slowly descending from the sky, blocking Ye Xinghan's front. A powerful aura had also forcefully sealed his presence and the path in front of him.

That's... Ji Qianrou!?

Yun Che's heart instantly felt much calmer than before. He took a huge breath, and once again accelerated, as he charged straight forward.

"Yo, Little Hanhan. Where are you going in such a rush? Incidentally, I'm bored and have nothing to do. Do you want my help?" Ji Qianrou twirled his finger, blinked his blossom eyes, and looked at Ye Xinghan smilingly. The formless aura released from his body, however, had completely sealed Ye Xinghan's path, and he was no longer able to take even a single step forward.

The moment he saw Ji Qianrou appear, Ye Xinghan sensed trouble. Given Ji Qianrou's personality, it was definitely impossible for him to not harbor any motives. Adding that he had appeared at such a coincidental timing, it was very possible that he might have peeped on everything that had happened from the shadows. Ye Xinghan said with a sunken face. "Ji Qianrou, move away this instant. Do not ruin my happy moment."

"Aiyo, Little Hanhan is so fierce." Ji Qianrou posed a wronged and frightened look, however, immediately after, his peach blossom face once again bloomed all so brilliantly. "But, Little Hanhan's angry look sure is really cute, and I can't help but want to stroke it... Little Hanhan, reach out your face over here, and let me have a good stroke."

"You..." Ye Xinghan's body trembled, and he couldn't help but take a step back. Right after, gnashing his teeth, he said. "Ji Qianrou. I had long sensed that someone had been watching from somewhere. As expected, it was you. We are both people from the Sacred Grounds, so there's no need for nonsense! You should know who the person I was chasing after, so hurry up and move. I, Ye Xinghan, shall owe you one! Otherwise... Hmph! You and Divine Phoenix Sect do not have any form of relations either. It's not worthwhile for you to become my mortal enemy for a sect that's soon to collapse!"

"Divine Phoenix Sect?" Ji Qianrou's eyes turned, and then, he laughed out femininely. "You're referring to that little girl from Divine Phoenix Sect? That little girl is really adorable, but in regards to her life and death, it's not related to me in the slightest. I simply felt that it was fun to see you and Little Cheche playing cat and mice, so I couldn't help but hop in, and slightly increase the difficulty of this game of cat and mice. It will be much more fun, you know~!"

"Yun Che?" Ye Xinghan frowned, and was filled with doubts. The reason why this Ji Qianrou in front of him had forcefully stopped him all of a sudden, was not because of Feng Xue'er, but Yun Che.

Although Ye Xinghan possessed an Tyrant Profound weapon, he was still definitely not Ji Qianrou's match. If Ji Qianrou wanted to trap him, it would be impossible for even him to escape from his grasp. He said with a solemn voice. "What benefits did that Yun Che give you? The mighty Jade-faced Demon Monarch is actually working for a Blue Wind brat who's less than twenty years old! This sure is laughable."

"Working for? Little Hanhan, you're wrong about this-o." Ji Qianrou twirled his finger about. "I have already said that I simply wished to participate in this game between Little Hanhan and Little Cheche. There's still twenty hours till this realm closes. If the game ends so quickly, then we won't be able to play in the next few hours. That's so uninteresting, you know. Huu—"

Ji Qianrou raised his right hand, and unknowingly since when, a glamorous red petal was clipped between his snow-white fingers. With a slight movement of his fingers, suddenly, as though that petal was raised by a light breeze, it gently floated towards Ye Xinghan. When its distance was no more than three meters away from Ye Xinghan, its speed suddenly increased, and in an instant, it flew like a bullet, drawing a red line in the air which did not dissipate for a long time.

Ye Xinghan slightly moved his head, and that petal seemed to have flown right past his throat. That cold intent which lasted a single moment, had even caused his heart to suddenly stop. With all his might, he maintained the calm on his face, and said with a dark voice. "You wish to kill me?"

"Aiya, Little Hanhan's words are scary. How could I bear to kill Little Hanhan?" With an anxious face, Ji Qianrou shook his head to deny it... He definitely possessed the strength to kill Ye Xinghan, and in this realm, he could even kill without leaving a single trace. However, Ji Qianrou knew very clearly that Ye Xinghan's body definitely carried the soul imprint personally left by Ye Meixie, Heavenly Monarch of Sun Moon Divine Hall. The moment Ye Xinghan dies, the memories and the scenes he had seen during a short period of time before his death, would be instantly sent to Ye Meixie's soul, allowing him to know who had killed Ye Xinghan.

Although Ji Qianrou was arrogant, he was not that wild to the extent of incurring the Heavenly Monarch's killing intent. And Ye Xinghan's death, would not result merely to a personal feud, but rather, a feud between the entire Sun Moon Divine Hall and Supreme Ocean Palace.

"But, if Little Hanhan isn't obedient, as a senior, teaching you a small lesson is something I should do. Don't you think so too, Little Hanhan~?" Ji Qianrou said smilingly.

Ye Xinghan tightened his fists, and his lungs were seemingly about to explode from anger. His prey was just right in front of him earlier; he could've immediately obtained Feng Xue'er's body and bloodline... Feng Xue'er's bloodline especially, was an immensely huge support that could aid him in becoming the future ruler of the continent, it was something that he had to obtain no matter what. Yet, this Ji Qianrou... just had to pop out at this moment!

"Ji Qianrou, I usually respect you as a senior, so I have always been polite with you. I gave you face... So you best give me yours!" After confirming it was impossible for Ji Qianrou to kill him, Ye Xinghan's tone had instantly become incomparably firm under his anxiousness, as he wanted to use his identity and might as one of the young masters of the Sacred Grounds to suppress him.

“Aiyoyo...” Though Ji Qianrou still carried that smiling look, how could he possibly be frightened by it? “You know, this perfect face that I have is the most important thing in my life, so it’s something I must have. But, as for Little Hanhan’s stinky face... I don’t want it at all.”

“You...”

Ye Xinghan had only managed to utter that one word, when suddenly, in a blink of an eye, he acted. Two profound lights shone, attacking straight towards Ji Qianrou.

“Sun Moon Cage!!”

The moment Ye Xinghan acted, he had used Sun Moon Divine Hall’s strongest sealing profound art. Naturally, he wanted to take the opportunity of when Ji Qianrou had yet to put up any defenses to forcefully seal his movements.

Facing Ye Xinghan’s sudden attack, Ji Qianrou’s expression did not change. Even that elegant curve of his lips did not have the slightest of movement. Only his two fingers had gently twirled, and two red petals gently floated towards the left and right.

Ping! Ping!

When the Sun Moon profound light which carried an immensely huge sealing force made contact with the two petals, they immediately popped like soap bubbles, and were scattered to the two sides while bringing out incomparably strong surging tornados. At the center of the two tornadoes however, not even Ji Qianrou’s hair or the corners of his clothes fluttered. He stretched his five fingers, and on every finger, different-colored glows flashed, which looked especially beautiful. His peach blossom eyes closed, and he said with a tender smile. “As I thought, Little Hanhan isn’t obedient. Then I have no choice to teach you a small lesson, you know~”

“Ji Qianrou, don’t think I’m afraid of you! I really want to see what you can do to me today!”

Ye Xinghan’s eyes were dark and ruthless. Sun Moon Calamity was spread open in his hands, and the profound aura surrounding his body burst out, as incomparably strong profound energy poured out like a tsunami.

“Yin Yang Evanescence! ...Die!!”

Two profound lights, one black and one white, were released from Sun Moon Calamity. They intersected in midair, and the space where they passed through distorted slightly as they struck towards Ji Qianrou.

Facing this terrifying killing move, Ji Qianrou still carried a calm demeanor. He gently twisted his wrist, and his five fingers twirled. The colorful glows on the fingertips intersected one another, creating a spectacle with varied colors. “Little Hanhan, you have to greatly enjoy this Song—of the—Flower Burial... alright?”

Following after the last word falling from his lips, the colorful glows above all five of Ji Qianrou’s fingers radiated at the same time. In an instant, yellow, red, pink, green, blue, white, brown... petals of various colors fluttered out, as though an incomparably beautiful rain of rainbow-colored flowers had suddenly begun to fall.

The Yin Yang energy which exploded forth charged into the rain of petals that filled the sky, and then, it actually became smaller and smaller... When it was still several meters away from Ji Qianrou, it had already disappeared completely.

It disappeared completely without a trace, without a single sound.

“Wh... What!?”

Ye Xinghan had heard many tales of how terrifying Ji Qianrou was. However, he had never exchanged blows with him, so he had definitely never expected that his petals would be terrifying to such a degree! And at this moment, the wind which was suffused with the dense aroma of flowers, flew towards Ye Xinghan whilst carrying a huge amount of flower petals. Ye Xinghan’s pupils shrank, and he instinctively retreated his steps. However, when he had only taken a single step back, an intense tearing force was released from his front...To be more exact, it was coming from every single petal! The power behind these tearing forces, had actually caused him to feel basically powerless. He simply stared with widened eyes as one petal after another made contact with his own body.

The first flower petal landed on his shoulder... That was clearly a flower petal, yet, at that very moment, he basically felt a mountain pressing down on his shoulder, causing his body which was flying in the air to sink. And immediately after, the second, third, fourth, fifth... More and more flower petals descended onto his body. With each additional petal, Ye Xinghan’s body would be pressed down even more. After a few dozen petals, he couldn’t even float in the air any longer as he fiercely fell from the sky.

And even after landing on the ground, that immense suppressive force still did not allow him to stand straight, as it forcefully pushed him into his knees... In the end, his entire upper body was tightly pressed onto the cold, hard ground, and he could no longer even raise his head.

“Ji... Qian... Rou!! Ye Xinghan’s head was fixed to the ground. With a hoarse voice, he roared out. “I will definitely not forgive you. If there comes a day you land in my hands, I...”

A flower petal immediately stuck onto Ye Xinghan’s lips, preventing him from making another sound. Ji Qianrou shook his head, and said compassionately. “Youths, after all, become rash too easily. In times like this, you actually still dare to quarrel with me. Aren’t you afraid that once I get angry, I might accidentally slice off your head... When a head is sliced off, the throat will gush out blood enough to fill the sky... Oh... Now that’s the most beautiful, the most intoxicating scene in the human realm.”

The flower petals continued to fall, gradually piling up the ground. At the center of it, was a stack of petals which was not exactly too tall. Within the stack of petals, was Ye Xinghan, who was completely buried within, where not even a single corner of his clothes was exposed out.

Ji Qianrou’s body gently rose to the sky, as he lightly muttered to himself. “It always feels the worst to owe someone a favor. But now I have finally managed to return it. I don’t know how long Little Hanhan will be buried either... Huh. If Little Cheche still ends up being captured by Little Hanhan, then I can no longer be blamed for it, hmph. Hehehehe...”

