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Chapter 671 - False Bravado

“Yun... Che!” Looking at Yun Che’s coldly smiling face, unspeakable resentment and loathing erupted in Ye Xinghan’s heart. Back then, it was this small fry, who was not even significant enough to be counted as a worm when compared to his lofty status as the Young Master of Sun Moon Divine Hall, who completely wrecked his plans in the Primordial Profound Ark! If not for Yun Che, he would have already obtained Feng Xue’er’s Divine Phoenix body, and his current strength would have broken through to the Sovereign Profound Realm while his rate of growth would be far greater than what it was today... All of his plans had been ruined because of this Yun Che!

When Yun Che had “died” in the Primordial Profound Ark all those years ago, he was still unable to get rid of the hatred in his heart.

And now that three years had passed, he discovered that Yun Che was not actually dead! He had even killed his men, once again wrecking his plans... and even his profound strength had grown by leaps and bounds... to the point where it had even exceeded his own!

When he received Ye Qingsheng’s death imprint, the anger, resentment, and killing intent that he felt in that instant... was so fierce that it felt as if his chest was going to explode!

If not for stone cold logic informing him that he might not be Yun Che’s match anymore, he would have rushed out like a crazed dog and used the cruelest method to brutally kill Yun Che. He stared at Yun Che, the coldness and hatred on his face giving way to a rotten and icy smile. “To think that you still lived... this truly gave this young master a huge surprise! All these years, this young master’s greatest regret was not being able to personally rip you to tiny pieces. To think that you would actually escape from the king of the Underworld and obediently deliver yourself into my hands.”

As he spoke, Ye Xinghan surveyed the background, and his gaze fell upon the ladies of the Frozen Cloud. Immediately, his eyes widened into saucers, and his gaze turned feverishly hot as the expression on his face went from gloomy and cold to one of undisguised, evil depravity. “Yun Che, this young master suddenly feels extremely grateful to you. If not for you, this young master would not have known that Frozen Cloud Asgard was actually such a wonderful place! Who would have thought that in a tiny country that is about to be scattered like ashes, there would actually be so many peerless beauties waiting to be enjoyed by this young master. Tsk...”

Ye Xinghan’s tongue extended out of his mouth as he slowly licked the corner of his lips, and a gulping sound could be heard coming from his throat. His excessively evil and wanton gaze and aura had grown so strong that even his anger and killing intent had been completely swallowed by it. This was definitely not something that Ye Xinghan was faking; he cultivated heretical arts and had his way with countless women, and while he had an insatiable appetite for beauty, his standards were exceedingly high. Regular beautiful women would not even catch his notice. However, the ladies of the Frozen Cloud all had ice-snow skin, features like a cold moon, and possessed a stately and ice-cold temperament. Every single one of them seemed like snow lotuses from Mount Heaven which blossomed amidst the wind and snow; they were like snow fairies who descended to the earth after being exiled from the heavens, haughtily surveying the world in their peerless beauty.

During these thousand years, the number one beauty of Blue Wind Nation had always come from Frozen Cloud Asgard without even a single exception!

Also, even if one and only picked a girl from Frozen Cloud Asgard... even if she was the plainest one of them all, she would still be a peerless beauty in the outside world, more beautiful than any other women for miles around her. Moreover, their cold and stately temperament was not something that a normal girl could compare to.

So even though Ye Xinghan had countless women at his disposal, he still stared at every single lady of the Frozen Cloud with the depravity of a hungry wolf... and he had an entire two thousand women of Frozen Cloud to stare at! It would not be the least bit exaggerated to say that every single nerve and cell within Ye Xinghan's body was quivering with excitement. Two thousand women of Frozen Cloud, any single one of them would cause all the women that he kept back in Sun Moon Divine Hall to lose their luster. And those six ladies, who were standing at the forefront, who had the strongest profound energy auras of them all, especially caught his eye, making it almost impossible for him to stop himself from drooling at the mouth...

As for Frozen Cloud Asgard, he had once heard of them a very long time ago, but an all-women power from the tiny nation of Blue Wind was not even worthwhile for him to remember, much less catch his attention. If not for the name "Xia Qingyue" and the fact that she was part of Frozen Cloud Asgard, he probably would have never have considered to coming to this kind of place. But never in his wildest dreams did he think that this place was actually a "paradise on earth"!

Sun Moon Divine Hall's young master, who held beauty as dear to him as life itself, suddenly felt as if he had wasted most of his life. At this time, his attention had already completely switched from Yun Che to the Frozen Cloud ladies behind him.... Compared to these beautiful and bewitching snow fairies, Yun Che's life was not even worth a damn!

Ye Xinghan's notoriety for using women to cultivate his heretic arts was something that all the women of Frozen Cloud had heard of before. And what they saw today was far worse than any of the rumors that they had heard. Looking at his obscene and depraved expression, the faces of the ladies of Frozen Cloud were filled with a deep loathing. Murong Qianxue, Chu Yueli, and the rest of the Frozen Cloud Fairies all knitted their brows as the ice spirit around their bodies danced wildly and their hands tightened around the hilts of their ice swords... Today, even if they all had to perish together, they would definitely not allow themselves to be sullied by Ye Xinghan.

"Hahahaha!" After hearing Ye Xinghan's words, Yun Che did not reveal the slightest bit of fear or anger; instead, he crossed his arms over his chest and let out a wild laugh. "Ye Xinghan, your death is at hand yet you still have the time to build castles in the air. This is simply too hilarious, hahahaha..."

"This young master's death is at hand?" Ye Xinghan's eyes slanted as he tilted his head back and let out a loud laugh as well, and it was even louder and more wanton than Yun Che's laugh. "It looks like even though you have lived for three more years, you have become a pitiful idiot who can't even tell whose death is actually at hand right now."

"Young Master!" Ye Shi said as he took a step forward. "When this brat saw the Young Master, he was clearly so frightened that he had lost his wits. Hmph, given the Young Master's status, there is no need

to waste your breath on him. Let me go and capture him and leave his fate at the Young Master's disposal!"

"I will have to trouble Fifteenth Elder then," Ye Xinghan replied leisurely. "But Fifteenth Elder, remember to be gentle with him. I definitely do not want you to kill him by accident."

"Just watch me break his legs first!" Ye Shi said with a cold laugh. He circulated all the profound energy in his body and prepared to advance before a figure suddenly flashed in front of him. He was blocked by Ye Guying who gave a low shout, "Wait! Do not take any action yet! Haven't any of you realized that there is something wrong here?!"

"When we had arrived, they had already gathered here, and they even called out the name 'Sun Moon Sacred Ark,' so they clearly knew that we were coming far in advance. Also, not only did they not flee, but they actually purposely waited here!" Ye Guying said coldly, "If they did not have anything to rely on or some scheme lying in wait for us, why would they act in such a manner?! Especially that Yun Che... just look at him, he isn't the least bit worried or afraid. Rather, he looks like victory has already been grasped in his hand as his prey is about to take the bait!"

This situation was definitely out of the ordinary. After they had arrived and had found Yun Che, the scenario they had been greeted with was completely different from the one they had expected. Ye Shi replied, "There is definitely something weird going on, but I had just used all of my power to survey our present surroundings, and I cannot feel the aura of any strong individual. The strongest aura I have detected is that of the eighth level of the Emperor Profound Realm, and this Yun Che only has a profound strength at the third level of the Emperor Profound Realm! Even though I do not know why they would know of our arrival so far in advance, they did not flee because they clearly knew that even if they fled to the ends of the earth, it would not be enough to escape from our grasp. That Yun Che is simply faking his current attitude... it's all false bluster and bravado!"

"You really think that he is faking it?" Ye Guying said with sunken brows, "We are all people that have lived for nearly a thousand years, and Yun Che is only slightly over twenty years of age. Do you actually think that any act put on by him could escape our eyes?"

Ye Shi's eyelids briefly twitched as Ye Shuran and Ye Juanyun both furrowed their brows.... The Yun Che who had stood in front of them had not only taken the initiative to wait for them here, but even as he faced their Sun Moon Divine Hall, he was still calm and composed. They could not detect a hint of fear or anxiety from his expression, gaze, or posture. On the contrary, the only thing that was displayed was continuous arrogance and contempt... they were all old monsters who had lived for several hundred years, and some of them were even close a thousand years old, so they definitely did not believe that a young man of just over twenty years of age could "act" in front of them to such a degree.

In the depths of their heart, they had long ago confirmed that... there was definitely someone who had Yun Che's back at this present moment!

"So what if there is?" Ye Shi persisted as he gave a contemptuous laugh, "Even if he really has some huge power backing him up... could it be stronger than our Sun Moon Divine Hall? In this Profound Sky Continent, other than the other three Sacred Grounds, is there really anything else that can cause our Sun Moon Divine Hall to tremble?"

Ye Shi's words may have been arrogant beyond reason, but they were also unshakably true. As one of the premier powers in the Profound Sky Continent, other than the rest of the Sacred Grounds, Absolute Monarch Sanctuary, Supreme Ocean Palace, and Mighty Heavenly Sword Region, there was nothing else in this world that they held as their equal. Even if Yun Che gathered all of the profound practitioners in Blue Wind Nation, it would not cause them to even bat an eyelid.

"He defeated the Divine Phoenix Sect by himself and managed to kill Ye Qingsheng and Ye Ziyi despite cultivating for only six years, so I have no reason to believe that he is simply standing here and waiting for death!" Ye Guying said in an incomparably prudent manner, "Moreover, did you not hear what he just said... he said that our Young Master's death was at hand! He could be bluffing, or if the one who is backing him up really has that kind of power, even if there is only a one in a billion chance of that happening... do you dare take such a risk?! If anything really happens to the Young Master, not only will we die, but our entire families and even our descendants will all have to die with us!!"

Ye Guying's words caused Ye Shi's body to tremble and the complexion of Ye Shuran and Ye Juanyun faces to change. Looking at Yun Che's extremely confident demeanor and attitude, these elders of Sun Moon Divine Hall, all mighty Monarchs who loomed over the earth, did not dare make any rash or impulsive moves. Instead, they focused all of their spirit as they attempted to search for any hidden profound energy auras in the surrounding area.

"His cheap life, how can it be compared with the safety of our Young Master. It is not that I am being overly cautious and prudent, but his current attitude... is definitely not normal, so he must be hiding some kind of scheme. With the Young Master here, we definitely cannot take such a risk." Ye Guying calmly said as his eyes narrowed slightly, "Let me first get to the bottom of this! And after we have exposed all of his tricks and supporters and we have confirmed that he poses no threat, then we can kill him!"

"Oh? Why have you lot suddenly gone quiet? Weren't you shouting about how you were going to capture me? Are you going to do it or what?!" Yun Che casually extended a hand and gestured them to come forward with his finger. This contemptuous action and sight would stoke the fires of rage in even the lowliest of profound practitioners, even moreso for elders of Sun Moon Divine Hall.

Yun Che's expression was haughty and contemptuous, but the reality was that his back had long ago been drenched in cold sweat. Just now Jasmine had advised him on the strength of these four individuals. There was one who was at the third level of the Sovereign Profound Realm, two were at the fifth level of the Sovereign Profound Realm, and the one who looked the youngest was actually at the seventh level of the Sovereign Profound Realm... He approached the latter stages of the Sovereign Profound Realm, and he was a monstrous existence that stood on equal ground with a grand elder of the Yun Family! He had predicted that Ye Xinghan would definitely bring along some strong individuals who were at the Monarch level, but the overall level of strength of his party far exceeded what he had expected.

Even Ye Xinghan himself had broken through to the eighth level of the Tyrant Profound Realm, and he was far stronger than he was three years ago.

If Ye Shi had really rushed at him like he intended to, his only choice would have been to whisk away all of the women in the Primordial Profound Ark and flee the scene... and all of the schemes that he had

prepared would be rendered useless. But it was good that he had successfully caused the other party to become extremely cautious, allowing him to scrape through the first encounter without any mishap.

Ye Guying slowly strode forward and his body released an aura which was not intense but was as boundless as the sea, and in the span of a few breaths, it had engulfed the entire Snow Region of Extreme Ice. The strength and dread invoked by this aura caused all the women of Frozen Cloud to go pale with fear... because this was power that far exceeded what they knew and even what they could imagine.

“Yun Che.” Ye Guying said in a bland voice, “Even though your talent is not common, in the eyes of our Sun Moon Divine Hall, it is not even worth mentioning. If we want to kill you, it is only a matter of lifting our hands. It is just that before we proceed, I have a few questions I want to ask you, and if you honestly answer them, we can consider sparing the lives of the women behind you.”

These last words spoken by Ye Guying were completely farcical because even if they wanted to do anything to the women of Frozen Cloud, Ye Xinghan would definitely not allow them to. Yun Che eyed him coolly before tilting his head back and breaking out into a huge roaring laugh, “Hahahaha! Kill me? Just one level three Monarch, two level five Monarchs, and one level seven Monarch, and you want to kill me? Hahahaha, this is simply the best joke I’ve heard in ages! Could it be that your entire Sun Moon Divine Hall is made up of presumptuous idiots?!”

Yun Che’s words caused the expressions on the four great elders’ and Ye Xinghan’s face to greatly change... and it was not because of his arrogant and irritating insults, but it was because he had actually correctly stated the exact profound strength of Ye Shuran, Ye Shi, Ye Juanyun, and Ye Guying!

There was not a single mistake contained in his words!!

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To be able to correctly ascertain a profound practitioner’s level of profound strength, one had to have a profound strength higher than the other! Yet Yun Che was able to accurately shout out the profound strength of these four Monarchs, including Ye Guying, who was a late stage Monarch!

Yun Che only had the profound strength aura that was at the Emperor Profound Realm, so he definitely would not be able to do this! The only possible explanation was that... there was someone here whose profound cultivation was extremely strong, and he might even be strong enough to surpass Ye Guying’s strength!

Before it was only a faint suspicion, but following what Yun Che said, this misgiving’s likelihood suddenly multiplied many times over... it reached the point where they could practically confirm that there was indeed a huge power that was backing Yun Che up. And the strength of this power far exceeded their previous expectations... because the other person was able to accurately ascertain their profound strength, whereas they could not even detect the presence of that person! To be able to conceal his profound strength so perfectly from them, that person had to have a profound strength that exceeded them, and it was highly possible that his strength was far above theirs!

Could it really... actually be someone who was in the late stages of the Sovereign Profound Realm?

That was not possible... besides the Four Sacred Grounds, it should not be possible for any other high level Monarchs to exist elsewhere in this world!

At this time, they looked at Yun Che's face that was calm and devoid of fear, and he even had a provocative, cold smile plastered on his face. They were quickly disabused of the notion that all of this was just "false bluster and bravado."

