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### **Chapter 291: Round Up Everyone From The Yang Family!**

The cultivators on Ye Guan's side were much more powerful than the Great Sovereign had expected, especially the little girl and the mysterious lady. But so what?

He wasn't scared at all.

Why?

It was all because the Heaven Seizing Clan had a trump card!

They were in the Heaven Seizing Universe, the home of the Heaven Seizing Clan. The Heaven Seizing Clan had been chasing away the armed forces of the True Universe for many years, so how could they be afraid of the Guanxuan Universe?

The Yang Family's bloodline would soon belong to the Heaven Seizing Clan!

The Great Sovereign grew more and more excited just thinking about it, and his aura surged crazily to reflect his excitement. The spacetime around him quivered violently.

The Mad Demon Bloodline was like a blessing from the heavens to the Heaven Seizing Clan.

Zong Lao's eyes narrowed, and his eyes flashed in a sinister light as he roared, "Protect the Young Master!"

The scythe-wielding cultivators rushed toward the members of the Heaven Seizing Clan, and Zong Lao himself headed straight for the oncoming Great Sovereign.

Ye Guan's eyes fell on the female Great Sovereign clad in a black dress, and he found that she was glaring at him with eyes filled with killing intent.

The female Great Sovereign's name was Heaven Seizing Yo, and she was the Third Grand Elder of the Heaven Seizing Clan.

Meanwhile, the male Great Sovereign fighting Zong Lao at the moment was Heaven Seizing Que, and he was the Second Grand Elder of the Heaven Seizing Clan.

Heaven Seizing Yo's figure blurred, and she rushed toward Ye Guan. Seeing her charge over, Little White hurriedly covered her eyes as she sat on Ye Guan's shoulder. You can't see if I can't see you.

Ye Guan was speechless at the sight. It's a good thing that Erya is always by Little White's side. Otherwise, Little White would have perished long ago.

It took Heaven Seizing Yo a blink of an eye to reach Ye Guan, but a spear flew toward her just as she arrived.

Boom!

Heaven Seizing Yo defended herself, but the spear was too strong. It obliterated the spacetime a few inches away from Heaven Seizing Yo, sending her flying a few kilometers away from Ye Guan and Little White.

A woman slowly descended in front of Ye Guan. She was wearing a white dress, and her hair was tied up in a high ponytail. She opened her palm, and the spear she had hurled returned to her hand.

She was none other than An Nanjing!

Heaven Seizing Yo looked down at her right hand. Her right hand was torn open, and she could see her bones through the injury.

Heaven Seizing Yo's eyes narrowed as her eyes fell on An Nanjing.

Swoosh!

A dazzling spear light bedazzled Heaven Seizing Yo as An Nanjing vanished and reappeared right in front of her.

Heaven Seizing Yo's pupils constricted. She hurriedly raised her arms to defend herself.

Boom!

Heaven Seizing Yo was blasted another a few kilometers away. As soon as she stopped, blood dripped out of her mouth.

An Nanjing's gaze was both steady and unperturbed as she stared at Heaven Seizing Yo

Contempt! An Nanjing was staring at Heaven Seizing Yo with contempt!

Heaven Seizing Yo's face turned ugly. It was the first time someone had gazed upon her with such disdain. She couldn't quite accept it, and her fury soon turned into determination as she stomped and shattered the spacetime beneath her feet.

The tiny explosion propelled her to the skies, and a giant illusory hand manifested above Heaven Seizing Yo as she made a beeline for An Nanjing.

Rumble!

A low grumble reverberated across both heaven and earth as the giant illusory hand tore through spacetime while exuding a terrifying energy fluctuation that seemed capable of suppressing everything beneath it.

An Nanjing remained calm and composed. Moments later, she vanished and took to the skies to confront the giant illusory palm head-on.

Swoosh!

A spear light pierced the giant illusory hand.

Crackle!

The giant illusory hand shattered, and a figure appeared behind it—Heaven Seizing Yo!

A dazzling spear light converged on An Nanjing's spearhead.

Shwik!

A spear thrust sent Heaven Seizing Yo flying into the distance, and her fleshly body crumbled as she flew across the battlefield. When she finally managed to recover her balance in mid-air, she found that her fleshly body was dead.

She was now in her soul form.

What an overwhelming victory! Ye Guan cast a stupefied gaze on An Nanjing. Senior An is actually so strong? Ye Guan thought about it and discovered that An Nanjing seemed capable of becoming stronger whenever she was faced with a powerful opponent.

She was indeed a Martial Goddess—she was a true Martial Goddess.

Comparing Ye Guan's achievement as a Martial God to An Nanjing's achievement as a Martial Goddess was like comparing the light of a firefly to the moon—it was an insult to compare the two in the first place.

Heaven Seizing Yo stood rooted in disbelief. She couldn't even fight back as An Nanjing had overwhelmed her with brute force. This was a huge whammy for her as she had never expected that the cultivators of the Guanxuan Universe would be so strong.

It made sense that Heaven Seizing Yo was unaware of just how strong the other universes were.