Chapter 465 - Sky Reaching Ancient Fortress

Ji Qianrou appeared and intentionally stopped Ye Xinghan. To Yun Che, this was an unexpected surprise.

Ji Qianrou's speech and actions all exuded a demonic aura, but his conceit was not only just written on his face, it was imprinted within his bones — This was the impression Ji Qianrou left for Yun Che.

The day before, Yun Che had went to look for Ji Qianrou to strike a conversation and helped him cure the toad poison that has been bothering him for years. Partly, it was in order to thank him for speaking on his behalf at the arena, but even more so, it was so that he would owe him a favor... Because to such a self conceited and arrogant person, when he owed a favor, it had be repaid no matter what.

He didn't expect that, he would receive Ji Qianrou's repayment so soon.

However, he knew that Ji Qianrou would not kill Ye Xinghan, and how long he was able to block him was also an uncertainty. Therefore, Yun Che didn't relax one bit as he carried Feng Xue'er and sprinted with all his might, leaving behind a trail of sweat.

Time flowed past quickly. In this barren, empty, yet mysterious and abnormal world, even the flow of time would cause one's senses to be fuzzy. Yun Che started to feel exhausted; he could no longer tell how long he had been running. It could have been seven to eight hours, or maybe fifteen to sixteen hours. His speed started to slow down before he finally collapsed to a stop and sat on the floor, breathing deeply.

During his previous life in the Azure Cloud Continent, frequently having to escape was already a norm. However, this was the first time in his two lives that he had felt such immense pressure and danger. Because this place was simply too barren. All skills related to hiding, disguising and even anti-tracking abilities were all useless. Otherwise, if this place had been mountainous or was a forested area, even if he were carrying Feng Xue'er, it would not take too much effort for him to shake off Ye Xinghan. Last time, Burning Heaven Clan sent eight elders whose strength and speed largely outclassed him, but he had still tricked them in circles.

"Big brother Yun... You're sweating a lot..." Feng Xue'er said with her dimly lit eyes.

Yun Che wiped his forehead with his hand and laughed: "To a man, sweating this much is nothing at all. I can only blame myself for not being strong enough and running out of strength so quickly."

"That's not true... Big brother Yun is awesome... More awesome than anyone else..." Feng Xue'er gently said: "Are we... safe now?"

"No idea, but we're probably safe." Yun Che consoled.

"Look in front!" Jasmine suddenly said.

Yun Che's concentrated at once and rapidly looked up before becoming stunned.

In front of him, the barren empty land had disappeared and a dark blue wall stood tall there. It was so tall that it blocked the view of the sky and so wide that the ends could not be seen. With Yun Che eyesight, he couldn't see its boundaries, whether horizontally or vertically.

Directly in front of Yun Che, the bluish black wall had an opened stone door. The stone door was three hundred meters tall and and three hundred meters wide. Everywhere else was filled with many stone windows that were tens of meters tall and wide. Between the windows was just a stretch of grey, it was impossible to tell what was inside.

This is...

Yun Che looked up and his mind went into a trance for some time. In regards to such a massive structure where the borders could not be seen, he should have clearly seen it from hundred of miles away. Furthermore, this place was so barren that even if the infrastructure was a hundred times smaller, it would no doubt be exceptionally out of place and spotted immediately.

However, he had never seen it at all when he was sprinting over. From his vision, this was undoubtedly a barren land previously.

It seemed as though this massive structure had appeared out of thin air!

“From the looks of it, it probably is an ancient massive fortress!” Jasmine carefully said: “Its aura is extremely old and it should be a building of the Primordial Era. It might be something that existed along with the Primordial Profound Ark and not something built in later.”

“Why didn’t I see it previously?” Yun Che asked in surprise: “Jasmine, when did you know it was there?”

“Just now.” Jasmine replied.

“Just now?” Yun Che was in shock.

“You don’t need to be shocked,” Jasmine calmly said: “Even though this fortress is extremely old, the strength of the profound formation on its surface has not completely disappeared. The entire fortress is being covered by a massive primordial protective profound formation. Not only can the primordial protective profound formation protect the fortress from being damaged by nature, it also possesses immense hiding abilities! Though the fortress is massive, unless one comes within three hundred meters of it, one would not be able to detect its existence. Furthermore...”

Jasmine hesitated for a while before continuing: “This primordial profound formation also seem to possess the spatial powers. If my guess is correct, this fortress is likely able to move on its own!”

A fortress that could move on its own?

This already sounded too fantastical.

“Xue’er, according to the records of the Primordial Profound Ark by your sect, were there any mention of this fortress?” Yun Che asked Feng Xue’er, who was beside him.

Feng Xue’er shook her head gently: “I have never heard my father mentioning it, so probably not.”

The whole fortress was bluish black and the design was simple but old. Also, it seemed to give off a mysterious and heavy atmosphere. Yun Che looked at it for sometime and his strength had only seemed to recover a little as he asked: “Jasmine, how big is this fortress?”

“It’s best you don’t try to go around it.” Jasmine replied calmly: “Its massiveness is something beyond your imagination. Even I cannot detect where its boundaries are. If you want to go around it before this world closes, it is simply impossible.”

“That big?!!” Yun Che said in shock.

“You don’t want to go in and look around?” Jasmine calmly said: “This is an structure within the Primordial Profound Ark; even I’m interested in it. All these years, the treasures those people wanted to find from the Primordial Era might be in here.”

Yun Che stood up, and after confirming there was no unusual aura from behind, he lifted his head halfway and walked forward slowly.

Soon, he arrived in front of the fortress doors. At this time, Yun Che was only a few steps from the door and the massive door was completely opened. However, he could still only see a greyish patch, unable to clearly see the inside. He stopped as he held his breath and tried to scout what was beyond the door for a moment before finally stepping in.

It was like he had stepped from one world into another. The light, ambiance, aura, space, even his sight and hearing sensitivity all underwent massive changes. In front of him, was a massive and empty hall. Numerous extremely tall stone pillars stood within the hall. The stone tiles on its base, the walls surrounding it, the top and the enumerated stone pillars were all the same bluish black color, and also emitted an antique smell and aura.

Yun Che turned around. His eyes landed onto the entrance which he had just passed through. It was now a greyish patch like before and he could not see the outside anymore. He thought for a while, before hastily retreating.

The surrounding world changed drastically yet again and Yun Che once again returned to the barren land in which the fortress previously stood. Below his feet was the obvious footprint that he intentionally left behind earlier, proof that this was where he stood earlier.

After confirming that he could exit without obstacle upon entering, Yun Che was relieved and once again entered the fortress.

The hall was massive; even bigger than the ranking tournament’s stadium Yun Che was in the previous day. Yun Che’s eyes swept across the surroundings as he slowly proceeded. The sounds of his footsteps and his intentionally suppressed breathing was exceptionally clear within this massive empty hall.

What exactly is this place?

Yun Che walked for a very long time before he finally saw the end of the hall. On the walls surrounding it, there was a stone door every sixty meters. Some of the doors were open and some closed. Behind the open doors were paths that lead to unknown destinations. At the end of the hall was a huge, round stone stage. The stage was thirty meters tall and three hundred meters wide.

On the right of the stage were very tall stone stairs that led to the second level of the fortress.

“Jasmine, did you discover anything?” Yun Che stopped and asked.

“Actually, I don’t know anything either, but I can confirm that there is no aura from any living things here, nor is there any aura left behind from anyone, other than you, who had just come in. This, is most likely a long forgotten primordial ground! You should take a look around. You might find some unusual discoveries. If you are able to obtain an artifact from the Primordial Era, even if it is the lowest grade, it would undoubtedly be a huge treasure.”

Yun Che nodded. After hesitating for a while, he walked towards the big stone stairs and went up. He didn't know how many levels were there; even Jasmine was unable to detect just how many levels there were to this fortress, hence, he didn't even need to try to guess. Even if he found out that there were thousands or tens of thousands of levels, Yun Che would not be shocked.

On the stone stairs, Yun Che slowly ascended and looked downwards at the same time. From the top, he observed the massive hall on the first level. Just as he looked on top of the round stage, he concentrated and stopped ascending.

Because at the time, he seemed to feel a red glow flash past his eyes.

It was exceptionally quiet and was still a field of bluish black. Therefore, even though the red glow was extremely weak, it seemed striking and out of the ordinary. Yun Che didn't even think as he hugged Feng Xue'er and jumped down from the stone stairs, steadily landing above the stage as he fixated on the position where the red glow was at.

"What did you find?"

"...I'm still not sure."

Yun Che walked forward as he slowly reached the end of the stage. Then, the weak red glow seemed to flash pass his eyes again, which caused him to hastily stop moving. His eyes firmly fixated on the crack between two bluish black rocks that were on the stone stage.

Yun Che knelt that as he looked closely and indeed, when he focused between the two bluish black rocks, at the narrow crack that was difficult to make out with the human eye, a faintly blinking red glow shot out.

There's something below here!

Jasmine had said that this was the place left behind from the Primordial Era and was definitely extremely old. But the thing below was still emitting a light. This must be from an unusual artifact that had been left behind.

If it really was some extraordinary treasure, the Sky Poison Pearl should have detected it. Why did the Sky Poison Pearl have absolutely no reaction?

Yun Che stretched out his hand and intensely smashed this crack. A "bang" instantly sounded as his hand bounced back. He felt pain from his skin and bones, yet the two bluish black rocks were perfectly fine, not even damaged in the slightest.

"You want to break it? With your strength, this is definitely not possible! Xia Yuanba is a mid-stage Overlord and he's still not able to break an ordinary rock from the outside. The rocks within this fortress are much stronger than the rocks outside. Even if you were to attack it at full strength for tens of years, it would not be damaged in the slightest." Jasmine said ruthlessly.

Chapter 466 - Mysterious Voice

There was definitely something special hidden under this stage, or, it might contain another space. However, just as Jasmine had said, with his strength, breaking this stage apart was basically an impossible task.

Yun Che searched the vicinity, and did not find anything similar to a mechanism switch either. Hence, he could only give up, and once again, walk up the stone stairs.

The stone stairs were long, and even after Yun Che had walked for a very long time, he had only walked half of it.

“Who... are... you...”

Yun Che’s steps suddenly stopped, and he hurriedly turned his head to look at his surroundings. “Who is it? Who’s speaking!?”

“Ah... Big Brother Yun, what’s wrong?” Feng Xue’er, who had been quietly nestling in his embrace was given a huge fright, and she asked a little anxiously.

Yun Che’s gaze swept his surroundings as he poured his concentration into his ears. He softly asked. “Xue’er, did you hear a voice just now?”

“Just now?” Feng Xue’er shook her head, confused.