Ye Guying quickly suppressed the look of alarm that flashed across his face and gave a humorless laugh as he replied, "Let us first not talk about whether we are going to kill you today and move on to other matters instead... seeing your reaction, it seems as if you had already known about our impending visit for quite some time."

"Haha." Yun Che gave an extremely disdainful and cold laugh as contempt flashed in his eyes, and he looked at the powerful Ninth Elder of Sun Moon Divine Hall as if he were some kind of an idiot. "To think that words so stupid that it insults one's intelligence would actually come out of the mouth of an elder of Sun Moon Divine Hall! When I killed Ye Ziyi, I was using Ye Ziyi's death imprint to transmit the entire manner of his death to your young master, Ye Xinghan. My motive was to get Ye Xinghan to immediately rush over here with his people to try and kill me... You actually have doubts over how I knew about your arrival? Hahahaha! This is the level of intellect possessed by an elder from Sun Moon Divine Hall... it truly is too laughable!"

Yun Che's words caused Ye Guying's eyes to tremble in anger, but his expression did not change. Instead of flying into a rage, he merely gave a tepid laugh and said, "You mean when you killed Ye Ziyi, you had already known about the death imprint on his body, so you purposely used this death imprint to let our Young Master know that you were the one who killed him?"

"What else?" The corner of Yun Che's mouth curled upwards as he mockingly replied, "Didn't any of you actually stop to think about why even though both Ye Ziyi and Ye Qingsheng died... you did not receive Ye Qingsheng's death imprint?"

The expressions of all the members of Sun Moon Divine Hall changed simultaneously... Before this, when they were still on the Sun Moon Sacred Ark, Ye Guying had gravely voiced his suspicion that it was possible that the other party had preserved Ye Ziyi's death soul imprint to entice them to come here. Because if the other party could wipe away Ye Qingsheng's death imprint, it was impossible that he would not have discovered the existence of a death imprint on Ye Ziyi's body. But they could not bring themselves to believe this, and they explained it away by coming to the conclusion that Ye Qingsheng's death imprint had faded away by itself, because there was no one who had the guts to provoke and "entrap" the members of Sun Moon Divine Hall... unless said person had a death wish!

However,, those exact words had come out of Yun Che's mouth this very moment, causing all of them to be involuntarily alarmed as a feeling of uneasiness which should not exist was birthed in their hearts. But Ye Juanyun took a step forward and gave a laugh of contempt instead, "And so what if you did? Yun Che, you are only a pitiful frog in the well in our eyes, so what would you know about how high the sky is or how deep the earth is. You truly believe that just relying on that teacher behind you, you can challenge our Sun Moon Divine Hall? Hahahaha..." Ye Junyuan laughed wildly, "That is so incredibly naive! Our Sun Moon Divine Hall's strength is something that you can never imagine and is something

that you are not qualified to know as well! Your confidence and the backup that you think is infallible, in the eyes of our Sun Moon Divine Hall, it is only a huge joke!”

“Oh?” Yun Che’s eyebrows drooped slightly as he replied, “You actually know who my master is?”

“Tsk tsk, anyone who has dared to behave in such a brazen manner in front of our Sun Moon Divine Hall has always died a horrible death, and even if they managed to survive, their fates were even worse than death...” Ye Shi continued with a cold laugh as he put a hand on his chin, “Yun brat, don’t even talk about your master. Even if you had one hundred of those masters, you will definitely not be able to keep your life today!”

“Haha, what?” Yun Che gave a humorless laugh, and while his tone was arrogant, his voice began to deepen as well, “My master is normally within his own little world, so I normally will not dare to disturb his cultivation, and I am even less willing to borrow my master’s power.” Yun Che’s eyes instantly became dark and cold as he continued, “But Frozen Cloud Asgard has no quarrel or grievance with you, yet you acted so viciously towards them. Not only did you push them into a desperate situation, you even killed their two previous sect masters... this hatred and animosity has created an irreconcilable gulf between us! And if I cannot avenge this wrong, then I am not fit to be the new sect master of Frozen Cloud Asgard!!

“So today, I will borrow my master’s strength and will use Ye Xinghan’s... no, will use all of your blood to offer up a sacrifice to the souls of the previous two sect masters!” Yun Che raised his left hand. “You will soon know who exactly is the frog in the well! When my master condescends to appear before us, all of you better be ready for it... don’t become so frightened that you wet your pants and stain this pristine snowy land!!”

Yun Che’s tone was harsh, and his words were filled with animosity. As his words fell, Ye Xinghan’s face grew dark, and just as he was about to speak, he saw a light flash from Yun Che’s body. Following that flash... his entire person had disappeared from where he was standing! Whether it was his figure or his presence, all of it had completely disappeared!!

Ye Guying and the rest of his companions were fiercely shocked... they definitely did not believe that a profound practitioner who was below the Sovereign Profound Realm could disappear without them noticing. But despite their enormous power as Monarchs, they could not detect Yun Che’s presence even though their spiritual perception blanketed the entire area. It was in this manner that he had completely disappeared in an instant right before their very eyes!

“What... what is going on?” Ye Shi sputtered in a deep voice as his eyes swept the area. According to their own knowledge and experiences, this was something that should not be possible! Without even mentioning that Yun Che was a Throne, even if he was a Monarch as well, it should not be possible for him to disappear completely before their very eyes!

Ye Guying’s brows sank, and he suddenly remembered that Yun Che just said these words, “My master normally resides in his own little world, so I normally will not dare to disturb his cultivation...” His heart suddenly shook... his own little world? Could it be that his master was actually someone who could open his own little world, just like in the legends? And Yun Che’s complete disappearance was due to him entering his master’s “little world”?

Amidst their shock, a light suddenly shone out in front of them, and Yun Che's figure appeared before them once more. But the Yun Che who had appeared once again was not facing them; instead, his head was bowed and he had withdrawn his aura. His stance was completely devoid of the wild arrogance that he had displayed before. Rather, he assumed an attitude of solemn respect.

"Yun Che, where is your master?!" Ye Shi roared, "I definitely do not expect you to tell us that once your so-called master heard the four words 'Sun Moon Divine Hall,' he was so frightened that he ran away, haha..."

Ye Shi's laughter abruptly came to a halt as his expression underwent a great change.

An aged voice let out a long and drawn-out sigh. This sigh carried with it an indescribable heaviness, and it seemed to come from an ancient age. Accompanying this sigh was a boundless and indescribably majestic presence and might. This might seemed to have welled up from the ends of the earth, and in that moment, it seem to fill the heavens and the earth.

In that instance, it seemed like the dome of heaven had completely collapsed! With it, the entire world descended into a deathly silence.

The four Monarchs of Sun Moon Divine Hall—Ye Shi, Ye Shuran, Ye Juanyun, and the mighty Ye Guying all felt their breath seize up in their chests as this might fell upon them. It was as if a mountain range was pressing down on their chests. Forget about breathing, even their hearts had nearly been completely stopped as their bodies went rigid while every cell in their bodies shuddered violently and uncontrollably... and they could not stop no matter what they did.

They raised their heads after much difficulty, and their pupils contracted as they looked at the figure that had suddenly appeared out of thin air... his voluminous black robe fluttered in the howling, cold wind. The black robe covered half of his face, so they were unable to make out his appearance... Under this incomparably dreadful pressure, even as mighty as they were, they still did not dare to meet the gaze of that man. Even the black robe on his body seemed to have the weightiness of a mountain.

In this world, the thing that was the hardest to fake was one's aura. And this black-robed man's aura was so strong that it was something they could not describe and could not even imagine. They were Monarchs which stood at the pinnacle of the world, so in this world, there should not exist any aura which would cause them to tremble... Moreover, under this aura, they felt that they were as small as grains of sand before the blue sea. They could barely bring themselves to believe that this was an aura that belonged to another human being... but was the might of a primordial god of legends which covered the heavens!

What was even scarier was that, while this aura was majestic and boundless, it was not fierce or violent. Instead, it was completely calm... so that was to say that this was merely the presence that this black-robed man normally displayed. It was not a deliberate show of force that would come about when one circulated all of his profound energy.

"Master!" Yun Che knelt to the ground and deeply bowed his head. The Yun Che who had been unreasonably arrogant in front of Sun Moon Divine Hall now spoke in a voice that was filled with a deep reverence... and there was even a hint of apprehension in that voice.

Ye Xinghan's expression had turned incredibly ugly, and not one of the four elders could laugh in this situation. They all looked at each other and saw that the eyes of everyone else was filled with a deep shock and unease... an aura which could cause Monarchs such as them to tremble with fear. Just based on that alone, they could tell that this person's strength definitely exceeded that of their own Sun Moon Divine Hall's Heavenly Monarch.

This was... Yun Che's mysterious master?

How could there be such a terrifying existence that was akin to a god or a devil on this earth?!!

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"This... this is ... Asgard Master's teacher?" The ladies of Frozen Cloud said in a daze as they stared at the black-robed man in midair. The almighty power was one even the elders of Sun Moon Divine Hall could not endure which made its effects on them all the more obvious.

The fact that Yun Che had a mysterious master was something that everyone in Frozen Cloud Asgard knew. Because three years ago, when he entered Frozen Cloud Asgard, he had made it clear to Grand Asgard Mistress Feng Qianhui that he already had a master, so he would only be able to enter the sect, but he would not become anyone's disciple. Furthermore, his terrifying rate at which his profound strength grew and his unbelievably heaven-defying medical skills had naturally come from his master as well. And today, they had finally witnessed the "true face" of Yun Che's mysterious master, and the aura and might that emanated from him exceeded their imagination and understanding by leaps and bounds.

They had previously imagined that Yun Che's master must be an extremely terrifying individual... but the reality of the situation had far exceeded their expectations!

No wonder he was so calm when he was facing Sun Moon Divine Hall... no wonder he dared to be so arrogant.

"So you are the people who seek to kill this old one's disciple?"

The black-robed old man opened his mouth, and even though his voice was soft and his tone was even, every single one of his words weighed on the ears of the party from Sun Moon Divine Hall like enormous and heavy boulders.

Ye Guying silently sucked in a breath and suppressed the alarm and fear in his heart. He calmly cupped his hands and proceeded in a manner which was neither obsequious nor overbearing, "Ah, so it is this distinguished one who is Yun Che's master. We are members of Sun Moon Divine Hall. Yesterday, your disciple attacked us for no reason at all, and he killed twelve people from our Sun Moon Divine Hall. Two of these victims were the personal servants of our young master. So our Sun Moon Divine Hall has naturally arrived to seek redress. But we did not expect a distinguished one such as yourself would be overseeing this place, so we have been remiss in failing to offer our respect to you. Even though we have inadvertently disturbed this distinguished one's cultivation, our mission was to bring a murderer to justice as it is the right and proper thing to do... We believe that this distinguished one's profound aura is unrivalled, so you are definitely not someone who is unable to distinguish right from wrong and cover up evil deeds."

Ye Guying's face was filled with righteousness, and his calm voice was laced with righteous anger as he sought to paint a scenario where Yun Che was the heinous sinner and Sun Moon Divine Hall was merely the party who was seeking "justice." Moreover, he heavily emphasized the words "Sun Moon Divine Hall" ... because in the Profound Sky Continent, there was no one who dared to offend Sun Moon Divine Hall.

"Haha," the black-robed old man gave a polite laugh. "Anyone who has been killed by this old one's disciple are definitely deserving of their deaths. On the contrary, it is your Sun Moon Divine Hall who assaulted these ladies' territory for no rhyme or reason. If there was any crime that was committed here, this was it."

"Hmph! This is a bunch of nonsense!" Ye Shi advanced as he raised his head and gave a cold retort, "There is definitely a special reason for our young master to take action against Frozen Cloud Asgard! And even if one wants to retaliate, that is also something that only concerns Frozen Cloud Asgard! This brat Yun Che is only an outsider. Our Sun Moon Divine Hall has never taken any action against him before, yet he killed twelve of our people. So we have come here to seek justice as it is the right and proper thing to do! But in order to protect your disciple, you actually changed chose to deliberately distort the truth..."

"That is enough Ye Shi, do not be disrespectful." Ye Guying raised a hand and used his eyes to convey a message to Ye Shi. This was because the aura of this black-robed man was simply far too dreadful, and if they really angered him, the consequences would be too horrible to contemplate. He raised his head and said with a face filled with righteousness, "Our Sun Moon Divine Hall has existed for ten thousand years, and defending the Profound Sky Continent has always been our mission. Over this ten thousand year period, we have repelled those who sought to invade the Profound Sky Continent countless of times! Because of this, the people of the Profound Sky Continent have given us the title of 'Sacred Ground,' and our the ten thousand years of meritorious service rendered by Sun Moon Divine Hall is beyond reproach! We bear the name of a 'Sacred Ground,' and we also bear the burden of ensuring the safety of all that live within the Profound Sky Continent, so our actions have always been upright, candid, and completely beyond reproach! Perhaps because this distinguished one's profound aura is unrivaled, you want to force us to bear the mark of a sinner, but even if we are not equal to this distinguished one, we will still definitely not allow you to do so!

"But if this distinguished one takes action and kills us for the sake of protecting your disciple..." Ye Guying continued with solemn eyes, "it just might be that all of the people in the world will not agree to it!"

Ye Guying's words caused hatred and resentment to appear on the faces of all the gathered ladies of the Frozen Cloud. To them, these people were devils who behaved viciously for their own personal gain, yet right now, they unashamedly portrayed themselves as the guardian of the Profound Sky Continent, and they even dared to use the will of the people as a threat. It was simply far too despicable!

But what they could not refute was that the Four Sacred Grounds were truly regarded as "sacred" amongst all the people of the Profound Sky Continent. And common knowledge regarding the "Sacred Grounds" was that they constantly defended the borders of the Profound Sky Continent, keeping them safe from invasion and eliminating countless of calamities which threatened the Profound Sky Continent.

In the eyes of the common man, it was the existence of the Four Sacred Grounds that ensured the peace and prosperity of the Profound Sky Continent.

So Ye Guying's "threat" was definitely not just a false alarm or pure bluster and bravado.

"Haha." The black-robed old man gave yet another tepid laugh, and he did not show any fury, but this laugh contained a trace of mockery. "There is nothing that happens in this Profound Sky Continent that can escape this old man's eyes. Perhaps you can trick the entire world, but this old man knows all of the ugly things that you have done over the years. Just based on how many women your so-called young master has harmed over the years, that alone is already a sin that cannot be tolerated by the heavens!"

"When we have returned, we will naturally convey the words of this distinguished one to our Hall Master," Ye Guying said without flinching. "Actually, this humble one has not left his Divine Hall for a very long time, so I have always been ignorant and ill-informed when it comes to worldly affairs, so I do not know where this distinguished one hails from. May I be so daring as to ask where this distinguished one is from."