Just now, Yun Che had clearly heard an incomparably soft and faint voice. That voice was very weak, and seemed to a woman’s voice. Yet, it was especially ethereal as well, causing him to be unable to clearly distinguish where the voice had come from. Or could it be... his imagination?

“Jasmine, that voice just now. Did you hear it?” Yun Che asked with a frown.

“I didn’t hear anything at all.” Jasmine replied. “What did you hear?”

“...” Even Jasmine did not hear it. Yun Che couldn’t help but suspect that what he heard earlier was just an illusory voice. He focused his mind, quietly stood at his current spot, and his eyes swept around the vicinity for a long time, yet, he could no longer hear any voice.

Yun Che continued to raise his feet, and walk up the stairs. After a long time, he finally arrived at the second floor of the fortress.

Bluish black walls, bluish black floors and bluish black ceilings. Everything was no different from the first floor. Yun Che did not continue to head up, and instead, walked straight towards an open stone door.

Behind the stone door, was unexpectedly a simple and neat place which looked similar to a courtyard. Inside, there were stone tables, stone stools, and similar-looking bluish black earthen jars, where most of them were already broken. Behind the courtyard, there were seven to eight rooms that were regularly distributed. Yun Che walked into the courtyard, stood at a stone door of one of the rooms, and tried to push it with his hands.

Suddenly, on the right side of the stone door, a small-scaled profound formation the size of a palm appeared with a flash. Right after, the profound formation turned, and the stone door slowly opened on its own.

“All the doors here should have been set with profound formations such as this one, which can be conveniently opened and locked. But, the profound energy within these small-scaled profound formations are already very weak, and even you will be able to easily destroy them. However, it’s

already extremely rare for them to be able to exist since the Primordial Era. The strength of those who set these profound formations are definitely beyond ordinary.” Jasmine said sternly.

“From the looks of it, this place seems to be for residential use.” Yun Che walked into the stone room. Inside, there was a stone table, two stone stools, a cabinet-like stone frame, and a stone bed that was adequately spacious and large. The arrangements of the other rooms should be more or less the same as well. With how huge this fortress was, if it was arranged for residential use, most probably, it would be possible for the entire population of the Blue Wind Empire to live in.

Yun Che turned around, and realized that there was a small-scaled profound formation that occasionally flashed gently at the back of the stone door. Its position, was in exactly the same position as the profound formation that appeared when Yun Che pushed open the door. It should be the same profound formation. However, it could only be seen from the inside, and could only be seen on the outside when the stone door was touched.

“Try using your profound energy to touch this profound formation.” Jasmine suddenly said.

Following her instructions, Yun Che reached out his hand, and struck towards the profound formation with profound energy that was neither strong nor weak. In an instant, with a bang, the door which was initially opened, suddenly closed extremely quickly.

“As I thought.” Jasmine said. “By touching this profound formation from the inside, it’s able to completely lock the stone door, which can only be opened from the inside, and it’s impossible to open from the outside. It is really suitable for self-protection. During the Primordial Era, various devils and demonic beasts crossed these lands, and these basic self-protection measures should be really common. However, if the profound formation is destroyed from the outside by others, the people inside would be completely sealed instead.”

“Xue’er, let’s rest here for a while.”

Yun Che walked to the side of that stone bed, and then sat down while leaning against the wall. The moment he relaxed his mind, the sense of fatigue assaulted over like a flood of water. He didn’t release Feng Xue’er; instead, he changed his posture while still holding her in his embrace... He was completely able to pull out a blanket from the Sky Poison Pearl and set it on the stone bed, and then have Feng Xue’er lay on it. However, evidently, he couldn’t bear to do it. Because the sensation of embracing Princess Snow like this was enough to have any man to indulge himself to the point where he was unwilling to let go.

“Who... are... you...”

Yun Che, who had only just sat down, slightly shook as he instantly lifted his head. If there was a possibility that the first time was just his imagination or an illusory voice, then this time, Yun Che definitely would not believe that it was his imagination! He had heard that voice, with absolute clarity... It was the same and exact voice as earlier.

“Who are you? Who’s talking to me?” Yun Che heightened his concentration, and shouted out loud. In this towering fortress, which suddenly appeared within the Primordial Profound Ark, a relic left from the Primordial Era in which Jasmine was absolutely sure that there wasn’t a single existing living being left, how could there be a woman’s voice?

“You heard a voice again?” Jasmine asked in surprise.

Since Jasmine had asked in such a manner, it naturally meant that she still did not hear the voice this time. Which also meant... that only Yun Che was able to hear that voice. That voice, was also only being sent to Yun Che alone.

Yun Che once again kept quiet for a long while. however, he no longer heard that voice again. With sunken brows, he said. “There’s definitely someone in this ancient fortress! She should be really far away from me, but she knows of my existence.”

“If it’s not your imagination, then it can only be a residual soul.” Jasmine said slowly.

“Residual soul?”

Jasmine’s voice was very calm, as though she was long used to things like “residual souls”. “And it should be an extremely weak residual soul, otherwise, she wouldn’t be having such difficulties sending out her soul voice consecutively. There’s no need for you to look for her. Since she didn’t hesitate to consume her weakened soul energy to converse with you, it means that she seems to be interested in you, and she will once again take the initiative to converse with you. The reason why you’re unable to receive a reply, should be due to her soul energy, which has been weakened to the point where she’s only able to voice out her next words after a long while.”

“Big Brother Yun, is there... someone else around?” Feng Xue’er raised her head from Yun Che’s embrace, and gently asked.

Yun Che shook his head. “No, I seemed to have heard some voices, that’s all. Xue’er, you should be very tired. Have a good rest then. In the place where we are now, no one else is able to find us.”

Feng Xue’er gently shook her head. “I’m not tired... Big Brother Yun is the one who’s really tired.”

“I only have to take a short break and then I’ll recover.” Yun Che said with a smile. With the Dragon God’s physique, and the power of the Great Way of the Buddha, the recovery speed of his profound energy and stamina were much faster than a regular person’s.

The two people quietened down. After several hours of escaping, where they didn’t dare to stop for a single moment, their hearts finally found peace and calm. And Yun Che was finally able to truly feel the warmth and fragrance in his embrace. Lightly hugging Princess Snow like this was most probably a dream-like scene which every man would not even dare to dream of. And Princess Snow was like a compliant little kitten nestling in his embrace. She didn’t struggle nor reject it, and was simply resting peacefully.

‘Xue’er, the Phoenix God in your Divine Phoenix Sect, has it really died?’ Yun Che asked with a light voice. However, Jasmine had told him the answer to this question before, and Ye Xinghan’s and Feng Feiyan’s words, had even more so proved it.

Feng Xue’er was silent for a short while, before she gently nodded. “Lord Phoenix God had already departed three years ago. Sixteen years ago, the reason why Lord Phoenix God had chosen me after my birth, was because it knew that its lifespan was about to end, and it required a successor with sufficient potential. I was under the guidance of Lord Phoenix God for thirteen years, and I received all of Lord

Phoenix God's inheritance... His energy source, soul energy, all of its Phoenix blood, and all of its memories."

Feng Xue'er's words shook Yun Che... It was no wonder that at the mere age of sixteen, she possessed the strength of a half-step Monarch. It was also no wonder she was able to easily distinguish his bloodline, and knew so clearly of the feud between the two Phoenix Spirits back then. Although the Phoenix God of Divine Phoenix Empire was dead, it had passed down its own energy source, soul energy, and even its memories, to Feng Xue'er! This allowed Feng Xue'er's starting point to be frighteningly high. Her growth speed, and the heights she could achieve in the future, would undoubtedly shock the whole world as well.

It was thus no wonder Feng Xue'er had such a high position in the Divine Phoenix Sect. Since she had inherited everything from the Phoenix God, once Feng Xue'er was to completely mature, she would clearly become the second Phoenix of the Divine Phoenix Sect! In regards to their future Phoenix God, Divine Phoenix Sect would naturally have to protect her with their utmost best! The possibility of a single obstruction was definitely not allowed while she had yet to fully mature.

"In regards to Lord Phoenix God's departure, only royal father, Great Elder, Big Brother Crown Prince, grandfather, great grandfather, and me... only six people know about it. Royal father said that this is the biggest secret of our sect. It definitely can't be leaked out, and it can't even be told to the people of our sect. But, on the second year, the Four Great Sacred Grounds had been constantly sending voice transmissions to probe about the situation regarding Lord Phoenix God, as though they knew that Lord Phoenix God was no longer here. Royal father was really furious and perplexed as well. Royal father had always guessed that the Sacred Grounds were probably unable to sense Lord Phoenix God's presence, and thus came to probe about it... Never did we expect that it would actually be..."

Feng Xue'er's voice was really saddened, as she was still unable to recover from the Great Elder's betrayal. At the same time, she couldn't help but worry for Divine Phoenix Empire's future. Without the might of the Phoenix God, Divine Phoenix Sect would definitely struggle while being suppressed by the Four Great Sacred Grounds without end. For five thousand years, the sole reason why the Divine Phoenix Sect was able to develop so quickly under the watch of the Four Great Sacred Grounds and was faintly reaching the brink of the Sacred Grounds' level, was due to the Phoenix God's existence.

Yun Che sighed in his heart, yet he didn't find it to be too shocking. With every influential power, the ones that are most prone to betrayal, were usually the people at the very top of the spectrum. These people were limited to but a few figures. Because these types of people knew the most, their position from the summit was the closest, and they were absolutely clear of every advantage and disadvantage the entire force possessed. Thus, at certain appropriate timings, they were the most susceptible to harboring intents of betrayal. If the Divine Phoenix Sect were to continue going strong like this, Feng Feiyan's intent of betrayal might not have awoken even till his death. However, with their Phoenix God's departure, at the same time he feared for the future of the Divine Phoenix Sect, he was even more fearful of his own future. So after weighing his options, he decided to defect to Sun Moon Divine Hall at the very earliest moment.

If Yun Che and Xia Yuanba were not present, he would have already helped Ye Xinghan achieve his objective, and let Feng Xue'er, who carried Divine Phoenix Empire's biggest hope, land in Ye Xinghan's hands. The consequences were unimaginable.

"It's alright, it's fine this way as well. Not only were they unable to achieve what they wanted, they have completely exposed themselves instead. Otherwise, the later they are exposed, it would become even more dangerous." Yun Che consoled her.

"Mn..." Feng Xue'er lightly responded. "It's all because of Big Brother Yun. If not for Big Brother Yun, I would have... would have... If royal father knew, he will definitely be really thankful to Big Brother Yun as well."