Ye Guying's words clearly showed his intense desire to retreat... This was an individual with a terrifying profound aura, so the only thing he needed to do now was ensure that he could leave as quickly as possible with his young master in tow! Facing this dreadful aura, he knew that every second they remained here exponentially increased the danger that they faced.

"This old man's name has long ago faded into dust..." the black-robed old man said with a slight pause. Following that, he raised his head slightly and suddenly let out a long and heavy sigh, "Ah, the world of mortals is vast and boundless, and their quarrels never end. I have already sworn to never again stain myself with the affairs of the mortal realm, and I definitely should not get involved in its quarrels... All of you should leave, this old man does not want to break his long tradition of not taking a life because of you."

As the words of the black-robed old man fell, the initial response of the members of Sun Moon Divine Hall was not relief. Instead, they looked at each other with strange expressions on their faces, and they felt the pressure on their bodies and the anxiety that was plaguing their minds dissipate.

Even the faces of the ladies of the Frozen Cloud were colored with a clear disappointment... and anxiousness.

Yun Che's master had appeared exuding an extremely alarming aura, but when the other party asked for his name, he did not reply, asking them to leave instead... anyone here would be able to see that this person was perhaps afraid of Sun Moon Divine Hall!!

He did not dare let the members of Sun Moon Divine Hall know his name, and he also did not dare extend a hand against Sun Moon Divine Hall!!

However, this was also something that was inevitable! In this Profound Sky Continent, no matter how powerful a person or a power was, they still would not dare act rashly in front of Sun Moon Divine Hall!! And if they dared to make a move against Sun Moon Divine Hall, they were courting their own destruction!!

“Leave?” Ye Juanyun took a step forward instead with a bland smile draped across his face. Whether it was his expression or his gaze, both had undergone a noticeable transformation... Even though the mysterious black-robed old man in front of them had a shocking aura, it began to increasingly look like... the aura that was emanating from his person was fake... it was almost as if it was being released by some kind of special profound artifact! Because this aura was simply too incredible, it was strong to the point where it was far too unusual and unreasonable. If there was really someone who had such an aura in this world, then why would Sun Moon Divine Hall not know of him?! Also, if he was really as strong as he seemed to be, why did he not have the courage to present his name? Furthermore, before they had even begun to talk, he seemed to be urgently trying to chase them away.

“We have come here just to seek justice for the dead servants of our young master. If we were to leave just because of a few words from this distinguished one, then how would we be able to face those two dead servants and our brothers from the Divine Hall?!”

Ye Shuran narrowed his eyes as he spoke up as well, “That is right, we did not even hesitate to use the Sun Moon Sacred Ark to travel thousands of kilometers, all just to come to this place. It was simply a fortunate coincidence that we found Yun Che. So if we let him go just like this, won’t we lose a lot of face? Also, if word of this spreads abroad, then our Sun Moon Divine Hall is going to be ridiculed throughout the lands.”

The black-robed old man did not move an inch, and his voice was still as calm as stagnant water, “So what are you intending to do? Will you definitely force this old man to kill once again?”

“Naturally we would not dare to do so. Every single one of us here cherishes his own life,” Ye Guying said slowly as his eyes were far more relaxed than they were just a moment ago. “This distinguished one’s profound aura is so strong that this is the first time in my life I have ever witnessed such a thing. And I truly believe that you can easily kill any single one of us. But, after all, we are still a Sacred Ground of this continent... All of us are members of Sun Moon Divine Hall. This time, our young master has personally ventured forth while being accompanied by four elders. If we were to retreat just because of the words of this distinguished one, then what dignity will our Sun Moon Divine Hall still have left?! As members of this Divine Hall, how can we act in such a way which will destroy the dignity of our sect?!”

“However, we also acknowledge that we are not this distinguished one’s opponents, so the mission to kill Yun Che will more than likely end in failure. Yet we cannot leave just like this...” The depths of Ye Guying’s eyes shone with a deep craftiness as he continued, “But how does this proposal sound to you? Our Divine Hall’s Elder Ye Shi will spar with this distinguished one, and I believe that given the strength that this distinguished one has, that you can definitely easily defeat Elder Ye Shi. Since that is the case, we will know that our strength is inferior and we will retreat in defeat. But we will not leave just due to this distinguished one’s words, and this will allow us to return to our Divine Hall with our dignity intact.

“This way, no one will get hurt, and our relationship will not be affected either. What is even better is that we will not cause this distinguished one to break his vow to not kill. So I believe that this distinguished one will definitely not reject such a perfect plan.”

Following Ye Guying’s slow speech, Ye Xinghan, Ye Shuran, Ye Juanyun, and Ye Shi all laughed gleefully in their hearts... This was indeed the careful and meticulous Ninth Elder. What a wonderful plan he had devised! Because by forcing this black-robed old man to take action, there would be one of two

conclusions. If he truly possessed a shocking power and was able to defeat Ye Shi, the restraint he had shown towards Sun Moon Divine Hall and his unwillingness to break his vow of not killing another would allow Ye Shi to survive this encounter and would allow them to retreat without losing a single member

And if his strength was simply inferior and this bizarrely strong aura was only artificially manufactured by some special means... then they could do whatever they wanted to all of the people present!

Of course, if he rejected this request... then it would completely confirm that he was all hot air!!

So without even waiting for the reply of the black-robed old man, Ye Shi had arrived in front of him in an instant. As he drew close to the old man, that peerless and dreadful aura caused all the nerves in his body to spasm uncontrollably, but he immediately suppressed those spasms with all of his might. He gave a smile that did not reach his eyes as he said, "This humble one is the fifteenth elder of Sun Moon Divine Hall, Ye Shi, and I have come specially to experience this distinguished one's unrivaled profound strength. This distinguished one only needs to defeat me and we will immediately leave this place and will never appear before this distinguished one ever again... I hope that this distinguished one will show mercy to my humble self."

"Hahaha." The black-robed old man said as he gave a dull and emotionless laugh, "Since these are your intentions... then I will accept them."

Chapter 674 - Absolute Deterrence

"However, we do not need to spar," the black-robed old man said as he lifted his left arm and a pale and slender white hand appeared from amidst that voluminous black sleeve. The hand slowly flipped open, and a cluster of flames that was only the size of a fist soundlessly appeared and began to silently hover there as it burned.

This was a cluster of blue flames, and among the profound flames, blue profound fire was one of the lowest grades of profound flames. It was also a profound flame that belonged in the lower rungs of power. Above the Earth Profound Realm, all of the profound flames should be purple at least. So that was to say that blue profound fire could not even harm a Sky Profound Realm practitioner, much less these strong and mighty Monarchs.

But what differentiated this blue flame from normal profound flames was the bizarre ice-blue tint that these blue flames had... and its color was almost exactly the same as that of extremely dense ice energy. What was even more bizarre was that one could not feel any profound energy emanations coming from this icy-blue fire. It was as if it was not even profound fire, but instead was the most ordinary and most harmless natural flame which could only be used to burn normal things.

"You only need to be able to block this old man's small cluster of starfire and this old man will leave immediately and never again meddle in the affairs of your Sun Moon Divine Hall. But if you cannot even handle this tiny bit of starfire... then all of you will have to leave immediately and never trespass in this place again!"

The icy-blue flames gently swayed on top of the black-robed old man's palm. While that heavy voice was still calm, it carried along with it an incomparably huge pressure, and the way the words were phrased made it obvious that this was not a discussion; instead, it was an unquestionable order... Furthermore, there was one more thing that was left unspoken but was clearly spelled all for all to see: You are

basically not even to exchange blows with this old man. So if you can fend off this tiny cluster of flames, it will be counted as your win!

Once someone becomes a Monarch, he would have reached the highest level of power in this world. So as an individual that could look down on the rest of the world, there was never a time when a Monarch had been so despised before. Ye Shi's heart burned with anger and he gave a cold laugh, "Even the Divine Phoenix Sect's Phoenix God who is at the Divine Profound Realm would not dare to look down on an elder of Sun Moon Divine Hall. So this distinguished one, to speak in such a manner, you must truly be unafraid that your own words will come back to haunt you!"

"Haha..." The black-robed old man gave an indifferent laugh and did not speak any further. He simply pushed his hand out slightly, and the icy-blue flames leisurely flew towards Ye Shi's chest.

The stronger one's profound energy was, the stronger one's comprehension of the natural laws would be, so the released energy would naturally become strong and dense. And once one had reached the level of Monarch, even the amount of energy it would take to lift a finger was enough to cause the air around to twist and tremble... This icy-blue flame flew out without a single vibration of profound energy, and there was no rippling or distortion in the space around... In fact, without even needing to mention space, even the natural elements in the area were not disturbed in the slightest.

When it was still in the black-robed old man's hand, they could still understand that this cluster of fire's lack of aura was due to the old man using profound strength to suppress it, but now that it had flown out of his hand, it still did not have any energy aura to speak of... The only explanation was that this cluster of fire was not composed using any laws of fire, and it was merely the most ordinary of flames!!

Besides this explanation, there was definitely no other possibility!

Immediately, Ye Shi's only remaining thread of anxiety vanished into thin air. At this moment, he could completely verify that the black-robed old man who had appeared out of nowhere was only bluffing, and that absurdly strong aura was definitely artificially created by some special method in order to scare others... that is right! In this world, besides the Divine Phoenix Sect's Phoenix God, there existed no other person that could defeat the Saint Emperor, the Sovereign of the Seas, the Heavenly Monarch, or the Sword Master! To think they had almost been so scared that they were going to retreat!

Ye Shi's expression immediately grew dark, and he gave a cold laugh. He did not even bother to circulate his profound energy and simply sent a palm towards the incoming cluster of icy-blue flames. When his hand came into contact with the fire, he did not even feel the slightest bit of heat at all. That fire completely vanished from his view without leaving even a single mark behind.

"Hahahaha!" Ye Shi began to laugh wildly, "And here I was, thinking that this was some noble individual that hailed from unknown parts, but it looks like it was only a mad clown who tried to use smoke and mirrors to trick us! Hahahaha, this is simply too hilarious!" As he continued to laugh, he turned towards Ye Xinghan. "Young Master, Ninth Elder, it looks like today we will..."

When he had spoken up to this point, his voice suddenly came to a sudden halt. This was because he had discovered that Ye Xinghan, Ye Guying, Ye Juanyun, and Ye Shuran all looked like they were looking at something extremely terrifying as their eyes had opened to their widest degree and their pupils had completely dilated. As for the fifteen protectorates behind them... their faces were filled with abject

terror and all the muscles on their faces and their entire bodies were trembling greatly... and as that trembling grew more and more intense, they opened their mouths as if they wanted to say something, but in their extreme terror, they could not voice their words.

The entire world seemed to completely freeze at that point, and there was a momentary silence that was broken by Ye Guying's desperate and hoarse roar, "Your hand!! Hand!!"

Ye Shi involuntarily turned to look at his own hand... In an instant, his pupils had widened by many times, and his face had turned deathly white due to his extreme shock and terror.

Because the arm that he lifted up... no longer had a hand attached to it!!

His right hand... had disappeared!!

And this cluster of icy-blue flames continued to silently burn on the arm that had lost a hand... No! His arm was not being burned. To be accurate, it was being devoured! And as the icy-blue flames spread, he witnessed his hand disappearing inch by inch... and in the blink of an eye, the flames had spread to near his shoulder and half of his arm had completely disappeared.

During this entire process, there was no aura or sound that he could sense. In fact, he could not even feel the slightest bit of pain! There was no hint of something being burned... no one could see even a speck of ash being produced!

It was as if his arm was being mercilessly devoured by an invisible and terrifying black hole!

And what was being devoured was the mighty body of a Monarch at that!!

This was something that all of them had never seen or heard of before. This was a terrifying scene that completely exceeded their knowledge. Ye Shi's pupils had dilated to the point where it seemed like they were going to rupture as the greatest fear that he had ever felt in his life swelled up within him, causing him to let out a hoarse and distorted cry while he frantically focused all of his profound energy towards his right arm, as he was trying all means to suppress that dreadful "fire." But the moment his profound energy came into contact with the icy-blue flame, it seemed to be swallowed up completely and disappeared in an instant. The blue flames did not even seem to be the least bit affected, much less suppressed, as it still unhurriedly continued to burn its way up slowly towards Ye Shi's shoulder...

There was no pain... not even the slightest hint of pain, but as he witnessed his body slowly disappearing, Ye Shi experienced a fear that was several times worse than being plunged into hell. His whole body shook as shrill screams echoed from his mouth while his eyeballs practically protruded from his eyes in extreme fear and a web of blue veins could be seen scrawled across his forehead...

But no matter how he screamed and struggled, that cluster of beautiful, crystalline flames that was even scarier than a demon continued to silently burn...

"Save... Save me..."

Shing!!

Ye Shuran fetched a deep-purple longsword from his spatial ring, and as his body blurred, the purple sword made an arc through the air as it slashed down on Ye Shi's right arm, fiercely cutting off the remains of the arm that had been infected by that icy-blue fire.

But before the members of Sun Moon Divine Hall could breathe a sigh of relief, they discovered, to their horror, that even though Ye Shi's amputated arm had completely disappeared, the icy-blue flames still remained, and it hung there in midair without dissipating until it separated into several smaller clusters... which all fell on Ye Shi's body.

In the blink of an eye, many holes appeared on Ye Shi's remaining arm, his legs, his chest and his abdomen... and as the embers swiftly spread and magnified, they whittled away at Ye Shi's body as it began to be reduced to nothingness.

Ye Shi's screams of shock and terror grew more and more shrill as his entire body began to spasm and warp. His remaining arm was frantically flapping as if he was trying to tear apart his own body... but the moment his left arm touched the icy-blue flames, it began to shrink into nothingness as well. His frantic struggles caused the icy-blue flames to spread even faster to the entirety of his body as it caused this mighty Monarch's body to be covered with holes...

The weakest member of Sun Moon Divine Hall that was present was still an Overlord, and the strongest was a Monarch who had almost reached the late stage of the Sovereign Profound Realm. But every single one of them had expressions of deep shock and terror on their faces. The pretty faces of the ladies of the Frozen Cloud had paled in shock as well... because they were witnessing an event that was so dreadful that it was unfathomable! And at this time, Ye Guying hurriedly turned towards Ye Shuran and screamed, "Shuran, throw your sword away!!"

Ye Shuran gave him a blank stare before he involuntarily dipped his head and he was immediately frightened to the point where his spirit nearly left his body... The purple sword in his hand that he had used to sever Ye Shi's arm had been contaminated by some of those icy-blue flames... and even though it was only a small amount, it had already caused the entire tip of the sword to disappear as it began to swiftly spread downwards.