"It's good enough if your father stops trying to kill me." Yun Che laughed. He definitely couldn't believe that protecting Feng Xue'er was the only reason why Feng Hengkong allowed Feng Feiyan to act on his own. Killing him, was definitely one of their goals as well. However, he then once again thought in another way... Once Feng Hengkong found out about today, he would definitely be under increased pressure, and there might even be a possibility for him to breach decorum with Sun Moon Divine Hall. When that time comes, he probably wouldn't even have the time to think of killing him.

"The Four Great Sacred Grounds are already aware of the Phoenix God's death so they should be aware that you have inherited the Phoenix God's physique as well. Ye Xinghan harbors motives towards you, so the other three Sacred Grounds will most probably keep their eyes on you from now as well." Yun Che closed his eyes, and he was a little pained and worried. "But, in the end, my strength is still too weak. I basically do not have the power to protect you, otherwise... I would instantly take you away from your royal father's hands, and hide you from both your sect and those from the Sacred Grounds."

"Heh..." Feng Xue'er revealed a smile. "Big Brother Yun wants to protect me to such an extent, I'm so happy... If Big Brother Yun wants to take me away, I might not resist, you know."

"Xue'er, you said those words yourself!" Yun Che smiled as well. "If there comes a day I really want to take Xue'er away, Xue'er must definitely not..."

"Sky... Poison... Pearl..."

Yun Che's words came to a grinding halt, as the mysterious and ethereal woman's voice resounded for the third time. And this time, what she said was no longer "who are you", but clearly...

Sky Poison Pearl?!

Chapter 467 - The Ghost Who Won't Go Away

"Who are you? Where are you?" Yun Che yelled with his head raised. Since the other party knew of his existence and even sound transmitted to him, then she obviously would be able to hear his voice.

But it was the same as the last two times; after the voice sounded, it fell silent, without any other sounds of speech. The third voice was also weak, and he could barely hear it, but Yun Che actually had a vague feeling... that the source of the voice was not that far from him.

"Big Brother Yun, did you hear that weird voice again?" Feng Xue'er asked.

"Mn." Yun Che nodded, then consoled her: "Don't be scared Xue'er, it could just be my misconception due to me being too nervous. This place is so ancient and quiet, there shouldn't be anyone here."

“With Big Brother Yun by my side, I’m not scared at all.” Feng Xue’er said while beaming. Thinking about what she said previously, her expression dimmed once again as she asked faintly: “Big Brother Yun, is the other Lord Phoenix God still well?”

“Should be still well.” Yun Che pondered, then replied: “The phoenix spirit I had encountered had told me before that it was weaker than your Divine Phoenix Sect’s phoenix spirit. Your phoenix god had suffered heavy injuries back then, and has already passed away. As for the one I encountered, even though it isn’t dead yet, its vitality ought to be greatly injured. But it was still well three years ago.” He paused, then continued: “If Xue’er wants to, I can bring Xue’er to visit that phoenix spirit.”

“Okay, okay.” Feng Xue’er happily agreed: “This is also Lord Phoenix God’s remaining wish. Oh right, Big Brother Yun, how did you meet that Lord Phoenix God? Can you tell me?”

Yun Che lifted his head as he fondly thought back to the past. To him, that was a secret that he had never told anyone before. But in front of Feng Xue’er’s clear eyes, he couldn’t raise a single trace of rejection. Wearing a light smile, his voice gently slowed: “That was three years ago... At that time, my profound strength was only at the Nascent Profound Realm. I was being chased by a branch sect member of a sect named Xiao Sect. It was my current princess wife who had saved me soon after... But at that time, she wasn’t my wife yet. I only had just met her at that time... We fled together. Then, the aerial profound beast we were riding on had completely exhausted its strength, and because of the injuries it received from our pursuer, we fell straight down from a high altitude...”

As Yun Che recalled the memories of that time, he slowly narrated it to Feng Xue’er. When he first started talking, his voice was flat, but his voice couldn’t help but gradually begin to fill with emotion. After all, it was an unforgettable experience for both him and Cang Yue. It was within those tribulations that his emotions were deepened. At the same time, it was also a major turning point in his life. If not for what happened then, the later unstable events wouldn’t have happened; the grievances brought along by the Phoenix flames wouldn’t have happened, and the present him wouldn’t have existed today.

Yun Che talked for a very long time, narrating the events from entering the Ten Thousand Beast Mountain Range all the way to leaving the Phoenix trial grounds. When he finally finished, he looked down and actually saw Feng Xue’er’s soft lips lightly pursed. Her breathing was as gentle as an orchid; she had already fallen asleep.

In addition to her completely powerless body, the heavy blows she received and the long hours of fleeing and terror, even though Feng Xue’er had always been carried in Yun Che’s arms, no matter if it was her mental state or body, they had long since been utterly exhausted.

Amidst Yun Che’s voice, her mind had finally relaxed slightly, and an uncontrollable tiredness caused her to unwittingly fall asleep. Yun Che let out a light sigh of relief as he silently looked at the image of Feng Xue’er’s sleeping, then immediately stared into a daze. Exhaustion gradually attacked him as he leaned his head against the ice-cold wall and also unwittingly fell asleep.

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“Please... find... her...”

“Only... you... can... save... her...”

“Please... find... her...”

“Ah...” Yun Che trembled, and immediately woke up with that voice still resounding in his ears. And this time, he was unable to tell if it was a real voice or a voice in his dreams.

“Big Brother Yun...” It was unknown whether Yun Che’s sudden movement had shocked her awake or if she had already been awake. Feng Xue’er’s beautiful eyes flashed slightly as she stared at him unblinkingly.

“It’s nothing,” Yun Che shook his head: “It’s just that it seems like I heard that weird voice again.”

Once he finished talking, Yun Che suddenly thought of something. He knitted his brows as he asked his in his consciousness: “Jasmine, how long have I been asleep? From entering the Primordial Profound Ark to now, how many hours have passed?”

“You didn’t sleep that long, as for how long you’ve been in the Primordial Profound Ark... twenty two hours have passed... or even a little more.”

“Twenty two hours?” Yun Che’s eyebrows slightly hopped. In other words, he only had not even two hours before the Primordial Profound Ark closes. Just earlier, he had suddenly remembered what Spiritual Master Ancient Blue said to Xia Yuanba... Before the Primordial Profound Ark closes, he must not be in a confined area. This even included ravines and caverns! Otherwise, the twenty fourth hour force would not be able to reach him, and he wouldn’t be able to get out of the Primordial Profound Ark!

He would also disappear along with the Primordial Profound Ark, and die within the Primordial Profound Ark!

And the place where he and Feng Xue’er were in, was precisely a truly isolated environment.

The short sleep from before had restored about fifty to sixty percent of Yun Che’s physical and profound strength. He carried Feng Xue’er and said: “Xue’er, we should leave this place. There’s not even two hours until the Primordial Profound Ark closes, and we can leave now. When that time comes, you’ll truly be safe.”

“Mn.” Feng Xue’er lightly responded as she subconsciously leaned closer to Yun Che.

“Let’s go.”

Yun Che raised his hand and struck a stream of profound energy into the profound formation on the right of the stone door. Instantly, the profound formation flashed, and the tightly closed stone door speedily opened after a short rumbling. Carrying Feng Xue’er, Yun Che walked out. Then, with a single glance, he spotted the descending stone stairs. Earlier, he chose to enter the stone door next to the stone stairs, and suppressed his curiosity to head any deeper, as he was afraid of losing his way. After all, this place was simply too huge. The structure, and the colors of the place were especially uniform as well. With just a slight mistake, he would be completely lost.

As he walked down the stone stairs, Yun Che’s heart had slightly calmed down as well. The Primordial Profound Ark was quickly about to close. After reaching outside, with Divine Phoenix Sect and Spiritual Master Ancient Blue, Ye Xinghan and Feng Feiyan shouldn’t have the thought of succeeding in their

motives, and this crisis would have been considered to be narrowly averted as well. Xia Yuanba was the only one he was currently worried about. He was in possession of a transportation jade, so theoretically speaking, he could totally save his own life. However, Yun Che couldn't help but worry that he had gamble his own life in order to fight for more time for his own escape.

Very quickly, he had already descended half of the flight of stairs, and the gigantic hall on the first floor was nearly at the end of his sight. At this moment, Jasmine suddenly let out a solemn voice. "Truly a ghost who won't go away."

"Ghost who won't go away? What do you mean?" Yun Che blanked, and his footsteps had slowed down as well. Just as he said that, his body suddenly felt a chill... It felt as though he was clearly tightly locked onto by a presence!

Yun Che suddenly turned his head, and looked below him, in the direction he first came up from... Borrowing the slightly dusky light, he saw a blurry figure currently charging over with extreme speed.

Ye Xinghan!!

When Yun Che discovered him, Ye Xinghan had long spotted Yun Che and Feng Xue'er who was in his embrace. His initial pair of darkened eyes instantly shone with an odd light, and his face revealed a surprised joy, to the extent where he let out a nearly crazed laughter. "Haha... Hahahaha! Initially, I had already given up. I never expected that, the heavens will still be generous to me! Hahahaha..."

Yun Che never expected that when there were merely two hours left before the Primordial Profound Ark closes, in this mysterious and dead-silent fortress, he would actually once again encounter Ye Xinghan. His eyes instantly grew overcast; without even thinking any further, he quickly turned about, and charged up with his quickest speed.

"This time, I want to see where you two can run off to!!"

Ye Xinghan's speed was as quick as lightning. In his eyes, since Yun Che had already landed in his own line of sight, then there would no longer be any possibility of escape. Seeing Yun Che sprinting straight towards the second floor, he smiled sinisterly. Swinging his arm, Sun Moon Calamity instantly shot out an eye-piercing white profound light, slicing towards Yun Che's legs... Evidently, he was afraid of harming Feng Xue'er by mistake.

Yun Che's figure shook as he instantly dodged away with Star God's Broken Shadow. The profound light struck the handrail of the stone stairs, letting out an extremely ear-piercing ring. The surrounding airflow trembled greatly, yet, the place where the profound light had struck was completely unscathed, not even a single hint of damage and scar could be seen.

The bricks of this place were terrifyingly tough as expected. Not just Yun Che, even with Ye Xinghan's impressive strength, he was unable to damage it in the slightest.

"Hurry and hide inside the stone room! With your speed, it's impossible to escape him!" Jasmine said solemnly.

Even without Jasmine's reminder, Yun Che would do the same as well. Because in a situation like this, that was his only option. With his quickest speed, he charged towards the second floor, and then sprinted towards the courtyard he had stopped at before. When he approached the stone door, Ye

Xinghan had already charged to the second floor as well. His distance from Yun Che's back was only left with less than sixty meters. He laughed coldly, and said with disdain. "Still thinking about running?"

Ye Xinghan fiercely pushed out his palm, and an extremely violent force of profound energy charged straight towards Yun Che's back.

A heavy sense of danger came from behind him. Yun Che had no time to turn around, as he quickly embraced Feng Xue'er tightly, and crazily surged the profound energy in his entire body...

"Sealing Cloud Locking Sun!!"

Bang!!!

Chaotic sounds of explosions rang out, and the barrier Yun Che had set up around his body had only lasted for a mere second before shattering completely. It had blocked against most of the attack, but the part of the energy Yun Che wasn't able to block was still unbearable for him, and he puked out a huge mouthful of blood. Borrowing the force of the attack, his body flew past the center of the courtyard. Like a meteor, he shot into one of the stone rooms, and his body heavily struck onto the wall inside... However, right before he fell onto the ground, with extremely strong willpower, he maintained his consciousness, and quickly stretched out his arm. With profound energy gathered in his hand, he pushed towards the profound formation at the side of the stone door.

Rrrmm...

The stone door instantly closed tightly shut, isolating themselves from Ye Xinghan outside.

Yun Che laid his back onto the ground, and panted with huge breaths as he retracted his stretched-out arm with a little difficulty as well. His back was blasted by Ye Xinghan's energy, and right after, he heavily struck against the stone wall. Hence, his blood flow was currently in a mess, and his organs had shifted greatly from their original positions as well, as fresh blood constantly trickled down from the corner of his lips. However, for someone who possessed the abilities of a late-stage Emperor Profound Realm to actually be capable of staying alive after blocking an attack that consisted of a third of a middle-stage Overlord's strength, in this world, only Yun Che could achieve it.

And in the entire process, Feng Xue'er had been protected by him with all his might, and did not suffer any form of injury. However, she was still worried and frightened to the point where she was about to cry. "Big Brother Yun, you're fine... You're fine, right... Big Brother Yun.."

"I'm... I'm fine..." Yun Che panted with huge breaths. Then, he sat up with great difficulty. He raised up Feng Xue'er up by his side as well, and had her lean against his own shoulder as they leaned against the slightly cold stone wall together. "I'm fine, it's only a small wound."

Bang! Boom! Ding! Clang! Boom...

Various banging sounds came from the direction of the stone door, which was merely less than ten steps away from them. However, no matter the stone door or the stone wall, under the incomparably intense attacks, neither of them budged a single bit. Yun Che held onto Feng Xue'er's hand, and consoled her. "Xue'er, don't worry. He won't be able to enter."

“Mn...” Feng Xue’er leaned against Yun Che’s shoulder, and she tightly hugged onto his arm with both her hands.

Chapter 468 - Desperate Straits

Ye Xinghan used all of his strength and had only managed to tiringly escape from the Song of the Flower Burial after being pressed down for exactly twelve hours. After venting his anger on the place, he still did not give up, and chased after them with all his might. Then, just like Yun Che, out of curiosity, he entered this ancient fortress which appeared out of nowhere... At this moment, he had basically given up hope on finding Feng Xue’er. He didn’t expect that a large surprise would suddenly descend from the heavens just like that.

However, currently, a stone door was completely blocking him from obtaining the prey which was supposedly right at his fingertips, even with an attack which he unleashed with his full strength that had even caused his own arm to be in severe pain; forget about being destroyed, not even a single hint of a scar could be seen on the stone door in front of his eyes, nor was there a slight deviation in its position either.

He struck the stone door with all his strength, yet, what he received, was a feeling as though he was an ant trying to shake a tree.

Ye Xinghan became utterly agitated. This feeling as though a cooked duck had suddenly flown off, had undoubtedly made him feel extremely unbearable. He stared at the stone door, and walked back and forth. He tried to locate the opening mechanism, and his solemn voice carried a deep threat. “Yun Che, if you don’t wish to die without a proper burial, open the door for me now!”

Yun Che did not respond. He closed his eyes, regulated his breathing, and slowly stabilized the injuries in his body. Although he had prepared himself when he took Ye Xinghan’s attack, the injuries he received were definitely not light. From his side, Feng Xue’er reached out her little snow-white hand, and carefully rubbed away the bloodstain from the corner of his lips. Her beautiful eyes were filled with pain... He had received such heavy injuries, yet, he was able to make sure that not even the corner of her clothes were damaged, while she was powerless to defend herself. This alone was touching enough to last in her memory for a lifetime.

Ye Xinghan circled around the vicinity for several times, yet he was unable to find anything that looked similar to a mechanism. He could only give up, and stand in front of the stone door. After his expression quickly changed, his voice suddenly calmed down. “Yun Che, not only have you spoilt my great plans, you have even killed my two beloved women. Whatever you have done, is enough for me to torture you to the point you would wish for death to come! Let’s take a couple steps back; even if you’re capable of escaping today, and you manage to leave the Primordial Profound Ark... Hmph! I will still unhesitantly move all the forces of Sun Moon Divine Hall to endlessly hunt you down. When that time comes, not only will there not be a single person who would have the guts to protect you, there will even be countless of people willing to kill you just to curry favors with my Sun Moon Divine Hall. Like a dog with a deceased owner, you will endlessly pray to see the light of day, until your corpse is shredded into countless pieces!”

Yun Che knew very well in his heart that although Ye Xinghan's words were threats, they were facts as well. Incurring the hatred of Divine Phoenix Sect and incurring the hatred of Sun Moon Divine Hall were completely two different concepts.

"If you don't come out, you will be sealed to death in this Primordial Profound Ark. Even if you manage to escape, only death awaits you as well!" Ye Xinghan said solemnly. "But, right now, I can give you a chance! As long as you open this door, and hand me my little sister Xue'er, then, everything that happened, including the matter about you killing my women, I can let them be bygones! Not only will I let you leave and I'll even allow you to safely leave the Primordial Profound Ark. From today onwards, I will not hunt you down, and I can even provide you with some benefits."

In such desperate straits, these words undoubtedly carry huge temptation. Yun Che closed his eyes, his demeanor was still the same, and he did not make a sound. Feng Xue'er looked at him worriedly, and said with a soft voice. "Big Brother Yun..."

"Let's not care about him." Yun Che held onto Feng Xue'er's shoulder, and said with a similarly soft voice.

"This young master is the Young Hall Master of Sun Moon Divine Hall, so I keep my promises. This is your only chance to live, and also a big gift for you. You'd best not be an idiot, and destroy your own life and future!" Ye Xinghan said with a solemn voice. However, in actual fact, he was especially anxious in his heart. Because, counting the time, there were only less than two hours before the Primordial Profound Ark would close. When that time comes, not only would he have to give up on Feng Xue'er, his greed and despicable acts could very possibly be exposed. In the future, it would be hard to obtain another opportunity.

He had said a bunch of words, yet still he did not receive even a single response, and not even a single bit of voice could be heard from inside. Ye Xinghan's expression became even darker and stern. "Yun Che! Since you're not coming out, could it be that you're thinking of dying in this Primordial Profound Ark? Hmph, with a lowly life such as yours, it's fine for you to die, but you don't have the qualifications to drag Feng Xue'er to die alongside you! Her life is more precious than yours. If you really wish to protect her, then you'd best honestly hand her over to me. This is your only chance!"

With the harshest voice she could muster, Feng Xue'er said. "Ye Xinghan! I, Feng Xue'er, am willing to die here with Big Brother Yun, than to land in your hands!"

"Oh, my little sister Xue'er." Hearing Feng Xue'er's voice, Ye Xinghan's tone instantly underwent a huge change. "Why do you want to reject your Big Brother Ye to such an extent? Although my methods are a little dishonorable, it's because I like you too much, and that I'm too anxious to obtain you."

"Go away!" Feng Xue'er furiously shouted. "I really... really hate you!"

"Little Sister Xue'er, you will learn to not hate me." Ye Xinghan said with a carefree voice. "I, Ye Xinghan, am the Young Hall Master of Sun Moon Divine Hall. Given less than three hundred years, I will become the true Hall Master of Sun Moon Divine Hall, becoming the highest and most supreme figure in the entire Profound Sky Continent. And only I, am worthy of Little Sister Xue'er, and only Little Sister Xue'er, is worthy of me."

“I can make a guarantee to Little Sister Xue’er right now, that after our marriage, I will use everything I have to protect you, and have you become the most respected, and the most perfect woman in this world. For you, I can even give up on all other women.”

“I will never... never like you! My Big Brother Yun, is a thousand times, ten thousand times better than you!” Feng Xue’er angrily said.

“Your Big Brother Yun?” Ye Xinghan’s eyes narrowed, and began to coldly laugh in disdain. “You actually compare me to a lowly mortal? In my eyes, he’s even less than an ant by the roadside. If I want to crush him, it’s actually even much easier than crushing an ant. My Little Sister Xue’er, given how pure and smart you are, how can your heart be so easily blinded? Only by following me, will you find where you perfectly belong. Even if you don’t think for your own future, you should also think of the future of Divine Phoenix Sect. Could it be that you really wish for the future of Divine Phoenix Sect to be destroyed by your own selfish and mistaken decision?”

Ye Xinghan’s final words, had undoubtedly struck a huge blow in Feng Xue’er’s heart. Yun Che opened his eyes, gently grasped onto Feng Xue’er’s slightly cold hand, and shook his head. “Don’t believe any words from a downright despicable person such as him. No matter what he says, we don’t have to listen to him.”

“Mn.” Feng Xue’er lightly nodded.

Yun Che once again closed his eyes, and healed his own injuries with all his strength. Before the Primordial Profound Ark closes, Ye Xinghan would definitely leave this ancient fortress. When that time comes, that would be the only hope for him and Feng Xue’er to escape from this place. In order to completely secure his own life, Ye Xinghan would definitely not stay too close from the ancient fortress after leaving it either. Although it carried a very huge risk, as long as he were to plan out the time well, the chances of success definitely wouldn’t be low.

The more his injuries heal, the possibility of success would raise correspondingly as well.

Yun Che and Feng Xue’er were in the stone room, while Ye Xinghan was outside the stone room. The situation had instantly landed in a stalemate where neither parties could advance or retreat. Even after using all of his strength, Ye Xinghan was unable to break the stone door. Hence, he could only constantly use enticing, deluding, and threatening words. At the end, under extreme agitation, he had even broken out into curses, however, neither Yun Che nor Feng Xue’er responded to him with another word.

Rumble...

The floor beneath their feet, the wall behind them, and even the entire space, had suddenly trembled slightly, as though an earthquake had happened.

This trembling caused Yun Che to focus his senses, and outside, Ye Xinghan’s expression changed greatly.

“Ah...” Feng Xue’er was suddenly conscious of something, and cried out. “Big Brother Yun, this is bad. I heard from my royal father, that when the space within the Primordial Profound Ark begins to shake, it means that there’s only less than half an hour left before the Primordial Profound Ark closes.”