Ye Shuran's hand began to tremble as his soul flew out of his body, but he did not immediately throw the sword away. This was because this purple sword was Ye Shuran's beloved sword since it had accompanied him for more than three hundred years, and normally, he held it to be as precious as his own life. But in this moment of hesitation, the icy-blue flames had already engulfed most of the sword and raced towards his hand.

Ye Guying suddenly dashed over and fiercely struck Ye Shuran's hand. He had not held back at all and caused Ye Shuran's hand to dislocate as the purple sword flew a great distance. Ye Guying stopped there and gave a low yell, "Do you want to die?!!"

Ye Shuran's entire body was filled with cold sweat. If his hand had been afflicted by that icy-blue flame, he would undoubtedly share the same fate as Ye Shi! After the lingering fear had passed, he promptly replied, "I than... thank the Ninth Elder for saving my life."

Ye Shi at this time, however, had already become unable to utter a single word. Most of his body at disappeared, and what remained was not recognizable as a human being. Even that was being swiftly consumed by those icy-blue flames. Those remains occasionally twitched, proving that the elder from Sun Moon Divine Hall who had the strength of a Monarch still had a trace of life left, but very soon, even the last vestiges of life soon completely faded away... and his entire body had completely faded away from existence!

There was not even a single trace of him left!

As they looked at the spot where Ye Shi had vanished from, the faces of all the people present were filled with a stunned horror. All of them remained rooted to the spot as if they had turned to stone. A cold wind blew, and their bodies trembled as a chill that was ten thousand times colder than the wind frantically washed through them... Their bodies had long ago become drenched in cold sweat.

The Sun Moon Young Master and the Sun Moon Elders... they were undoubtedly all peak existences on this earth, but at this moment, only fear existed in their hearts... Even their shock had been buried beneath a fear that was far too heavy. This black-robed old man had a peerlessly strong aura, so they had concluded that he might truly have an extremely terrifying strength, but they had never expected that his very first move would be so dreadful!

This small bit of starfire had actually caused a mighty Monarch to disappear from this world without even being able to put up a fight... The scene they had just witnessed was more than terrifying... it was a power that should not even exist in the mortal realm, something that should only belong within myths or legends!

This flame had not only been freely created by the black-robed old man, but it did not even produce a hint of profound energy.

“Sigh...” the black-robed old man gave a soft sigh. “I had originally only wanted to give a stern warning, but who would have thought that an elder of a Sacred Ground would actually lose his life due to this small bit of starfire. To think that the profound level of this Profound Sky Continent has fallen to this extent...”

The black-robed old man had seemed disappointed and frustrated... his words indicated that he had only wanted to use this bit of fire to give Ye Shi a warning, but he had never expected a stately elder of a Sacred Ground like Ye Shi would die without even being able to resist...

In other words, what was being said was... I know that all of you are very weak, but I had not expected you to be quite this weak!

“Since I have broken my vow to not kill another... then all of you can stay here as well.” The black-robed old man gave another soft sigh as he extended his pale, white hand. Another cluster of identical icy-blue flames burned on top of his palm... and this cluster of icy-blue flames was more than two times larger than the previous one.

And it was still the same as before, he had easily ignited these flames without even giving any indication that he had circulated his profound energy! It was as if this process was far too simple for this black-robed old man, and it was something that he did not even need to concentrate to perform.

Looking at that cluster of icy-blue flames, all of the hair on the bodies of the remaining three Divine Moon Elders instantly stood on end. And Ye Xinghan had also hurriedly retreated several steps as his expression no longer contained any vestiges of his previous arrogance and brashness; what remained was only the deathly pale color of shock and fear.

Chapter 675 - Flee in Disorder

“Se... Senior, please wait!!” Ye Guying panicked and Ye Xinghan’s way. “We will obey Senior’s order to leave immediately, and will not disturb Senior anymore...”

Ye Guying’s expression and eyes lost the steady and calm he previously had., even his voice was noticeably trembling. He changed how he addressed the black-robed old man from “distinguished one” to Senior as well. Ye Shi☉... the elder of their Sun Moon Divine Hall, a mid-stage Monarch who looked down upon the world, and even had a lofty position in Sun Moon Divine Hall, had managed to be casually burned into nothingness by a small flame that was set off by the black-robed old man. This strength was so terrifying and so incomparable...

His unbelievably overbearing aura was just an aura, but they clearly witnessed the process of turning Ye Shi☉ into nothingness as they were just within thirty meters! That was strength that completely exceeded their knowledge and imagination! To turn a mid-stage Monarch into nothingness with such ease, not mentioning the Saint Emperor, Sovereign of the Seas, Heavenly Monarch, or the Sword Master the four rulers of Four Great Sacred Grounds, even the one and only Phoenix Spirit, who was half-step Profound God back then, wouldn’t be able to do it!

Even if it was the phoenix flames released by the Phoenix Spirit’s strength with all its might that could cover the sky, a mid-stage Monarch would still be able to somewhat resist.

But this black-robed old man lit up icy-blue flames the size of his fists with just a wave of his hand.

The density and the power of this ball of icy-blue flames must be so strong that it was on a level they cannot even imagine. The law that it involved was definitely more than one or two great realms from the limit that they could understand!

There was actually such a terrifying person that exists in this world!

Thinking on it now, the reason he let them leave just now was not because of fear towards Sun Moon Divine Hall... but it was clearly because he despised to even lay his hands on them!

“Hmph!” the black-robed old man scoffed lightly, the icy-blue flames in his palm swayed. “I let you leave just now, but you deliberately provoked me and made me break my ten thousand year vow to not kill. Now you want to leave? How can I let you off so easily!”

The black-robed old man’s voice was not calm like water like before anymore, but there was some anger in it now, and obviously, it was anger of breaking his vow! The “ten thousand year vow” that came from his mouth shocked everyone that was in his presence... This scary old man’s lifespan... was actually more than ten thousand years!!

To have a ten thousand year lifespan, how scary was this old man’s realm?!

That ball of icy-blue flames danced around a bit in the center of the black-robed old man’s palm, and from that, Ye Guying and the others’ hearts cramped up. The image of Ye Shi☉ miserably dying reappeared in their minds like a nightmare, and they were on the verge of dying in the same miserable way!

“Senior, calm your anger!” Ye Guying cupped his hands, kneeled down, and said in a humble and panicked manner, “No matter how overconfident we are, we would definitely not dare to offend Senior master. Just now it was really just for us to be able to give an explanation when we return to Sun Moon

Divine Hall. That was why we suggested to compare our strength a little with Senior... The reason Elder Ye Shi died in the hands of Senior was because he wasn't good enough. It cannot be blamed on Senior at all. I, as the Ninth Elder of Sun Moon Divine Hall, promise that after Senior raises your hand high in mercy and let us go today, our Sun Moon Divine Hall will definitely not hold you accountable for what happened with Elder Ye Shi, and the grudge with your disciple would also be done for once and for all..."

As one of the top ten elders of Sun Moon Divine Hall, Ye Guying hadn't showed such a humble attitude for many years. But in front of this black-robed old man, how could he dare to display his usual attitude? He could not even wait to crawl onto the ground now because it would be as easy as waving his hand for him to kill them! And his murderous intent had already been incited! If he really attacks... Ye Shi didn't even have the ability to struggle, so they wouldn't be able to either! Not only would they all die, they would have died for nothing!

This was the scariest person that they had encountered in their whole lives, and it was also the first time that they faced a real deadly threat, how could they dare to be rash! Even if it was the Elder of Sun Moon, under the shadow of true death, they could only beg for their lives with everything they had.

"Heh, not accountable?" The black-robed old man laughed softly in disdain. "You think I am afraid of being 'held accountable' by Sun Moon Divine Hall!? The Sacred Grounds that are too high to be reached, in my eyes... demolishing your Sun Moon Divine Hall is as simple as waving my hand!"

His voice was calm, but it shocked everyone's hearts and souls tremendously. "To demolish your Sun Moon Divine Hall is as simple as waving my hand," such presumptuous words, who else in this world would dare to say that? If they heard something like this before today, Ye Guying and the others would definitely treat it as the biggest joke in the world, but at this moment, what they felt wasn't ridicule and contempt but was deep shock and fear... The terrifying image of Ye Shi being casually burned into nothingness by a little spark emerged before their eyes again and caused chills to run through their entire bodies.

Ye Guying said in panic, "Yes, yes... Senior is a master from another world. Sun Moon Divine Hall must not be worth mentioning in your eyes. But... if anything happened to Young Master today, even if it is Senior, my Sun Moon Divine Hall would not rest easily. Even though it is impossible to do anything to Senior, Senior is a master who has not been in contact with the mundane world for many years, I suppose you would not be willing to induce this type of 'little trouble.' Also..." Ye Guying came up with an idea in the spur of the moment, stayed calm, and said, "Senior is angry because you broke your vow to not kill unintentionally. But killing comes from the heart. If there isn't really any intent to kill, it doesn't count as breaking your vow. Senior didn't kill Ye Shi intentionally, it was only because Ye Shi wasn't strong enough and was overconfident when catching Senior's divine flames. That's why his spirit perished... Ye Shi died because of himself, not because of Senior, so Senior actually didn't break your vow."

"Now that Senior has murderous intent against us, if you kill us all, then you would really be breaking your vow! Senior is an unparalleled master in this world, and we are just commoners who are not worth mentioning. There is no need for Senior to break your vow because of insignificant us and taint your clear heart that has been closed off from the world."

“Ninth Elder is extremely right!” Ye Juanyun immediately followed up, “Even though there is a misunderstanding between your disciple Yun Che and us, but... more than ten of us died by Yun Che’s hand, and we have never even hurt a single hair of your disciple! Senior has upheld his vow for many years, so you must have a big heart and your heart is like the master creator of the vault of heaven...”

“Say no more!”

A calm voice interrupted Ye Juanyun. The black-robed old man slowly retracted his palm, the ball of icy-blue flames also disappeared, and the murderous intent that slightly filled the air also dispersed, but that overbearing pressure that covered the sky still existed and was heavily bearing down on their hearts and souls. “Even though you said what you said to live, it is also reasonable. Nevermind, you all can leave. After today, you can never come back here!”

Everyone from Sun Moon Divine Hall lifted their heads, as if they heard a voice from heaven. For the first time in their lives, they had the feeling of “escaping from death.” Ye Guying said in a trembling voice, “Thank you Senior for your mercy! My Sun Moon Divine Hall will remember Senior’s grace...” His voice stuttered, but he took a breath and then said, “Allow Junior to ask, may Senior grace us your great name! In the future, no matter where Senior goes, my Sun Moon Divine Hall will definitely retreat and keep our distance. And we will absolutely not offend anyone related to Senior.”

What Ye Guying had said was absolutely not to take revenge after finding out his name... Ye Shi died miserably, but the strength of the black-robed old man completely exceeded their knowledge, so they didn’t even consider getting revenge. As for “retreat and keep their distance,” this was not false at all! This level of horrifying existence, they just hoped they never encountered it ever again in their lives.

“Great name?” The black-robed old man slowly said, “What can you do even if you know? In this world, my name has not existed for a long time. If it wasn’t because I accepted my last disciple under destiny, the rest of my life will no longer be in contact with the mundane world.

“My name is Duotian! Duotian is the name!”

“Heaven... Seizer...” Ye Guying said it in a low voice. This was indeed an unfamiliar name that he had never heard before, and it was also the wildest name that he had ever heard! How wild or how strong would a person be to dare to use “Duotian” as his name!

“Senior Duotian, we will leave right this moment! If you have time in the future, I wish you would descend and come be a guest at our Divine Hall. Our whole Divine Hall must greet you!” Ye Guying’s footsteps had already started backing off faster and faster while he was speaking. He could not wait to fly away from this place immediately. What he said was half to settle the black-robed old man’s emotions, and the other half was naturally to try to make nice with him. Because such a horrifying person, even if he cannot make friends with him, he absolutely cannot become enemies with him.

When they immediately turned around and prepared to fly towards the Sun Moon Sacred Ark, a voice suddenly sounded behind their backs,

“Wait!!”

Yun Che was the one who had spoken. It seemed like because of impatience and unwillingness that his voice was especially deep. Ye Guying and the others stopped their footsteps and chills were running

down their backs... The black-robed old man let them go, but this didn't mean Yun Che let them off the hook! If Yun Che strongly asked the black-robed old man to keep them all here...

"Che'er, no need to say much."

Before Yun Che could say anything, the voice of the black-robed old man had already sounded calmly, "Master knows what you want to say. You really thought that master let them go because I despised laying my hands on them or am unwilling to break my vow? Wrong!"

His voice became a little harsher now, "Master taught you a long time ago, unless there is really a threat on your life, you cannot borrow master's strength and cannot become reliant on it! Master knows that you hate these people to the bones because of the matter of Frozen Cloud Asgard, and impatiently want to put them to death, but it is to my limit to make them leave. If you want them dead, you can only use your own strength to do so!"

"Six years ago when we met as master and disciple, you were only a cripple with crippled profound veins. Master repaired your profound veins, guided you for three years, and none of the younger generations of the Seven Nations could be a match to you! Three years ago, master broke the space and brought you back from the Primordial Profound Ark, and until now, with your strength, you can already battle a Monarch! Even though you can't kill them now, if you cultivate with your heart under master, in three more years, you would be able to kill any one of them with just a wave of your hand! In three more years, the whole Sun Moon Divine Hall will be under your feet. There is no need to harm your cultivating heart yourself today just for today's pleasure!"

These words were all said to Yun Che by the black-robed old man, but hearing this, every single person of Sun Moon Divine Hall trembled in fear.

In six years of time... from a cripple with crippled profound veins to having the strength to battle against a Monarch... It merely took six years!!

This was such a horrifying concept!!

And they all clearly knew that these words were definitely not false! Because according to their investigation of Yun Che over these past three years, six years ago, he was really just a cripple with crippled veins. The people from the city that he lived in for more than ten years all knew about him, and he was even the laughing stock of the entire city!!

At first, when he revealed his strengths at the Divine Phoenix Sect, he only cultivated profound strength for a short three years!

They finally found the answer to this terrifying fact today. It was because, behind him, there was such a horrifying master! It was a thousand times more horrifying than what they had once imagined!!

With six years, from a cripple to the strength of the level of a Monarch, even though their Four Great Sacred Grounds looked down to the whole world, they could never achieve that themselves.

There was also a sentence that every one of them heard clearly... The reason Yun Che was still alive, wasn't because he wasn't trapped in the Primordial Profound Ark like they had guessed but was because he was saved by the black-robed old man from the Primordial Profound Ark!!

Which means, he could actually travel through space between the Profound Sky Continent and the Primordial Profound Ark!!