“Half an hour...” Yun Che raised his eyes and stared at the stone door, his expression beginning to turn grim.

Ye Xinghan’s voice had clearly become anxious as well. “Yun Che! In half an hour, the Primordial Profound Ark will close. If you don’t come out now, the two of you will not be expelled by the Primordial Profound Ark’s force. The two of you will die inside, and even your corpses will disappear along with the Primordial Profound Ark!”

“Come out, and you two can live! Otherwise, both of you will die!”

“It’s best that you worry more about yourself.” Yun Che coldly said. “You’re still inside the ancient fortress yourself. Even if we’re not forced out when the time comes, you will accompany us in our deathbeds as well.”

“Accompany you in your deathbed? Ha, those words are so terrible to hear. You clearly only have to obediently open the door. As long as you do this simple action, you can live on nicely, and my little sister Xue’er will be able to live as well. Yet, you still wish to not come to your senses. It’s fine to be stupid on your own, but you even wish to drag down my perfect little sister Xue’er as well. This is the first time I have ever seen such a fool in my entire life!”

“If I really believe in your words, then I will truly be an idiot.” Yun Che coldly laughed.

Rumble...

Space once again shook, and according to the past experience and records, the nearer to the Primordial Profound Ark’s close, the frequency of the shaking space would increase. At the very end, it would even continue to shake violently, similar to a space which was at the verge of collapse. Ye Xinghan’s expression became even darker. He turned around to look out of the courtyard, hurriedly calculated the time he needed to escape the ancient fortress from his current position, and said while gnashing his teeth. “Yun Che. I shall give you one last chance. Either you open this door, or... both of you will die together!”

Seconds flowed by, and with every passing second, it was as though the footsteps of the god of death were approaching closer. Yun Che’s expression was calm; however, his forehead was already filled with cold sweat. Because the final amount of time he would have, would decide the life and death of both him and Feng Xue’er. If he were to head out now, he would die. If he was unable to leave before the Primordial Profound Ark closes, he would similarly die.

Another fifteen minutes had past, and the frequency of the shaking space had clearly increased as well. Ye Xinghan’s expression had already turned even more anxious, as he constantly turned his head around, confirming time and time again the route and amount of time he needed to escape the ancient fortress. Then, he took a deep breath, and once again roared. “Yun Che, I shall give you one final chance! If you wish to live... open the door now!!”

In the stone room, Yun Che tightly furrowed his brows, tightly gritted his teeth, and did not say a single word. Feng Xue’er strongly grabbed onto Yun Che’s hand, her expression was a field of confusion.

Rumble...

Space severely shook, causing Ye Xinghan's body to greatly shake for a moment. And right now, out of the total of twenty four hours, they were only left with the final fifteen minutes.

At this moment, even if Yun Che opened the door now, and handed Feng Xue'er to him, removing the time needed to escape, he basically wouldn't have the time to succeed either. His expression darkened, and his entire body trembled, as he said resentfully and hideously. "Very good. Then I will fulfill your wishes! Since I'm unable to obtain her, then destroying the two of you personally isn't a terrible idea either!!"

Ye Xinghan's words, caused Yun Che to suddenly realize what he was planning to do. He fiercely stood up and roared out. "Stop!"

Before his words fell, Ye Xinghan's palm had already heavily struck onto the right of the stone door. The point of contact, was exactly the small-scaled profound formation controlling the opening mechanism of the stone door.

A violent force struck onto the profound formation. The profound formation momentarily shone, before it completely shattered, and the dispersed profound light gently dissipated in the air.

With the profound formation destroyed, the stone door was completely locked tight as well. No matter was it from the outside or inside, it could no longer be opened.

"Haha... Hahahaha! Die here for me... Forever!!"

The destroyed profound formation had severed Yun Che's and Feng Xue'er's hope of escaping, and it had severed Ye Xinghan's hope of obtaining Feng Xue'er as well. Ye Xinghan let out a huge furious laugh, as he flew into the air with a face filled with hatred. With his fastest speed, he charged outwards. Very quickly, he descended down the stone stairs, and charged out of the exit of the ancient fortress.

Chapter 469 - Xue'er... Wait for me...

"This... bastard!!"

What Yun Che was the most worried about had happened. With Ye Xinghan's abilities, he had expectedly seen through the profound formation. Ye Xinghan had already escaped with his fastest speed, yet Yun Che's heart had dropped. He rapidly rose, whipped out Dragon Fault and attacked the stone door with his full strength.

Clang!!!

The piercing sound of the strike could almost tear ear drums; the immense recoil caused both of Yun Che's arms to hurt immensely as the internal injuries which he had recuperated with much difficulty had completely ruptured. He staggered backwards, then fell heavily onto the ground.

"Big brother Yun!" Feng Xue'er shifted her body and held onto Yun Che's shoulder: "Are you alright, are you hurt?"

Yun Che's gaze fell on the stone door where Dragon Fault had landed... forget about a crack, there was not even a nick which the naked eye could see on that area. He took a deep breath and drooped his shoulders.

“Big brother Yun... “ Seeing Yun Che this way, and thinking of their situation, Feng Xue’er hugged him tightly... ”Big brother Yun.”

To her, these three words were all the emotional support she could give.

“I’m sorry Xue’er, in the end, we were still forced to such a point.” Yun Che laughed bitterly as he said powerlessly.

Feng Xue’er forcefully shook her head: “No... I was the one who let Big brother Yun down. It’s all because of me. If not for Big brother Yun protecting me, nothing would have happened at all...”

Tears from the phoenix girl dripped, landing lightly on Yun Che’s arm. He turned over, looked in Feng Xue’er’s eyes, and said lightly after some time: “Xue’er, are you afraid?”

Yun Che’s face was completely pale, yet the look in his eyes was one that she was familiar with; one with warmth which caused her to unknowingly become infatuated. She shook her head slowly: “If I was alone, I would be afraid, but with Big brother Yun, I’m not afraid at all.”

“But, I’m really afraid.” Yun Che shut his eyes: “I’m afraid that I won’t be able to see my close ones and wives again... afraid that no one will protect them... afraid that I will not be able to complete the final wish that grandfather entrusted me... I’m afraid that I will not be able to see Little Fairy again within this lifetime, and our child... I’m afraid... of many things...”

“Yet now... right in front of me, what I’m most afraid of, is that I will really see you lose your life here.”

Rumble... Rumble...

The surroundings shuddered more and more violently, the booming not stop for a long time.

Dragon Fault had been tossed aside by Yun Che. His hands held onto Feng Xue’er’s little hands, as he gazed upwards and said with disappointment: “Xue’er, did you know that I’ve always been someone who cherished my own life and is even more so, an incomparably selfish person. I used to poison many people to death just to let myself live, so many to the point that you can’t even imagine, and within those, there were many innocents...”

Feng Xue’er shook her head: “I only know that big brother Yun is the nicest person in the world, and he’s also the one who treats me the best. No matter who tells me that big brother Yun is a bad person, I will not believe it.”

“Yun Che laughed out loud: “Xue’er, your heart is just like a crystal, even though I had cheated you in such a manner originally, not only did you not expose me, you instead taught me the World Ode of the Phoenix on your own accord, and yesterday, you helped me with such perseverance... In front of you, I am ashamed and tainted by filth and the guilt of countless crimes... your appearance was just as if a pearl had been inserted into my soul, one so precious that I don’t even have the courage to touch it.

“Big brother Yun...” Feng Xue’er didn’t understand why Yun Che was saying such strange things. Every word from him was praise and admiration, causing her heart to feel satisfied and warm, yet at the same time, there was a kind of unexplainable unease.

“That’s why, no matter what, I will not watch helplessly as you die... at least for now, I would rather die.”

“...Big brother Yun, I will forever remember your words today. Even if I die, and go to another world, I will never forget.” Feng Xue’er murmured softly. Being trapped in such a situation and unable to escape, with another fifteen minutes before the death god came knocking and facing imminent death, she ought to have felt fear along with a multitude of concerns, yet at that moment, her heart instead became extremely peaceful, without a trace of fear. She knew the reason... it was because of the person beside her.

A trace of determination flashed in Yun Che’s eyes. He reached out his palm as an imprint of a golden flame flashed between his eyebrows. He looked at Feng Xue’er and said: “Xue’er, close your eyes.”

Feng Xue’er closed her eyes like before. Yun Che reached out with two fingers and lightly tapped on the area between Feng Xue’er’s eyebrows. Instantly, the Phoenix imprint flashed between Feng Xue’er’s eyebrows... a golden imprint just like Yun Che’s .

“Ah... this is?” Feng Xue’er opened her eyes and gasped in amazement.

“These are the profound formulas of the World Ode of the Phoenix’s fifth and sixth stage .” Yun Che said: “Quickly, engrave them into your memory.”

The fifth and sixth stages of the World Ode of the Phoenix was something that the Divine Phoenix Sect had been yearning for the past five thousand years, and now, somebody had finally attained it. Though the timing wasn’t quite suitable, Feng Xue’er still obediently complied. Shutting her eyes, she calmed her mind, deeply engraving the profound imprints within her mind into her soul.

After less than an eighth of an hour, Feng Xue’er opened her eyes. Yun Che smiled slightly and said: “Xue’er really is indeed much more clever than I thought. If it’s like this, Xue’er will be able to master them in just a few months time.”

The surroundings began to rumble continuously Moreover, the degree of rumbling became more and more intense, as if there was going to be a cave-in any moment. Yet Yun Che had on a particularly peaceful expression. He noticed that Feng Xue’er’s eyes were a little misty, and then said earnestly: “Xue’er, you must listen very carefully to my following words, alright?”

“Mn.” Feng Xue’er nodded: “I will listen as long as it’s big brother Yun’s words.”

Yun Che laughed slightly and said: “The Four Great Sacred Grounds are evidently already aware of the passing of the Phoenix God; you revealing your strength at the ranking tournament yesterday also allowed them to confirm this point. In the near future, your Divine Phoenix Sect would most probably face unprecedented pressure and danger. I’m not certain how your royal father will handle this matter, and nobody knows what will happen in the future, but, Xue’er, after leaving this place, you have to properly cultivate this sixth stage of the World Ode of the Phoenix, and attain an even greater strength to protect yourself.”

“Apart from your royal father and grandfather, do not easily trust anyone else, including your royal brothers, because due to pressure and concern to improve their fate, there might be a chance that someone close to you may give in to the Four Great Sacred Grounds... No matter what, you have to give your life and safety the top priority, because to your royal father and the people of your sect... and to me, your life is more important than the entire Divine Phoenix Sect. If one day your sect really encounters a disaster which cannot be withstood, Xue’er, I hope that you will not risk your life in

protecting your sect, and instead use all your might to flee, to allow yourself to live on... Xue'er, please promise me these."

"Ah..." Xue'er opened her tender lips slightly, feeling somewhat lost: "After... leaving this place? We still are able to leave this place?"

"No matter, promise me that first." Yun Che said firmly: "You said it yourself just now, that if it were my words, you would listen."

"Mn..." Feng Xue'er nodded lightly: "Then... I promise."

Yun Che started laughing. He extended his pinky towards Feng Xue'er: "Then let's do it like the last time... pinky swear!"

Feng Xue'er extended her own delicate pinky and buckled together with Yun Che's pinky. As they quietly gripped tighter and tighter while looking into each other's eyes, they both thought about the first time when they made a pinky swear at the same time, and started to laugh lightly. Yun Che said with a smile: "Since we have made a pinky swear, this means that Xue'er has promised me and can't go against it."

"Mm!" Feng Xue'er agreed crisply: "I will definitely do what I've promised big brother Yun. Big brother Yun, you too can't renege the promise about bringing me to see snow."

Yun Che's eyes wavered slightly. He didn't answer immediately, but instead reached out to remove the transportation jade that Xia Yuanba had given him from his neck, then gently hung it around Feng Xue'er's neck.

"This is..." Feng Xue'er held the jade in her hand and asked curiously. The jade was originally sparkling and transparent, yet under the glow of Feng Xue'er's snowy jade-like neck, it had lost its splendor.

Yun Che placed his palm onto Feng Xue'er's hands, then quietly grasped the stone. He looked at her beautiful complexion with reluctance, his voice like a gentle breeze: "What I've promised Xue'er, I will definitely do... After three years, I will bring Xue'er to see the endless snow in Blue Wind Nation's Snow Region of Extreme Ice. After three years, Xue'er, will you wait there for me?"

Rumble... Rumble... Rumble...

The surroundings seemed to be boiling; Yun Che and Feng Xue'er were being flung around under the intense rumbling. The Primordial Profound Ark had finally reached the final countdown of its closing. Feng Xue'er stared at Yun Che in a daze, her heart becoming more and more misty, with an unspeakable uneasiness: "Wait for you? Big brother Yun, why do I need to... wait for you?"

Riip!!

An astonishing crack appeared in the air, appearing not more than three feet behind Yun Che. Yun Che's expression remained as calm as ever, as if at this moment, there was nothing in this world which could impinge his state of mind. He lightly tightened his grip. With a light "ping" sound, the transportation jade shattered, and a profound light instantly radiated as a delicate profound formation appeared on Feng Xue'er's body. The appearance of the profound formation along with its mysterious profound aura caused Feng Xue'er to suddenly have a premonition about something: "Big brother Yun, you..."

"Xue'er... wait for me..."

Those four words of Yun Che's were unhurried and peaceful, yet when they drifted into Feng Xue'er's ears, it was as though profound lightning had struck her, causing her mind to be thoroughly thrown into chaos... to the point that it was on the verge of collapse. She widened her eyes in fear; endless fear and heartache spread to every part of her body. She stretched out her palm, wanting to catch Yun Che, but realized that her body was already starting to blur, and that they were getting further and further... further and further...

"Big brother Yun... big brother Yun! Nooo!!!!"

Following her blood curdling scream, all the sound and light seemed to become distant as Yun Che's silhouette became completely blurry in the endless space...

Rumble... Crack... Sss... Boom...

Space was completely thrown into disorder; the entire world seemed to be on the verge of destruction. Yun Che put down his arm, grabbed Dragon Fault and hugged it, closing his eyes...

Boom...

The entire space of the Primordial Profound Ark seemed to instantly shatter. Countless cracks in space filled every corner of the profound ark, and countless bloody scars instantly exploded on Yun Che's body. His entire body instantly becoming a bloody mess, as though his entire body was shattered and minced by the space in that instant...

At that moment, it was early morning in Divine Phoenix City, The heart of Divine Phoenix City suddenly seemed to become a lot brighter; people subconsciously looked

upwards and realized that in the distant blue skies, the Primordial Profound Ark which had stopped there for half a year, had disappeared without a trace.

Chapter 470 - Re-emergence of the Divine Phoenix

Ancient Blue, Feng Hengkong and the rest, had been expelled by the Primordial Profound Ark at basically the same time. Then, they appeared on the ground directly beneath the Primordial Profound Ark... which was exactly within Phoenix City. A crowd of elders and princes had long been waiting there, and when they saw the appearance of Feng Hengkong and the rest, they hurriedly went to greet them, and ask of their well-being.

The people of Divine Phoenix Sect that went in together, had appeared at the same time. Feng Hengkong swiftly swept his gaze around the vicinity, however, he realized that two people were missing... And they were even the two most important people. He said with a frown. "Where's Feng Xue'er and Great Elder? Why aren't they out yet?"

Spiritual Master Ancient Blue raised his head to glance at the Primordial Profound Ark which had yet to disappear, and calmly said. "My disciple has yet to appear either. Their positions in the Primordial Profound Ark are different from ours, so there might be a deviation in the time they appear."

Feng Hengkong slowly nodded, as he seemed to have agreed to this idea... Because Xia Yuanba, Feng Feiyan, and Feng Xue'er had all stayed back to freely roam around the initial areas, and did not join the investigation teams.

Ye Xinghan and Ji Qianrou had appeared at the same time with Feng Hengkong and the rest as well. Ye Xinghan's expression was a little gloomy. Ji Qianrou's eyes swept past him, and shifted away the next instant, while he carried a carefree expression, as though a huge matter that occurred did not concern him in the slightest.

The moment he heard these words, Feng Xichen hurriedly stepped forward, and said. "Spiritual Master Ancient Blue, your esteemed disciple came out not even four hours after the Primordial Profound Ark opened. He is currently in the Pellet Hall."

"What did you say?" Spiritual Master Ancient Blue's expression slightly changed, while Feng Hengkong's brows furrowed as well. "Chen'er, are you certain that you did not make a mistake? We had personally seen Xia Yuanba enter the profound ark, so how is it possible for him to exit halfway through?"

Spiritual Master Ancient Blue, however, said with a stern expression. "Did he suffer some form of serious injury? How are his wounds currently?"

Feng Xichen hurriedly said. "He doesn't seem to have suffered any injuries, however, he's unconscious with no signs of waking up. And, from his entire body, the presence of profound energy cannot be sensed at all... It's as though... he has been crippled."

Spiritual Master Ancient Blue's expression once again changed. No injuries, and no presence of profound energy from his entire body. Could it be...

After having stayed depressed and silent the entire time, Ye Xinghan's eyebrows twitched, and in his heart, he instantly sensed that the situation was bad. Feng Feiyan had died, and it was impossible for Yun Che and Feng Xue'er to appear once again. The only person who knew of this entire incident was Ji Qianrou. As long as he could keep Ji Qianrou in check, no one would know of the matters that happened in the Primordial Profound Ark. However, he completely did not expect that Xia Yuanba actually wasn't dead... The reason for his disappearance, was actually because he had left the Primordial Profound Ark prematurely!

And he suddenly recalled that he seemed to have indeed heard not too long ago, Absolute Monarch Sanctuary had a transportation jade which could meddle with the Primordial Profound Ark's space. However, the quantity was extremely small, and it was incomparably precious. He never expected that Xia Yuanba actually possessed one... However, when he thought of his Tyrannical Emperor's Profound Veins, Ye Xinghan suddenly felt that it was a rather logical matter.

Feng Hengkong pondered for a moment, and just as he was about to speak up, a profound light suddenly flashed in front of him. A small profound formation slowly appeared, and after seeing this profound formation, Spiritual Master Ancient Blue revealed a suspicious look... Because this profound formation, was clearly the unique transportation profound formation that was contained in the transportation jade.

Within the profound formation, Feng Xue'er's figure appeared. Her appearance, caused Ye Xinghan's expression to instantly change. The emotion he displayed was not fear, but astonishment carried with extreme joy.

A familiar place, a familiar air, familiar people within her line of sight, and familiar sounds by her earside... However, it was as though Feng Xue'er was unable to sense all of them at all. She quietly stood

there, and looked at the blue sky with her head raised... She was clearly at home, yet it felt incomparably lonely.

The Primordial Profound Ark which was above the blue skies, had completely disappeared at this moment as well.

Feng Xue'er's eyes completely blurred at this instant. Two clear streams of tears gently slid down her cheeks. In front of her, all she could see was Yun Che's blurred face at that very last moment. His voice, which was as gentle as the wind, resounded in her ears, over and over again...

Xue'er... Wait for me...

"Big Brother Yun... Big Brother Yun..."

With a soft sob, every word was filled with sadness, that was seemingly about to tear everyone's heart apart. She closed her eyes, and like an elf that had lost its soul, she directly fell backwards.

"Xue'er!"

When Feng Xue'er appeared, Feng Hengkong heavily sighed in relief, and shouted for her twice. However, he did not receive any response from Feng Xue'er. Just as he was thinking that it was strange, he saw that she was actually falling straight down towards the ground. He was instantly thrown into a shock, and hurriedly charged over to hold her. The moment he touched her body, his expression changed instantly. "This is... the Phoenix Sealing Imprisonment Formation!"

"What!?" The moment they heard these four words, every member of Divine Phoenix Sect was shocked. They gathered around one after another, and sensed the blurry aura on Feng Xue'er's body. Every one of their faces instantly paled.

"How could this be!?" Feng Ximing gritted his teeth. "The Phoenix Sealing Imprisonment Formation is used on our sect's disciples who have committed heinous crimes. How could it appear on Xue'er... And with Xue'er's strength, only a few people in the entire sect is capable of casting the Phoenix Sealing Imprisonment Formation on her!" When he spoke of this, he suddenly thought of something, and his face was instantly filled with fear. "Only the people of our sect are able to cast the Phoenix Sealing Imprisonment Formation. Great Elder was the only person with Xue'er... But... this... why would Great Elder..."

Feng Hengkong swiftly swept his gaze around the vicinity, and realized that Feng Feiyan had still not exited. His expression was frighteningly dark... Because ever since Feng Xue'er was young, forget about being harmed by anyone, she had never even been loudly lectured upon. Yet, currently, someone actually cast the Phoenix Sealing Imprisonment Formation on her. His expression had turned ashen, and was already furious to the point where he was basically unable to say a word. Taking a deep breath, flames began to burn on both of his hands, as he unhesitantly inserted the source of his flaming energy into Feng Xue'er's body... Not long later, the Phoenix Sealing Imprisonment Formation in Feng Xue'er's body disintegrated soundlessly.

Feng Xue'er who had fainted, slowly woke up at this moment as well.

“Xue’er!” Feng Hengkong retracted his Phoenix flames, and held Feng Xue’er up. Forcefully suppressing his rage, he said anxiously. “What happened to you in the Primordial Profound Ark? Who... Who injured you?”