An indescribable shock trembled in their hearts and souls. As the strongest Monarchs of the Profound Sky Continent, they couldn't begin to understand the realm that the black-robed old man was in... Compared to it, it was like a completely different world.

Yun Che lowered his head and said, "Master is right, disciple will remember it."

His voice was very soft and low. This arrogant, wild Yun Che who dared to face the Divine Phoenix Sect alone, and even had the guts to offend Sun Moon Divine Hall seemed to be especially respectful and toned down in front of his master.

Ye Guying grabbed Ye Xinghan's arm, rushed into the sky as fast as he could, and did not dare to stay any longer... Six years and he was able to battle Monarchs... Three more years and he could kill any one of them... Three more years and he can step on all of Sun Moon Divine Hall as he pleased... These words were just like a curse that lingered within his heart and soul.

He started to feel like becoming enemies with this Yun Che, who they looked down upon before, seemed to be the biggest mistake that they had ever committed over these years!

Chapter 676 - Casting off the Calamity

The nineteen members of Sun Moon Divine Hall fled, entering the Sun Moon Sacred Ark in less time than it would take to utter a breath, lest the frightening black-robed old man suddenly changed his mind. Following the shutting of the ark's door, the Sun Moon Sacred Ark shot into the horizon in a flash, disappearing amongst the boundless snowfall which only left behind a slowly dissipating frigid current in its wake.

When they had arrived, they had twenty people altogether, including the Young Master, four great elders, and fifteen formidable protectorates. They originally believed this line-up to be completely overkill, like using a butcher's knife to slaughter a chicken. But shortly after they had arrived, they hadn't been able to harm Yun Che in the slightest. Instead, they had lost one of their great elders. Moreover, having to retreat in such a state... their hearts continued to tremble with fear as their entire bodies were drenched in cold sweat until the Sun Moon Sacred Ark had flown several hundred kilometers away.

"They've left... they've finally left..."

The overbearing aura of a Monarch that had caused all those who felt it to tremble disappeared without a trace, and the surroundings which had previously been saturated with the aura returned to normal. Following the Sun Moon Sacred Ark's panicked flight, the women of Frozen Cloud Asgard should have felt relieved, but all of them stared in a daze at the black-robed old man who floated in the air. They looked at him as if they were looking at a deity.

Murong Qianxue took a step forward, and with the deference of a junior greeting a senior said, "Junior Murong Qianxue, on behalf of Frozen Cloud Asgard, thanks senior for his kindness!"

"Heh..." The black-robed old man weakly laughed, "Senior Master Murong... being called senior, I cannot... accept..."

The black-robed old man's voice caused Murong Qianxue to be dumbfounded. In her astonishment she raised her head to look towards the black-clothed figure. All of the women from Frozen Cloud Asgard behind her were petrified... since this voice completely lacked its previous deepness, indifference, and age... it clearly was Yun Che's voice!!

"Whew..."

Letting out a long breath, the black-robed old man's body violently flashed, and he fell, landing heavily on the snowy ground.

"Ah! Big Brother!"

"Yun Che" cried out in alarm, hurrying to the black-robed old man's side as he used his body to help him up. At this moment, the black-robed old man's body lacked all of its previous earth-shattering pressure, instead appearing as weak as someone who was nearing death.

Murong Qianxue and the others looked at each other in dismay. Mu Lanyi quietly asked, "Asgard Master, how did this happen? Senior, he..."

"No... it's not!" "Yun Che" waved his hand, and stuttered, "I'm not the Asgard Master, Big Brother is the Asgard Master... ah... he... he is big brother..."

The black-robed old man's robes were peeled back which, astonishingly, revealed Yun Che's face underneath... appearing exactly the same as the "Yun Che" currently helping him stand up!! The Yun Che which had removed his black robes had a face that was deathly pale, and his chest moved up and down violently, urgently and heavily breathing in and out. He laid there paralyzed, unable to get up for the longest time. He shut his eyes while his face revealed a satisfied expression as he laughed, "Very good... my Dragon Soul... was able to last long enough... whew..."

His voice was incredibly weak, but it was definitely Yun Che's voice. On the other hand, the "Yun Che" who was helping him stand had the voice of a stranger. "Yun Che" was also hurriedly wiping away at his face, revealing his own face underneath as he anxiously said, "Big Brother, you have to be alright... your aura... how could it become so weak?"

"I'm alright," Yun Che nodded his head. Laughing lightly he continued, "I merely overused my energy. I'm just tired, after resting for a bit I will be fine."

The black-robed old man that had thoroughly frightened Sun Moon Divine Hall, causing them to retreat in fear, had become Yun Che. Moreover, "Yun Che" had become a stranger, causing the Frozen Cloud Asgard women to stare stupidly at them, gazing dimly at Yun Che and Xiao Yun. Chu Yueli said in bewilderment, "Asgard Master, this... how did this happen?"

"This is my sworn brother... Xiao Yun," said Yun Che, whose profound aura had calmed down a bit, as he rose with difficulty while borrowing Xiao Yun's shoulder. "Before, he was within the profound ark. I disguised him as me. Just now, when I suddenly disappeared and entered the profound ark, the 'me' who you all saw exit was him."

"... Everyone... fairy sisters... ah, and senior sisters, I... I am called Xiao Yun," Xiao Yun stuttered, not daring to lift his head as he spoke. Just facing one of these women who were just like snow immortals,

his heartbeat would speed up and he wouldn't be able to speak coherently, let alone facing so many all of a sudden.

If he hadn't seen it with his own eyes, he might not have been able to believe this world contained such an unexpected... wonderland?

"As for my so-called 'master,' from the beginning, it was me," Yun Che laughingly said. In regards to Xiao Yun's reaction, he wasn't the least bit surprised.

"It was all a facade." Yun Che understood that they were bewildered and smiled, saying, "I used special techniques in order to produce such an imposing aura. As for the starfire that killed Ye Shi, I prepared that a few hours beforehand in the Frozen End Divine Hall. As for everything else... I fabricated it all in order to intimidate them..."

The heaven-encompassing power that was able to intimidate Sun Moon Divine Hall was naturally from Yun Che's Dragon Soul. He had used all of his might, doing his utmost to urge forth the Dragon God Soul to release the tremendous power of the Dragon Soul. Although Yun Che's current power was far from sufficient to bring out all of the Dragon God Soul's power, in the end, it was still from the Dragon God and was a power on the level of a "god." Even if it was only a shallow bit of it, it was still enough to cause mighty Monarchs to tremble in fear.

Although the strength of this pressure couldn't compare with the Dragon Soul Domain, which could defeat enemies' minds in an instant, the amount of energy Yun Che expended to sustain this pressure was still exceedingly large. Before using it, he also did not know how long he would be able to keep it up for. Today was a gamble. Luckily... he had succeeded!

Exterminating Ye Shi caused Sun Moon Divine Hall to fly away in terror from the otherworldly ice-blue flame. That very flame was Yun Che's fusion of Frozen End Divine Arts and the phoenix's flames to create "Ice Flame." Yun Che needed a long time to create Ice Flame; moreover, for the entire process he had to fully concentrate his heart and mind and not have any disturbances. It was simply unrealistic to use it during fights or when facing enemies.

The two clusters of Ice Flames which he had used against Sun Moon Divine Hall were created by him in the Frozen End Divine Hall before their arrival. But all energy, after being created, would naturally begin to dissipate. As soon as it had left the creator's body, especially upon touching other objects, its strength would explode and begin to dissipate into nothingness.

In addition, the only person who was able to create and hold onto Ice Flame was naturally Yun Che. But even if Yun Che could make it in advance, he couldn't simply take out the Ice Flame as soon as Sun Moon Divine Hall arrived. If he had done that, the deterrence factor would not be as strong, and he wouldn't be able to create the image of an "absolutely strong and unprovokable master" by laying all his cards out on the table.

But Yun Che had an extremely special container for the Ice Flame... which was the Sky Poison Pearl!

This was because the Sky Poison Pearl had already assimilated into his body and could be considered a part of his body. Since the Ice Flame he created could only be held within his body, it could naturally be stored with the Sky Poison Pearl as well. As a result, when Yun Che had created the two batches of Ice Flame in the Frozen End Divine Hall, he had inserted it into the Sky Poison Pearl... Nevertheless, even if it

was in the Sky Poison Pearl, the power of the Ice Flame would still dissipate a bit. The batch of Ice Flame which Yun Che had used to exterminate Ye Shi was the first batch he had made in the Frozen End Divine Hall, and as a result, it had dissipated more... compared to the latter batch, it was only half the size.

The Dragon God Soul's pressure was enough to intimidate Sun Moon Divine Hall, but it wasn't enough to scare them into fleeing. Today, from beginning to end, Yun Che had relied the most on the Ice Flame. At the time, when Yun Che was only at the Earth Profound Realm, the batch of Ice Flame he created was sufficient to destroy the Heavenly Profound Jade which had taken two Overlords an entire half year to destroy. At the Sky Profound Realm, the Ice Flame was enough to create a large hole in the ancient Primordial Era Profound Ark. Presently, having reached the Emperor Profound Realm, he believed that even if it was a Sovereign, they wouldn't be able to completely resist the power of the Ice Flame.

It was just that, the terror of the Ice Flame, still far exceeded his expectations. He had originally expected that, in the face of the auraless Ice Flame, Sun Moon Divine Hall elders would certainly treat it with contempt, and as a result, they would get hurt and have to use their entire power to resist the Ice Flame... and even if they only lost a single hand, it would still be enough to cause great fear... after all, it was energy that his "master" casually threw out.

What he hadn't imagined was that one of the four great elders, in the blink of an eye, would perish and burn into nothingness as a result of the Ice Flame without the slightest ability to resist! Moreover, this was Ice Flame that had already lost more than half of its power!

This was the Evil God's power defying natural laws, combining ice and fire together which resulted in an absolutely terrifying degree of power!

In addition, the energy it created was naturally extremely strong. It caused the crowd of Sun Moon Divine Hall elders who would normally look down on the world to turn ashen-faced in fright and for their voices to tremble in fear. Finally, when they ran away, they frantically ran, not even daring to look back.

"So it was like this..." Chu Yueli mumbled softly. Her expression didn't release any of its tension, growing even more astonished instead. This was all a facade... but they had no way of imagining what kind of techniques could create such a facade.

It was no wonder that when "Yun Che" emerged the second time his expression had none of its previous haughtiness, and instead, most of the time he lowered his head, speaking softly and a bit hoarsely... they had originally thought that he was being deferential in front of his master when in reality it was just a fake Yun Che.

"No matter how it happened, Sun Moon Divine Hall's villains have all been scared into running, trembling as they fled." Feng Hanyue said as she clasped her hands in front of her chest, facing Yun Che.

"Yes, Yes!" Feng Hanxue immediately followed, nodding her head, "Although it was fake, Asgard Master is too amazing, scaring all those powerful people into fleeing, scaring them so much that they probably... wouldn't dare to come back, would they?"

"Yes... at the very least, until they discover the truth, they won't have the guts to come back. After all, often the stronger a person is, the more they fear death... In the future, this place, not only will it not have danger, it could be said... it will be the most safe place... whew..." After speaking, Yun Che's head felt a bit of dizziness. He let out a heavy breath of air and closed his eyes. Today's harvests were great,

having completely exceeded his expectations. In this way, not only would Sun Moon Divine Hall no longer dare to come back to the Snow Region of Extreme Ice, his own degree of safety had greatly increased since the news that he had an extremely strong master who could seize the heavens would be spread by Sun Moon Divine Hall. At that point, no matter who or what power wished to take his life, they would have to consider whether they could afford to provoke the “master” which had caused Sun Moon Divine Hall to piss their pants in fear!

Although the “master” was a facade that he had designed, the might of the world shocking flame that was able to burn Ye Shi to nothingness... this couldn't be faked!

In this way, Frozen Cloud Asgard had thoroughly broken through its difficult circumstances. In addition, he would be able to be at ease and relax... and go to handle the problem of the Divine Phoenix Empire!

“Asgard Master...” Yun Che's appearance caused Murong Qianxue to softly cry out, promptly moving forward to personally prop Yun Che's body up. “Asgard Master is currently very weak, quickly take him to the Frozen Palace to rest... Sir Xiao, please come along too.”

“Ah?” Xiao Yun stared blankly then hurriedly waved his hand, saying with an ill-at-ease expression, “No, no... I won't enter, I heard big brother say that Frozen Cloud Asgard doesn't have... doesn't have any males...”

Jun Lianqie relaxedly said, “Although our asgard seldom accepts male visitors, Sir Xiao is the Asgard Master's sworn brother and also is our palace's noble guest. In addition, Sir Xiao helped Asgard Master repel the powerful enemies and can be considered our Frozen Cloud Asgard's benefactor. At the very least, let us extend our invitation of friendship, please.”

Xiao Yun looked to Yun Che, who was being held by Murong Qianxue, for help, only to discover that his eyes were lightly closed and his breathing was steady, as if he had already fallen into a meditative state. Having no other option, Xiao Yun scratched his forehead and said with an embarrassed expression, “Okay... then I will have to impose on you.”

After all, in this completely foreign land. Without Yun Che's Primordial Profound Ark, he had no way to return to Blue Wind Imperial City.

Chapter 677 - The Shuddering Divine Hall

The speed of the Sun Moon Sacred Ark was extremely fast. Soon enough, the vast snow region was hundreds of miles behind them.

When they were out of Blue Wind Nation, the people from Sun Moon Divine Hall finally calmed down a bit. They wiped their foreheads which were still covered in cold sweat.

“I had no idea... that in this world, there is actually someone this terrifying!” said Ye Juanyun still fearful as he took a deep breath.

“Sigh, the territory of Profound Sky Continent is this vast, and there is nothing too strange in this boundless universe... Maybe, we really were looking at the sky from the bottom of a well,” Ye Guying sighed. Since he first entered Sun Moon Divine Hall several hundreds years ago, this was the first time he had been so frightened... Thinking back to the black-robed old man who was beyond horrifying, it was like he had visited the gates of hell.

“This is outrageous!” Ye Xinghan punched out brutally, causing a deafening sonic boom. His voice was filled with hatred, “Among the strongest practitioners in this world, besides the Phoenix God of the Divine Phoenix Sect, it is impossible for anyone to exceed my father’s level... How could someone like this suddenly appear out of nowhere!! Why was someone like this completely unknown before!!”

“Young Master, please calm down.” Ye Guying comforted in a soft voice, “When someone reaches a level like that, if he wants to be unknown, there is no one in the world at all who has the ability to discover his existence. Young Master, do you still remember how he appeared? There was originally no trace of his aura, but in an instant, it covered the sky and the sun, and his entire person also suddenly appeared in the middle of the air. Even when Yun Che went to call him out, his person and aura also completely disappeared, and then appeared again out of thin air. Young Master, do you know why that is?”