Although Feng Xue’er had opened her eyes, her expression was still pale. Her pair of beautiful eyes were dull, and even though Feng Hengkong had repeatedly called out to her, she was completely unresponsive, as though her soul had gone missing. Until... her line of sight suddenly made contact with Ye Xinghan’s figure.

“It’s you... It’s you who killed Big Brother Yun... It’s you who killed Big Brother Yun!!”

The voice that Feng Xue’er let out was seemingly heartbreaking. Her gaze, was actually filled with hatred and killing intent which Feng Hengkong was incomparably foreign to... As the father of Feng Xue’er, in his entire life, this was still the first time he had sensed hatred and killing intent emitting from her body. And when Ye Xinghan was the person she was pointing to, his heart fiercely stirred as well. He hurriedly held onto Feng Xue’er’s shoulder, and said with a solemn voice. “Xue’er, calm down. Tell your royal father just what actually happened!”

Ancient Blue swept his gaze at the surroundings, yet, he was unable to see Yun Che’s figure. Xia Yuanba’s abnormal state and Feng Xue’er’s emotional outburst had allowed him to faintly guess what had gone on. He glanced at Ye Xinghan indifferently, and said with a calm voice. “Princess Snow, calm your emotions.”

Although these few words from Spiritual Master Ancient Blue were simple and plain, they carried peerless profound energy within them, as they brushed across Feng Xue’er’s soul like a light breeze, allowing her emotions to slowly return to normal. She no longer lost control of her emotions, however, her soul was still in pain, preventing her from breathing. She bit her lips, and a strand of fresh blood slowly fell from her lips, flowing straight onto her creamy snow-white neck.

She had escaped from desperate straits. She had left the Primordial Profound Ark. She had returned to the sides of her loved ones. She had escaped from all dangers...

However, everything, was in exchange for Yun Che’s life.

Clearly, he could have safely escaped danger on his own... He could have done it right from the beginning. Yet, he desperately fled while bringing her along. For her sake, he completely offended Ye Xinghan without the slightest hesitation, and in the end... he even exchanged his own life, for hers...

Big Brother Yun... Big Brother Yun...

The tears on her cheeks were slowly dried by the wind, yet, the tears in her heart, had accumulated into an ocean... For the very first time, she realized that this was actually how sadness truly felt, and how painful and torturous sadness was... Closing her eyes, the corner of her eyelids filled with tears. Though her voice was calm, every single word was filled with sorrow. “Great Elder has betrayed us. He had long pledged loyalty to Sun Moon Divine Hall... Ye Xinghan wanted to possess me. Great Elder appeared, however, he suddenly made a move against me, and struck the Phoenix Sealing Imprisonment Formation on me... Big Brother Yun and Bulky Big Brother were the ones who saved me... Big Brother Yun carried me, and fled to an ancient fortress... Ye Xinghan wanted to force Big Brother Yun and me to

death, so Big Brother Yun handed me something that could escape from the place. Big Brother Yun... He..."

Feng Xue'er's description was in bits and pieces, and her voice constantly fluctuated, however, they still clearly understood what had happened. After speaking her last few words, in front of Feng Xue'er eyes, the image of Yun Che's figure instantly heading far, far away had once again surfaced. Her soul felt as though it was pierced by ten thousand arrows, and her eyes instantly blurred. She then... fainted once more.

"Xue'er!" Feng Hengkong held Feng Xue'er up, and his entire body was already trembling with fury and hatred. When he sensed the Phoenix Sealing Imprisonment Formation in Feng Xue'er's body, he had already thought of Feng Feiyan... Because Feng Feiyan was the only person who did not head into the inner areas of the profound ark, who was tasked to protect Feng Xue'er from the shadows. He didn't expect that this terrifying guess had actually turned into reality, and it was countless times more terrifying than he had thought it was!

The elder brother whom had grown up with him, whom he had respected, trusted, and even relied upon the most among his age-group, had actually...

All the signs, which showed that the Four Great Sacred Grounds seemed to have found out the news of the Divine Phoenix's passing... was actually not his imagination! It was actually Feng Feiyan who had informed Sun Moon Divine Hall of this matter! He had completely betrayed the Divine Phoenix Sect.

If he was barely able to accept the fact that Feng Feiyan had betrayed them, then, the fact that Feng Xue'er had almost fell into dangerous hands, and had even almost lost her life in the Primordial Profound Ark forever... had already completely touched the reverse scale that definitely shouldn't have been touched. It had completely crossed his final line. The endless rage had caused Feng Hengkong's chest to look as though it was about to explode. He looked at Ye Xinghan angrily, and his voice carried a slight tremble. "Ye Xinghan... You had best... give us... an... explanation!!"

All of the gazes from those of the Divine Phoenix Sect gathered onto Ye Xinghan. Every single one of their gazes were filled with deep anger and hatred. If not for Ye Xinghan's identity as the Young Hall Master of Sun Moon Divine Hall, they would have already pounced at him one after another, and tear him into shreds on-site. Not only was Feng Xue'er's Feng Hengkong's reverse scale, she was even more so, the reverse scale of the entire Divine Phoenix Sect.

Although Spiritual Master's expression looked rather calm, rage was already faintly being carried in his eyes. Ji Qianrou turned aside, and was leisurely enjoying the view of the Phoenix flowers not far away. Ling Kun's eyes were shifting from Divine Phoenix Sect and Ye Xinghan back and forth, and his brows had begun to furrow deeply as well.

Facing Feng Hengkong who could explode with flaming rage at any moment, Ye Xinghan, however, did not look even the least bit anxious. His eyes narrowed into long slits, as he slowly said casually. "Phoenix Sect Master, please calm your anger. Although this young master's methods have indeed been excessive, it's simply because I love Little Sister Xue'er too much, which led to this moment of impulse. Phoenix Sect Master has been young once, so I believe you will definitely understand."

“Understand?” Feng Hengkong laughed out loud furiously, and his eyes had already turned crimson-red. Two balls of Phoenix flames intensely swayed in his pupils. Clearly, he had already entered a state of extreme rage. “Then if we want to kill you, I believe your Sun Moon Divine Hall will definitely understand as well!”

“Kill me? Hahahaha!” Ye Xinghan laughed out loud without a hint of fear on his expression. Instead, his face was filled with disdain and ridicule. “Alright! Then Phoenix Sect Master, why don’t you try it out. Tsk tsk, I wonder just how long Divine Phoenix Sect is able to survive under the wrathful flames of our Sun Moon Divine Hall without the existence of the Divine Phoenix? Is it a year, and a month?”

Feng Hengkong’s and Feng Ximing’s expressions instantly changed.

“Shut up!” A Phoenix elder said sharply. “Clearly, you were the one who first dealt your deadly hands on Princess Snow, yet you actually desecrate our Lord Phoenix God with your words! Our Lord Phoenix God is the only divine spirit in the Profound Sky Continent, and possesses an endless lifespan. It has protected our Divine Phoenix clan throughout every generation, and will exist forever! Do you really think our Divine Phoenix Sect is really afraid of your Sun Moon Divine Hall!?”

“Hahahaha... Hahahahaha...” Ye Xinghan once again burst out into an incomparably ear-piercing crazed laughter. “You people from the Divine Phoenix Sect sure are a sorry bunch, being completely fooled by your Sect Master and all. Your Phoenix God is already dead for several years. Yet, you people actually don’t know about this, and still bring up your ancestor which had already died a long time ago. My front teeth is about to fall from all this laughter, hahahaha... If you don’t believe me, you can try asking your Sect Master.”

“You... You’re basically speaking utter nonsense, a pack of rubbish!” The crowd of Phoenix elders were all trembling from the anger, however, Ye Xinghan’s arrogant demeanor and relaxed tone, were unable to cast away the doubts in their hearts. And, when their eyes turned towards Feng Hengkong, they realized that his expression was ashen, yet, he still did not refute a single word, causing their hearts to tremble even more.

Could it be... The Lord Phoenix God has really...

“The news of your Phoenix God’s death, was personally told to me by your own Great Elder Feng Feiyan.” Ye Xinghan said sinisterly. “The people of our Four Great Sacred Grounds had received this piece of news since two years ago, it’s laughable that the people of your own sect are unaware of it, and are still living in a sorrowful false image. Why don’t all of you think about this carefully? If your so-called Phoenix God isn’t dead, then why did your Great Elder want to defect to our Sun Moon Divine Hall?”

“When your Phoenix God isn’t dead, we will still give a certain degree of respect. In regards to a Divine Phoenix Sect without its Phoenix God, heheh...” Ye Xinghan curled his lips. “It’s time for the word ‘Divine’ to be removed. Forget about resisting against our Sun Moon Divine Hall, you people basically hold no qualifications for us to even look at you. In a situation such as this, seeing that I have my eyes on your Princess Snow, it’s considered a blessing to your entire sect! Not only are you people not showing your appreciation, you actually want to kill me? Phoenix Sect Master, why don’t you actually try killing me then!!”

Ye Xinghan's speech was like a poisonous blade, which ruthlessly pierced into every single Divine Phoenix Sect member's soul, causing deep fear to reveal on their faces. With trembling voices, they looked towards Feng Hengkong. "Sect Master, is what he said... true? Has the Lord Phoenix God already... already..."

The Divine Phoenix, was the ancestor of Divine Phoenix Sect, and was even more so, the backing, faith, and pillar of spiritual support of the entire sect. If this pillar were to collapse, a large half of Divine Phoenix Sect would collapse as well. Not only would their deterrent power steeply fall, the hearts of the entire sect would be in a huge mess as well. However, at this moment, this matter could no longer be concealed. Feng Hengkong raised his head, after a deep sigh, he said. "In regards to the matters of the Lord Phoenix Sect..."

"Which lowly junior dares to slander about this god's death!?"

A mighty and calm voice which faintly carried a hint of anger, suddenly sounded from the distant blue skies. It was clearly sent into every one of their ears, and then, carrying a penetrative force which could not be resisted against, it resounded in their souls, blood, and bones... through every single corner of their bodies.

This voice shook all of the bodies of the people present. At the same time, a boundless, heaven-toppling aura descended, as though it had enveloped the entire sky and earth. Under this majestic aura, the bodies of everyone stiffened and their hearts tightened. Even someone as strong as Ancient Blue, was feeling as though he was as small as a grain of sand at the base of a mountain.

Feng Hengkong raised his head. After a moment of shock, his body shivered from the excitement. "This... This voice and strength is... is..."

At this moment, two long and narrow golden streaks of light suddenly appeared in the distant blue skies. Soon after, like a pair of slightly closed eyes, these two long golden streaks of light slowly opened... Two incomparably huge golden eyes, which looked as though they were embedded onto the sky, opened.

Phoenix eyes!!