Ye Xinghan gritted his teeth hard, and said in a low voice, “Autonomous world!”

“That’s right!” Ye Guying’s face was full of shock... and admiration. “At the level of us Monarchs, we can create our own space for storage. Once someone reaches a certain supreme realm, they can control space as one pleases and create their own little world! This is absolutely not a false legend. It’s like the Supreme Ocean Palace’s ‘Divine Ocean Secret Realm,’ and the Primordial Profound Ark that Young Master was on three years ago. The worlds within are all independent small worlds created by strong practitioners using an unparalleled divine power during the Ancient Era. Sss... I thought the profound practitioners who are at this level in this world had already gone extinct and would never appear again. I did not expect, today... I actually saw someone like this myself!”

“His realm is so high that even we cannot comprehend it.” Ye Shuran shuddered violently when he thought about Ye Shi, a mid-stage Monarch just like him, being burned into nothing by the flames that were thrown out from the fingers of the black-robed old man so casually. He said in a trembling voice, “If he wants to kill us, it is simple as easy as turning his hand. Even when he held our Sun Moon Divine Hall in contempt... I feel like he wasn’t just bluffing. If it wasn’t because he wanted to use us as examples, it is impossible for us to still be alive.”

He looked at Ye Xinghan and said with a lingering fear, “If we die, we die, but if it was Young Master... we really couldn’t redeem ourselves even if we died ten thousand times!”

“I feel like he simply felt disdain at the thought of attacking us, even killing Ye Shi was just an accident.” Ye Guying sighed heavily and said, “Back then Yun Che dared to face the Divine Phoenix Sect alone. Now he even killed the people of Sun Moon Divine Hall and intentionally sent the death imprint to Young Master, so I had already thought that he must have someone supporting him... But I absolutely did not think the person behind him was someone this shocking and frightening.”

“Lord Heavenly Monarch will know about Ye Shi’s death immediately for sure. When we return... how should we answer him?” Ye Juanyun locked his eyebrows and said anxiously.

“What can we do? Of course report exactly of what happened in detail.” Ye Guying said, “We had never heard of this ‘Duotian’ before. But he mentioned ‘ten thousand years,’ which means that he is an old monster that has lived for at least ten thousand years. His name probably was once renowned in the world ten thousand years ago, so it is normal for us to have never heard of it. But Lord Heavenly

Monarch has the memories that are passed down through the generations of the Sun Moon ancestors, so he might know the name.”

Ye Guying turned his head, looked in the direction of Blue Wind Nation and said in an incredibly serious manner, “Young Master, I know that you must be very unwilling, but... as the future owner of Sun Moon Divine Hall, you must learn to endure a moment... or even a lifetime of anger. With the strength of Yun Che’s backer, it is definitely not a wise decision to become enemies with him! With the protection of someone like this and with his shocking growing speed in strength... maybe it really isn’t empty words that three years later, he would be strong enough to stomp over all of Sun Moon Divine Hall by himself... Moreover, it was said by the person named ‘Duotian’ himself. So...”

“So, before we are certain that we can shake his backer, we must not become enemies with him.” Ye Juanyun’s expression was heavy, as he continued to say, “We also need to try our best to resolve the resentment from before... This matter really cannot be treated lightly.”

“We should return to the Divine Hall immediately and let Lord Heavenly Monarch decide how to handle this matter with Yun Che.”

Even though the amount of time Yun Che faced Sun Moon Divine Hall wasn’t long, under the activation of the Dragon Soul, each breath was accompanied with an extremely large consumption of his mental energy. With such consumption, if he was a normal profound practitioner, it would take at least a couple of days of rest to be at ease and more than half a month to recover, and it would develop a irreversible side effect. Yun Che has the Dragon God Origin Soul, so his rate of recovery of his mental energy cannot be compared to a regular person’s, but even so, he didn’t wake up from meditating until high noon.

“Ah! Asgard Master, you finally woke up... Senior Sisters, Asgard Master is awake!”

Right as Yun Che opened his eyes, he heard a young girl’s surprised yell by his ear. He woke up from the chilly bed and saw a beautiful young girl in white standing there. There was joy and a slight red glow on her cheeks that was finer than snow lotus, and her beautiful eyes were looking at him without blinking... Because of his heroic action of scaring Sun Moon Divine Hall off, the way she looked at him was obviously different than before.

Yun Che sat up, inspected his own mental status now, and asked the young girl, “Senior Sister Hanxue, what is the time now?”

“It’s already high noon.” Feng Hanxue answered in a clear and melodious voice, and her beautiful eyes showed surprise. “Eh? Asgard Master, how did you know that I am Hanxue? I am the same as my Big Sister from top to bottom. Even our disciples and senior sisters that are most familiar with us... even the previous Asgard Mistress couldn’t tell us apart, but Asgard Master called out my name immediately. You also seem to be very sure.”

“It’s actually very easy to tell.” Yun Che said while smiling, “Even though your appearance, voice... even expressions are almost the same, there is still a little difference in your body scent.”

“Body... scent?” Feng Hanxue was lost as her mouth gaped a little.

Yun Che said slowly, “To become a qualified medical practitioner, one must learn to identify hundreds of herbs. Many of the medicinal herbs looks the same, so to identify them, one must rely on their scent.

That is why the nose of many medical practitioners are more sensitive than normal people's. Senior Sister Hanxue and Senior Sister Hanyue's body scent is very similar, but Senior Sister Hanxue's body scent carries a scent that is slightly close to the smell of a Snow Fern Flower, and Senior Sister Hanyue has the smell of a Frosting Flower. Normal people wouldn't be able to tell the difference, but to me, it is something that can be easily identified."

"Snow Fern Flower... what kind of flower is it? This is the first time I've heard of it." Feng Hanxue blinked, and before Yun Che could say anything, she spoke herself, "But the name is very nice, so the smell must be very pleasant! Asgard Master, you are so impressive. I feel like there is nothing that you can't do in this world. No wonder that even though you are a man, previous Asgard Mistress still insisted on passing the position of Asgard Master to you."

"That is of course! There is still a lot more that I know. If Senior Sister Hanxue is willing, I can show it to Senior Sister Hanxue only." Yun Che was not humble at all and said smilingly, but in his smile... there seemed to be a few... evil intentions?

"Ah? Yes! Asgard Master said it yourself, you are not allowed to go back on your words!" Feng Hanxue said happily, "But, I have said many times, it's Junior Master, not Senior Sister!!"

"I understand. Oh right, Senior Sister Hanxue, where is Xiao Yun now?"

"He is in the Snow Cloud Hall. Asgard Master, are you and him really sworn brothers? But your personalities are completely different. Xiao Yun kept his head down the whole time and didn't dare to talk with us. After we settled him in at the Snow Cloud Hall, he hasn't come out for the entire morning," Feng Hanxue said while laughing. Then, she suddenly noticed something and said while trying to keep a straight face, "It's Junior Master, Junior Master, Junior Master! Not Senior Sister! Even if... even if you are the Asgard Master now, the seniority cannot be ignored!"

"I understand, Senior Sister."

"...You never listened to Junior Master!!" Feng Hanxue stomped her foot, turned her face away, and seemed like she got upset.

At this moment, the snow curtain seal on the door was removed. Murong Qianxue, Jun Lianqie, Mu Lanyi, Chu Yueli, and Feng Hanyue, the five of them walked in quickly. When they saw Yun Che, their beautiful eyes all lightened up at the same time. "Asgard Master, you woke up."

Whether it was their words or the look in their eyes, they were all accompanied with deep worrying and care. Three years ago in the Frozen Cloud Asgard, the voice that he heard was almost completely cold, chilly, and without emotion. At first, after he helped them open all of their profound entrances and achieve the Heavenly God's Spiritual Veins that they couldn't even dare to dream about, they gave him their approval and even some thanks. At least they stopped taking his profane intentions into account and opposing his joining Frozen Cloud Asgard, but that was merely it.

But as of today, it was completely different. He first solved Frozen Cloud's calamity and then scared Sun Moon Divine Hall into retreating... that was Sun Moon Divine Hall, in all of Profound Sky Continent, there were only a handful of forces that could go head to head with Sun Moon Divine Hall! And what's more was that he could have ignored them all, yet instead, he risked his life, directly faced Sun Moon

Divine Hall, and resolved this disaster. Even if their hearts were ice cold, they deeply felt gratitude and warmth.

And there wasn't any rejection towards his position as the Asgard Master.

"Mm, I worried you all." Yun Che leaped up from the ice bed, his eyes turned towards outside the window. "Frozen Cloud Asgard suffered from these six months of calamity, so it will take a while to reform. During this period of time, I will need your hard work. I still have other important matters, so I cannot stay here long for now."

"Asgard Master, you are leaving now?" Murong Qianxue stepped forward unconsciously. "But, you were just in a coma for such a long time, it would be better for you to rest more."

"No need. I only wore out some of my mental strength before. Now I am completely fine." Yun Che's eyebrows lowered slightly, and he said in a low voice, "Blue Wind Nation was stomped by Divine Phoenix Empire into the way it is now... Forget about my status of Blue Wind's prince consort, even if I am merely the most ordinary citizen of Blue Wind... I absolutely cannot forgive them!"

Chapter 678 - Floating Cloud City's Devilish Energy

"Junior Master Yueli, during these three years, was there any... news of Yuechan?" After hesitating, Yun Che still asked the question. He knew in his heart that the possibility of him getting a certain answer was so minuscule that it might as well be zero.

Seeing how expectant he was, Chu Yueli's expression dimmed as she shook her head.

"It's okay..." Yun Che took a deep breath. "Three years ago, I once entrusted Black Moon Merchant Guild's headquarters with obtaining any information they could on Yuechan. With Black Moon Merchant Guild's ability and it having been three whole years, they have to have found something... Maybe, they have already found out where she is."

"Mn!" Chu Yueli nodded slightly, and her beautiful eyes were sparkling rays of hope. "Asgard Master, when you head over to the Black Moon Merchant Guild, remember to ask them if they have obtained any information on Qingyue. Now that the crisis here has been dealt with, it is instead not safe for her to be out."

"I will." Yun Che nodded, "I should be in Divine Phoenix Empire for a period of time. Maybe my stay will be long or maybe it will be short. If there are any accidents, remember to send me a sound transmission immediately. I will have a way to get back here right away!"

Yun Che bade farewell to the Frozen Cloud disciples, retrieved the Primordial Profound Ark, traveled through space, and returned to Blue Wind Imperial City.

Compared to yesterday, Blue Wind Imperial City was a lot more peaceful today; at least, that heavy, dark, and desperate atmosphere was half gone. The return of Prince Consort Yun and the news of him demolishing the army of tens of thousands of Divine Phoenix Empire had already spread throughout Blue Wind Imperial City and its surroundings, lighting up the hope that was extinguished a long time ago.

"Husband, how did it go with Sun Moon Divine Hall?"

When Yun Che returned, Cang Yue quickly came out to welcome him. Under the phoenix crown, her tender face was covered with deep joy and tiredness that couldn't be hidden. Apparently, because she was worrying, she stayed up all night again.

"Empress sister-in-law, Big Brother really was too... too... too impressive!" Before Yun Che could answer, Xiao Yun was unable to hold back his excitement and yelled, "The people from Sun Moon Divine Hall were all so strong. Not only did their Young Master come personally, there were also a few Monarchs. But Big Brother burned one to death, and the others were all scared off... he scared them so hard that they would absolutely not dare to come again. Ah... Seventh Sister, you don't need to examine me, I am really not injured at all. I only stood there for a little while and didn't fight with anyone, ah ow-ow-ow..."

Xiao Yun's plain words naturally couldn't illustrate the scene back then, and he didn't know that under the surface of an incredible success, Yun Che's every breath was as if he was walking on a steel wire above a thirty thousand meter deep abyss.

Cang Yue didn't inquire any further, because just by looking at the assured expression in Yun Che's eyes, she knew that the calamity of Frozen Cloud Asgard had been already resolved... even though their opponent was Sun Moon Divine Hall. She smiled and said, "As long as everything is fine. This time, you should go to Grandfather's side."

"Mn, I will take Xiao Yun there right away." Thinking about Xiao Lie and Xiao Lingxi's faces, warmth naturally flowed through Yun Che's heart, and then, it became stronger and stronger, turning into excitement so strong that he almost lost control.

"Xiao Yun, the Floating Cloud City that we are going to now... is where you were born. When we get there, you will be able to see your real blood relatives," said Yun Che as he picked up the Primordial Profound Ark once again and smiled.

Xiao Yun opened his mouth, paused for a good while, and then strongly nodded his head hard, "Yes!"

Finding his own blood relatives and meeting and reuniting with them was the main reason that he came to Profound Sky Continent with Yun Che!

"I want to go too," said Number Seven Under Heaven as she hopped and grabbed onto Xiao Yun's arm.

"You and Xiao Yun are family now. How could we meet family without you. You can't not go!" Yun Che smiled and said, "Yue'er, I will bring Grandfather and Little Aunt back soon. Brother Under Heaven, Yuanba, I will leave the imperial city to you two."

"Brother-in-law don't worry, no matter how many people they send, they shouldn't even think about coming near here!" Xia Yuanba raised his strong arms, held his fists together, and exaggeratedly cracked his knuckles.

"Xiao Yun, Seventh Sister, let's go."

"Ah? Just... just go like this? Should we prepare something, like... like..." Xiao Yun didn't know what to do all of a sudden. For over twenty years in the Illusory Demon Realm, he was labeled as the "Profound Sky Bastard." Even though he was twenty-two years old, he had never seen any of his blood relatives before.

“You don’t need anything, let’s go!!” said Yun Che as he grabbed onto Xiao Yun. Compared to Xiao Yun’s nervousness, he couldn’t wait any longer.

After entering the Primordial Profound Ark and setting the distance and direction, in only an instant, they were already in the air above Floating Cloud City.

Leaving the Primordial Profound Ark, Yun Che took a deep breath of the air here... “I finally returned again, to the place that I grew up in...”

The air still held a familiar smell, but without the scent of the smoke of gunpowder this time.

From three thousand meters up in the sky, Yun Che silently looked down at his homeland that he was most familiar with. Blue Wind Nation was the smallest nation out of the seven nations of Profound Sky Continent, and Floating Cloud City was the smallest city of Blue Wind Nation. It was originally not noisy and lively compared to other large cities, but Floating Cloud City was currently even quieter than how Yun Che remembered it. Even though there were some people on the narrow streets, it was far less than usual.

As Cang Yue had said, even though Divine Phoenix Empire surprisingly sent a whole army of two hundred thousand to Floating Cloud City, they didn’t have any intention of attacking. Yun Che’s eyes swept over Floating Cloud City, and there didn’t seem to be any trace of battle... Not to mention large scale ones, there weren’t even small scale skirmishes. The streets were neat, there was no damage to the buildings, and the entire city wasn’t shrouded with an atmosphere of panic. Moreover... With Yun Che’s scouting, there was only one set of troops which should be the Divine Phoenix Army’s in the direction of the City Head’s Palace in Floating Cloud City, which only numbered around hundred.

Yun Che was relieved with this result, but at the same time, suspicion rose within his heart.

The citizens of Floating Cloud City were weak, the city was small, the land was poor, and the surrounding of the city was not abundant with resources. Even the profound beasts that existed there were ones of the lowest level, so there was no value in hunting them. On top of that, its location was at the most eastern side of Blue Wind Nation. The region was remote, and troops needed to travel a long distance, so taking it over would do more harm than good. If they had to take control of it, with the military force of the Divine Phoenix Army, a few thousand soldiers and mounts would be able to manage it... but the Divine Phoenix sent an army of two hundred thousand soldiers!

And this was before they sent their troops to Blue Wind Imperial City!

Just as Cang Yue had said, after the two hundred thousand strong Divine Phoenix Army arrived here, they never left.

But before their very eyes was a scene like this in Floating Cloud City.

Everything had a strangeness to it that could not be explained with common sense.

What’s going on?

What is the Divine Phoenix Empire trying to do to Floating Cloud City?

BOOM~~

BOOM~~~

BOOM!!

Deep explosions came from the east, northeast, and southeast. Some of the explosions were far away, and some of them were relatively closer and even more concentrated. Yun Che quickly turned his head to look to the east, and when his eyes looked that way, he saw a bunch of red shadows that were either condensed or scattered at the uneven, abandoned mountain region on the east side of Floating Cloud City. His eyebrows scrunched up a bit as he squinted as much as possible and slowly noticed that the red shadows were part of the Divine Phoenix Army which were wearing scarlet-red light armor!

“What is that sound? Could a battle be taking place over there?” Xiao Yun and Number Seven Under Heaven looked to the east and asked in alarm.

“It’s the Divine Phoenix Army!”

“Divine Phoenix Army? Could someone be in a battle with the Divine Phoenix Army?” Xiao Yun immediately asked. His eyes and Number Seven Under Heaven’s eyes couldn’t compare to Yun Che’s as Yun Che possessed the power of the Rage God.

“No,” answered Yun Che as he shook his head. There was deep confusion in between his eyebrows. “From what it looks like, they seem to be blasting the ground in a controlled manner.”

“Blasting... the ground?” Xiao Yun’s eyes widened. “Why would they do that? Could it be for training soldiers?”

Yun Che pondered, shook his head, and said, “I don’t know. Let’s ignore them for now. Let’s go, we’re going to land.” He extended out his hand and pointed at the most familiar place in his life. “That is Xiao Family’s courtyard, and it is also the place that I grew up in for sixteen years. Grandfather and little aunt are there right now.”

Just as Yun Che’s body was about to land, Jasmine suddenly yelled deeply in his mind, “Wait!”

Yun Che’s body suddenly stopped. Whenever Jasmine suddenly used this tone, she must have noticed something that cannot be ignored. He immediately focused and said, “Jasmine, what’s wrong?”

“Where is this place?” Just as Jasmine finished speaking, she recognized the place herself. “Floating Cloud City?”

Apparently, Jasmine had just woken up from her sleep. Yun Che answered, “I just returned here, what did you find? Is there something wrong here?”

“...” Jasmine was silent for a good while, and then she said in an incredibly deep voice, “Why... why is there devilish energy here!”

“Devilish energy?” Yun Che was stunned. “What do you mean by devilish energy?”

“...” Jasmine continued to be silent for a while, and her voice became even deeper, “It indeed wasn’t an illusion. That is definitely devilish energy! Devilish energy... to explain it simply, is when one or more types of negative emotions reach a certain limit. The law becomes twisted, and profound energy will mutate! The devil profound energy that it creates is even stronger than profound energy of the same

level, but it is also harder to control. Because devilish energy will only be created with extreme negative emotions, the ones who possess devilish energy... all have twisted minds and beliefs. They are evil creatures that should not exist in this world! Or they can be directly called a demon or devil!

Yun Che, "..."

"This plane is really getting interesting, there is actually devilish energy here!" Jasmine said in a low voice. Towards the "devil," she had deep disgust and even hatred because she had been poisoned by the most fearsome devilish poison!

"This person is in Floating Cloud City?" asked Yun Che as he lowered his voice.

"That's right, and... it is within Xiao Clan that you are about to return to!"

"What!?" Yun Che's heart was shocked.

"Go down and check it out immediately. I'd like to know what kind of person could release devilish energy on such a low level plane!" Jasmine's tone was especially unusual.

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"Big Brother, what's wrong?" Both Xiao Yun and Number Seven Under Heaven instantly tensed up after seeing Yun Che suddenly stop accompanied with a change in his expression.

"Sigh, looks like there's going to be a small problem here," Yun Che said rather helplessly. "Let's go down."

As Floating Cloud City's largest profound cultivating clan, Xiao Clan looked especially eye-catching within the city from up above. The place where Yun Che landed was not where the main entrance was located. Instead, he landed on Xiao Clan's east side, almost subconsciously, on a certain courtyard close to the rear mountains.

This place was very quiet, the entire Xiao Clan was very quiet. The courtyard before them was very small and only had simple decorations and a simple house. An emerald-green grape arbor was at a corner of the courtyard, and it was packed with grapes that were almost ripe. Next to the grape arbor was a simple stone table and what appeared to be two small stools. The stool to the right was even covered with tons of long cracks.

As he stood in the center of the courtyard and looked at everything before him, the light in Yun Che's eyes wavered as he stood, completely dazed for a moment.

"Big Brother, this place is?" Xiao Yun curiously asked when he saw Yun Che's appearance.

"This place is a place that carries almost all of the memories of the first sixteen years of my life," Yun Che softly answered.

"Ah? This is... Big Brother Yun's home?" Number Seven Under Heaven asked in shock as she looked around. To ordinary citizens of Floating Cloud City, being able to possess a courtyard like this was considered to be lavish. But to someone born from a Guardian Family, especially to Number Seven Under Heaven, who was the Under Heaven Family's only princess, this kind of home was just too simple and shabby... He was the Yun Family's Young Patriarch, the Illusory Demon Realm's Demon Lord, and

even could be regarded as the fated person who had saved the entire Illusory Demon Realm... She never imagined that the place where Yun Che had grown up in would actually be this crude.

“Right, this is my home,” Yun Che smiled. “I’ve been living here from as long as I can remember. But at that time, this place wasn’t only mine, it belonged to my little aunt as well. At that time, we would spend every day together. Wherever I went, she would go, and wherever she went, I would follow as well. We were like each other’s shadows... until I turned ten, when Grandfather said that we weren’t allowed to live in the same courtyard and found a new courtyard for Little Aunt. Because of this, Little Aunt would cry for days, and I also used all my energy to protest against this. However, the grandfather that usually pampered and spoiled us in every possible way wouldn’t budge no matter what on this matter. “

“From then on, Little Aunt, who was now living in her new courtyard would usually secretly come over to sleep with me. But when she was discovered by Grandfather, she would get a fierce scolding... Later on, we gradually understood that it was improper for men and women to be that intimate, so Little Aunt no longer secretly came over.”

Yun Che softly recounted softly with a faint smile. His current smile came from his soul, without the least bit of impurity. In those years, even though he was regularly mocked by others, occasionally bullied, and always bore the contempt and pity filled eyes of others, because he had Little Aunt at that time, his happy times were far more than the sorrowful ones; even his feeling of inferiority was dim.

During these years, he was no longer that profound vein cripple who didn’t have a future. He only grew stronger and was now looked up to by more and more people, so much that some would fear him. His current level was much higher than the Xiao Sect that the Xiao Clan revered like gods, yet it also caused his world to be filled with trials and hardships, causing him to not be able to return back to the happy world where only Little Aunt existed.

More than six years had passed since the time he had come here, but everything here almost completely overlapped everything in his memories without any hint of change... Regardless of whether it was the gate, windows, stone table, or grape arbor... Even the lantern that was hung there on the day of his wedding with Xia Qingyue six years ago was still there, though it had already been deformed by the wind.

The entire courtyard looked incredibly tidy, without any of the ruined, messy appearance Yun Che had expected from a place that had been left six years ago. It was like everyone had come to sweep this place every day. Yun Che advanced forward and stood before the stone table. He lightly pressed a finger on the stone table, swiped, and then lifted it... There wasn’t even a trace of dust.

This place... had just been swept by someone...

Yun Che’s heart trembled. Could it... could it be...

“Little Che... is that you?”

In this world, there were very few sounds that would stir Yun Che’s rock-hard soul, but Xiao Lingxi’s voice was definitely among them. Yun Che’s mind shook, and he almost instantaneously turned around... At the entrance of the courtyard was Xiao Lingxi, clad in a light green dress. Her beautiful, stary eyes were filled with a layer of thick watery mist.

“Little Aunt...” Yun Che uttered softly. His arms unconsciously lifted forward, wanting to travel through space to touch the closest, most familiar, and most important girl in this life. I’m back...”

“Ah...” Xiao Yun couldn’t help but make a sound. He looked at Xiao Lingxi, and asked dazedly, “She’s... she’s...”

The “little aunt” Yun Che uttered confirmed this girl’s identity... This extremely beautiful girl with a delicate temperament who seemed to be even younger than he himself, was... his little aunt... was his own blood related... relative...

Xiao Lingxi’s little hand heavily pressed on her lips as sparkling tears fell like jade pearls. After time froze in that short instant, she cried softly and threw herself at Yun Che with her tears scattering. She heavily threw herself into his bosom, and both her arms tightly hugged him as her torrential tears quickly drenched a large area on his chest.

“Little Che... Little Che... Little Che...” she repeatedly called out, and soon, she couldn’t hold back her sobs.

“I’m sorry, Little Aunt... I promised you that I would come back in a month, yet... yet I’ve made you painfully wait for three years.” Yun Che formed a loop as he gently hugged the girl in his chest. Her waist was even more delicate than three years ago, and her body was even more fragile... Even her profound strength had declined instead of advancing. Within these three years, Yun Che had grown about a foot, causing the girl in his bosom to appear even more delicate and exquisite in front of him. And what pained Yun Che the most was her weeping... The Little Aunt he knew would laugh loudly and cry loudly. In front of him especially, she wouldn’t hold anything back and let herself loose.

But the Little Aunt before him, even though she was sobbing, she was actually trying her best to repress it, to not make any sobbing noises, and only her shoulders continued to violently spasm. She had less spirit than before, and what replaced that was actually a dense melancholy that almost broke Yun Che’s heart.

In these three years, news of his “death” and Blue Wind Nation’s huge calamity had carved out many cruel scars on her heart...

Yun Che’s hands silently tightened. He lifted his head as wisps of pain rippled in his eyes... When there was nothing good about me, when my profound veins were still crippled, what I saw the most every day was Little Aunt’s smiling face... Now that I’m getting stronger by the day, why is it that I’m always giving Little Aunt heartbreak and pain everything...

The power I was chasing... what exactly was I doing it for?!

Xiao Lingxi forcefully shook her head as she hugged him even tighter. The chest she was leaning on was even broader than before, and it was also the only place in the world where she truly felt stable and content in. While still sobbing, she softly said, “I know... that Little Che didn’t do it on purpose... It’s good that Little Che is back... I thought that I’d never see Little Che again... My Little Che’s... finally back...”

She mumbled, the pain of having lost someone and the joy of having regained them once more even after all hope had been lost clearly evident. Yun Che sucked in a long breath of air. He spoke lowly, with an incomparably firm voice, “ Little Aunt, I’ll promise you that I’ll never you...”

Yun Che’s voice suddenly halted as his entire body abruptly stiffened. His gaze that had instantly become ice-cold suddenly swept behind him as he quickly turned around, bringing Xiao Lingxi along with him.

Because in that instant, an extremely cold aura had locked onto him out of nowhere... He possessed the Water Spirit Evil Body, so he wasn’t afraid of the cold, but when that aura enveloped him, it caused him to instantly feel a frigid, heart-piercing sensation. All the hairs on his body shot up and stood on end. Two abyss-black, fiendish eyes had even been faintly projected in his mind. He suddenly felt like he was standing a thick and terrible pitch-black hell.

This kind of densely cold, extremely uncomfortable aura that I’ve never felt before... could this be the devilish energy Jasmine was talking about?

Who is it?!

In the instant he turned around, Yun Che’s gaze locked onto a black figure that floated in midair... Dressed in black from head to toe, he was shorter and thinner than Yun Che. His long hair was as black as night and reached the middle of his waist. His complexion was stiff and pale, and his eyes were lifeless without a hint of light in them. The aura emitted from his body carried a coldness which seeped into one’s bone marrow, yet Yun Che actually couldn’t find the slightest hint of life within it... It was as if what floated there was not a living person, but a dead corpse.

When he saw this black figure’s face, Yun Che’s brows fiercely moved as his revealed deep astonishment on his face.

“Fen Jue... chen?!” The moment he finished his sentence, Yun Che’s voice held a distinct hesitation.

His outer appearance and expression were exactly the same as the Fen Juechen in his memories. However, the Fen Juechen he knew never had this kind of aura. Not only that... he clearly felt a distinct, ice-cold danger from that black-robed person! With the realm Yun Che was currently in, those that made him feel danger at least had the power of early-stage Monarchs, and when he released Fen Juechen three and a half years ago, his profound strength was only at the Spirit Profound Realm. In a short, not even four years, there was no way he could possibly to reach a level that was strong enough to threaten him.

“Hm? It’s actually this guy.” Jasmine’s voice also held the same astonishment.

“Yun... Che!!” His face was still stiff, and when he spoke, whether it was his expression or dark eyes, there wasn’t the slightest bit of wavering, yet his voice carried an ice-cold, bone-piercing resentment. “You’re still alive... you’re actually still alive!!”

“...” The aura enveloping Yun Che instantly became colder many times over. The instant this black-robed person opened his mouth, Yun Che was now certain... that this person was truly Fen Juechen! Because this kind of voice, this kind of tone, and this kind of hatred was exactly the same as when he had released him that year!

“Did you know how much I hated and how much I suffered when I heard that you had died?! In these years, I’ve even wished that you would come back to life in my dreams so I could personally tear you to shreds!!”

Fen Juechen’s hands trembled as two balls of black energy which increasingly grew bigger floated around the palm of his hand. Yun Che glanced at the two balls of black energy... He merely glanced at them, yet it caused his entire body to feel extremely uncomfortable. He shifted his gaze back and looked straight at Fen Juechen without backing down. “Looks like your dream has already come true. However... Do you really think that the current you can kill me?”

Before Fen Juechen had even replied, Jasmine coldly laughed in Yun Che’s mind, “His currently profound strength level is at the fifth level of the Sovereign Profound Realm. Added with the special attributes of his devil profound strength, if you were to fight him head-on, he would definitely be able to kill you!”

“~ ! # ¥ %...” The corner of Yun Che’s eyes twitched greatly. “You’re... kidding, right?!”

That year, when he had exterminated Burning Heaven Clan, the main reason why he had only spared Fen Juechen was because he had saved Xiao Lingxi, and Xiao Lingxi pleaded with him. The secondary reason was because he subconsciously believed that even if Fen Juechen were to live, he would never be able to become a threat. At that time, a thousand Fen Juechens weren’t even able to harm him. Moreover, with his unparalleled growth speed, even if Fen Juechen’s innate talent was ten times higher, the distance between them would still grow farther until he was reduced to a mere existence like an ant.

The bloodlines and divine power he possessed was an extravagance that ordinary people couldn’t even hope for even over hundreds of generations! His master was also Jasmine, whose very existence transcended this plane. On the Profound Sky Continent, in regards to growth speed, there shouldn’t be anyone who would be able to surpass him.

Xia Yuanba’s astonishing growth speed was because he possessed the Tyrannical Emperor’s Divine Veins. It was also this heaven-defying talent that made him the precious treasure of Absolute Monarch Sanctuary, the number one ranked Sacred Ground.

The Fen Juechen of that time who was only in the Spirit Profound Realm... How could he, in the short period of four years, have already become a mid-stage Monarch?!

“You think that I’m kidding?” Jasmine coldly replied. “However, you don’t need to be that surprised. His strength wasn’t actually achieved by cultivation. Even his devilish energy was not birthed from his own will. In fact, a devil origin was injected into his soul!”

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“Devil origin? What’s that?”

“You had better focus on how to deal with the situation at hand first! This person has an exceedingly heavy desire to kill you! Hmph, when you don’t cut the grass and remove the roots, you leave behind a calamity for yourself! But I never thought that the misfortune that you would find would be so huge!” Jasmine criticized in a cold voice.

“Big Brother, this person is...”

“Do not follow me!” Yun Che fiercely thrust a hand out behind him, and a wave of energy rushed out and forcefully pushed the onrushing Xiao Yun and Number Seven Under Heaven back. At the same time, he used his other arm to grab Xiao Lingxi and thrust his body in front of hers.

“Do you think... that I am still that useless piece of crap that you left alive all those years ago?!” Fen Juechen’s eyes and tone were incomparably dark and sinister. He raised both his hands which were covered in swirling black energy and a cold, mournful aura. This shook the air, causing everyone’s hearts to race. Even the light began to dim gradually as he continued to speak, “Do not worry, I will not take your life straight away... I will first let you experience all of the pain and suffering that I have endured over the last few years!!”

Fen Juechen’s eyes suddenly flashed with a black light, one that was even deeper than the blackest of nights. His arm thrust forward, and a wave of black energy rushed towards Yun Che’s throat.

The light around Yun Che rapidly dimmed, and before the cold and sinister energy had even drawn near, it had already seeped into his bones. Yun Che had never seen this kind of profound energy or aura before in either of his two lives. When he had exchanged blows with Hui Ye in the Illusory Demon Realm, his Fallen Devil Flames also radiated a sinister aura, but in terms of purity and density, it could not even be compared to the aura being radiated by the attack which sped towards him!

This Fen Juechen... what exactly happened to him in the past few years?!!

Yun Che’s arm swept up, and phoenix flames instantly ignited and rushed out to meet that sinister and black energy... But at this time, Xiao Lingxi suddenly rushed in front of him with an anxious cry and spread her arms wide open as she attempted to block the attack.

“!!” Xiao Lingxi’s sudden action had shocked Yun Che greatly, but he responded by extinguishing his phoenix flames and grabbing Xiao Lingxi. After that, his gathered profound energy changed to become completely focused on defense.

“Sealing Cloud Locking Sun!!”

But Yun Che was not the only one whose expression changed, Fen Juechen’s expression also suddenly changed and he hurriedly retracted his outstretched arm. A majority of the black profound energy that was rushing towards Yun Che was immediately and forcefully taken back by Fen Juechen while the remaining energy exploded on the Evil God Barrier that was in front of Yun Che.

Ssss!!

The colorless Evil God Barrier had become stained black, and after a second, the black energy had completely dissipated while multiple fist-sized holes had astonishingly appeared on the surface of the Evil God Barrier.

The scene caused alarm to flare in Yun Che’s heart. It was clear that the dark energy was

something that Fen Juechen had casually created, yet it had easily broken through his Sealing Cloud Locking Sun! Sealing Cloud Locking Sun was a defensive barrier that was formed using the Evil God’s power, and when it was not able to endure an attack, it would directly collapse. But this time, not only did Sealing Cloud Locking Sun not collapse, it had also been eroded away, and many holes were created in it.

That dark profound energy... contained such a terrifying corrosive power! Could this be one of the dreadful properties of devil profound energy that Jasmine was talking about!?

But the shock in Fen Juechen's heart was definitely no less than Yun Che's. He was the most clear on the kind of terrifying power that he wielded right now. The aura of the Emperor Profound Realm emanated from Yun Che, and even though his rapid increase in strength in these few short years was nothing short of shocking, a mere Throne was only a pitiful ant in Fen Juechen's eyes right now. If he wanted to destroy one, it would be as easy as waving his hand!

But even an Overlord would have an extremely hard time blocking the power that he had released just now due to his loss of control. Yet this attack had been completely blocked by Yun Che... and it was clear that Yun Che had forcibly converted his attack into a defense.

But this shock only lasted for a mere moment, and his gaze was not locked on Yun Che but Xiao Lingxi. After making sure that she had suffered no wounds, his aura stabilized, but after that, it immediately became even colder and more severe.

"Little Aunt, are you alright?" Yun Che hurriedly pushed Xiao Lingxi behind him. Xiao Lingxi shook her head and grabbed him instead while saying in an extremely anxious tone, "I am alright... Little Che, hurry up and leave! Hurry! He isn't the Fen Juechen of all those years ago. Right now he is really powerful, there is no way you can beat him... hurry up and leave! If not, he will... he will kill you. Leave! Quickly!!"

"Yun Che! You have finally fallen into my hands... so I will definitely ensure you die a dog's death!!" After seeing how Xiao Lingxi had disregarded her own life to protect Yun Che, Fen Juechen's eyes shone with the fires of hate, and the black energy surrounding his body abruptly erupted around him. In the blink of an eye, the sky and the earth grew dark. The air completely stopped flowing as the surroundings grew so dark and sinister that it was as if everyone had been plunged into a hellish purgatory.

"What... what is this?" Xiao Yun said in alarm as he tightly shielded Number Seven Under Heaven. The world in front of him had swiftly become dark and gray, it was as if all the light in the area had been swiftly devoured by something. This kind of bizarre scene was something that he had never seen before even though he had grown up in the Demon Imperial City which was the location of the highest echelons of power within the Illusory Demon Realm.

"Don't!!" Xiao Lingxi swiftly cried out as she turned around and spread her arms once more, using her body to shield Yun Che. She looked at Fen Juechen whose entire body was covered in swirling black energy, and her trembling eyes contained an urgent plea, "Big Brother Fen, I'm begging you... I'm begging you, please don't kill him!"

"I need to kill him!" Fen Juechen exclaimed with a low shout, "He had repeatedly stepped on my head and has ground my dignity into dust... He killed my father, killed my grandfather, and killed my master... He killed all of the people in my clan... All of them! My hate towards him soars to the heaven. and my grudge against him is great enough to fill the ocean, so how can I not take my revenge... I do not engage in wanton slaughter, but he... must die by my hand!"

"Big Brother Fen..." Xiao Lingxi gently shook her head while she continued pleading with him, "Even though everyone is afraid of you, I have always known that you are not a villain who revels in the slaughter of the innocents. You actually have an extremely kind heart... and you are an extremely good

person. You not only saved me, but you also saved all of the people within Floating Cloud City. But why can't you put down all of your hatred and spare yourself as well! You are always burdened by vengeance and hate, don't you feel tired?! Doesn't it hurt?!"

"Tiredness? Pain? What do... these things amount to..." Fen Juechen's voice became cold and rough, "I am only the way I am today because of him! In order to obtain the power to kill him and take my revenge, I have endured pain that is beyond all of your imaginations!! Even now, I am still plagued by this enormous, unending pain! And with every breath, this pain reminds me to never ever forget this grudge!"

Yun Che, "..."

Fen Juechen slowly extended a hand, and within his palm lay a pitch-black vortex that was as dark as a black hole. "As I have said before, I will not reject any other requests that you make of me! As long as you desire it, I will not hesitate in the slightest, even if it costs me my life! But only my vengeance... cannot be stopped!"

The pitch-black vortex seemed to suck in the souls of everyone present, and if a strong profound practitioner were to just take a look at it, that person would feel a quaking that emanated from his very soul. Xiao Lingxi still remained rooted to the spot, shielding Yun Che with her body. The plea in her eyes slowly died, but it was replaced with a heavy determination instead. "Little Che killed your entire clan, but when it comes down to it, the reason he did it was me! So if you want to kill Little Che... kill me first instead."

"..." Fen Juechen's chest fiercely swelled, and the hand which he extended began to faintly tremble, "No... this has nothing to do with you, I won't kill you... even if I kill myself, I still will definitely not harm you. I only beg that... you do not obstruct me from killing Yun Che! You should know that... with your power, you won't be able to stop me."

"I am indeed unable to stop you." Xiao Lingxi's gaze remained firm and decisive. "But if you really kill Little Che... I will hate you for all eternity! And I will never, ever forgive you!"

Fen Juechen froze over, and the dark and gloomy energy suddenly stagnated. Following that, his eyes, arms, and his entire body began to be wracked by faint quivering. That dark and gloomy energy began to resume its movement, but it began swirling around chaotically... and the hate in his eyes was replaced by a deep and profound pain.

No one could understand the fierce impact that Xiao Lingxi's words had on his soul.

No one knew why Fen Juechen, who had come to Floating Cloud City for the sake of vengeance, would choose to remain at this place and not depart.

Nor did anyone know why Fen Juechen, who originally for the sake of vengeance was willing to endure endless agony to swiftly absorb the devil origin at all costs, began to continuously slow down the rate of his absorption of the devil origin after he arrived at Floating Cloud City.

Because in his world that was filled with darkness and gloom... she was his only source of warmth, his only source of light. And unconsciously... she perhaps became even more important than his bone-chilling vengeance... or at the very least, she was far more important than his own life.

“...Hm?” Yun Che had originally looked at Fen Juechen with a cold gaze, but now his gaze had wavered and his expression betrayed his astonishment. Because Fen Juechen’s originally extremely cold and sinister aura began to become chaotic, and his gaze and expression began to distort with exceptional pain. Even that ice-cold killing intent that originally locked onto him quickly dissipated amidst the chaos.

“Arghhh...” Fen Juechen’s face suddenly turned pale. Dark red blood spewed from his mouth, and a large cloud of dark-colored blood sprayed down on the floor.

“Ah!” Xiao Lingxi gave a cry of alarm as she was left at a complete loss.

“What is happening?” Yun Che’s brows furrowed as he asked Jasmine, “You just said that his devil profound energy was not something that could be derived from his own will... so is he suddenly losing control of that power?”

“No!” Jasmine said in a low voice, “His profound energy attacked his own heart. Hmph, it looks like his mind and soul was agitated by what just happened... and in his case, they were agitated to an extremely large extent.”

“Yun... Che!!” Fen Juechen fiercely raised his head and glared doggedly at Yun Che. His blood-smeared face was both pale white and malevolent. The two words that he yelled out contained a surging hate and killing intent that far exceeded what it was previously.

“...” Yun Che gently pushed Xiao Lingxi behind him and began to slowly walk towards Fen Juechen.

“Little Che!!” Xiao Lingxi anxiously pulled on Yun Che’s shoulder. “Do not go over! He...”

“Don’t worry.” Yun Che said as he held the hand that was tightly clasped around his shoulder and looked deeply in her eyes, “The grudge between him and I is not something that can be wiped away or something that he can be dissuaded from. As long as I am alive, it is not something that can be avoided. The only option left for me is to face it head on.”

“Little Aunt, do not worry. He is indeed not the Fen Juechen of all those years ago, but I am also not the same Yun Che either. If he wants to kill me, it will not be easy as he thinks.”

Yun Che’s voice fell, but he did not continue to advance towards Fen Juechen. He only looked up at Fen Juechen and said in a calm and tepid voice, “Fen Juechen, your desire to kill me is so fervent that you dream about it. I also wish to resolve the sudden nuisance that you have become as quickly as possible, so I do not need to waste long and sleepless nights worrying about you. However, today is not the time for such an encounter. Because there are far too many things for me to deal with at the moment, so I do not have any time to waste on you right now. And as for you...” Yun Che gave a long and calm laugh, “As long as my Little Aunt is here to protect me, it would be hard to kill me even if you wanted to.”

Fen Juechen’s eyes widened into saucers, and the black energy surrounding his body fiercely swelled up. But before he could open his mouth, Yun Che’s expression and voice instantly grew deeper as Yun Che extended his right hand and pointed to the east, “But the grievances between you and I are something that we have to settle, no matter what! And it can only be settled between the both of us! So three months from now, on the Eastern Sea that is one hundred and fifty kilometers from here, let us have a duel to death!!”

“At that time, I will come alone and will bring along no one else! And as for you...” Yun Che’s eyes faintly narrowed. “If you are scared that you will be buried forever in the Eastern Sea, then bring as much help as you want!”

Both their gazes collided in the cold air; one was filled with hatred, and the other was as still as stagnant water... Suddenly, Fen Juechen’s body erupted with an incomparably deep black light, and an absolute darkness appeared for a moment in front of everyone’s eyes. After the darkness had been dispelled, Fen Juechen’s body had disappeared from sight and even his aura had completely vanished from the place.

Yun Che’s arm slowly fell and he silently breathed a sigh of relief, but his brows were still knitted tight.

In the two days since he had returned from the Illusory Demon Realm, he had run into one problem after the other... and each problem was greater than the last. He had truly never thought that the Fen Juechen that he had spared that day and never spared a second thought to would actually appear before him again in such shocking fashion.

“Ah, it is indeed true that calamity ensues if you do not pull up the roots as well!” Yun Che scratched his forehead as those words resounded in his heart.