After all, the Heaven Seizing Clan had entered seclusion in the Heaven Seizing Universe upon learning that Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao had entered the cycle of reincarnation.

Since then, they hardly interacted with the outside world, as they found it unnecessary to do so.

It could be said that the Heaven Seizing Clan only saw the True Universe as their match amongst the All Worlds and universes. However, they finally realized that they had grossly underestimated the Guanxuan Universe.

An Nanjing took a stance with her spear and was about to attack once more when she looked up upon sensing something above her. Two figures could be seen flying away from each other after a powerful collision.

The figures were none other than Erya and Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao.

An Nanjing frowned at the sight, and her gaze landed on Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao noticed her gaze as he turned to look at An Nanjing below him. He frowned upon seeing An Nanjing—An Nanjing was yet another supreme elite.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's face sank. He had just reincarnated, so he was unaware of the vast expanse's power dynamics. However, one thing was for sure—he had greatly underestimated the Guanxuan Universe.

Upon seeing An Nanjing, Erya's eyelid twitched.

She quickly pulled out a hawthorn candy to disguise her surprise.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao stared deeply at An Nanjing and asked, "What generation are you from? How come I've never heard of you?"

An Nanjing didn't respond to Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's question.

She looked up and shouted, "Lady Nian!"

Buzz!

The buzzing of a sword pervaded the heavens as a powerful sword light ripped the skies asunder and swept toward the Heaven Seizing Clan.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's pupils constricted.

"Activate the array!" he roared.

The Heaven Seizing Clan was an ancient clan, so it was only natural for them to possess an array capable of protecting the entire clan. The array surrounding their clan was powerful enough to protect the Heaven Seizing Clan against the True Universe.

However, Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's shout received no response.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao frowned.

A cultivator appeared behind him and bowed slightly. He spoke in a low voice, "Clan Leader, the spiritual energy of the Heaven Seizing Universe has been exhausted by that Spirit Progenitor. Our array has gone dormant."

The array has gone dormant?! Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's expression darkened, and he directed a sinister gaze at Little White sitting on Ye Guan's shoulder.

Meanwhile, the mysterious lady turned to An Nanjing and said, "I'll leave this battle to you, Lady An."

With that, she turned into a beam of radiant light that melted into Ye Guan.

Rumble!

The battlefield quivered as over ten Great Sovereigns from the Heaven Seizing Clan appeared to join the battle.

"Do you still have people?" Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao asked An Nanjing, "If you have more people, then we also have more!"

Snap!

He snapped his fingers, and several indescribably powerful auras burst out of the ground and took to the skies as columns of light. The columns of light stretched over ten thousand meters, and three old men clad in black emerged from the columns of light.

The three black-robed old men were Great Sovereigns, but Ye Guan's expression turned solemn upon seeing them. The three black-robed old men were radiating auras that were drastically stronger compared to Heaven Seizing Yo and Heaven Seizing Que.

The mysterious lady noticed Ye Guan's confusion and explained, "They're Great Sovereigns from the Heaven Seizing Clan's glory days, and you shouldn't compare them to the Great Sovereigns of the current generation. Be careful of them."

Ye Guan solemnly asked, "Senior, they're all Great Sovereigns, so how come there's such a great difference between them?"

"It's all because Great Sovereigns are categorized into three categories," the mysterious lady said before explaining, "Great Sovereigns in the first category are called Ordinary Great Sovereigns.

"They are exactly as their category says; they are ordinary because they still haven't experienced the baptism of either time or destiny. They're strong, but their strength is superficial when compared to the Great Sovereigns in the second or third categories.

"Great Sovereigns in the second category are what we call Great Time Sovereigns; they've comprehended the profundities of time, their foundations are profound, and they usually possess their own legacies.

"Of course, they are stronger than Ordinary Great Sovereigns."

Ye Guan asked, "What about the third category?"

"Great Sovereigns who have undergone the test of time and have shattered the shackles of their own destiny are what we call Great Destiny Sovereigns," said the mysterious lady, "They are incredibly rare, and such Great Sovereigns are capable of controlling their destiny to a certain extent.

"They're stronger than both Great Time and Ordinary Sovereigns, and in fact, a Great Destiny Sovereign can kill a Cosmic Spirit. A great example of a Great Destiny Sovereign is the Unyielding Sovereign. Even the Yin Spirit of the True Universe has to avoid him if she wants to survive, not to mention other Cosmic Spirits."

"I see..." Ye Guan nodded.

The mysterious lady said, "The three Great Sovereigns before you are Great Time Sovereigns, so you have to be careful."

Ye Guan nodded and moved closer to An Nanjing.

He wouldn't hesitate when it was time to step up, but whenever it wasn't his time to step up, he had to hesitate, as it meant his enemies were significantly more powerful than him.

An Nanjing remained calm despite the presence of three Great Time Sovereigns. Her eyes fell on Erya, and she shouted, "Kill him!"

Erya froze before nodding in a hurry. "Okay!"

With that, she stepped forward and sent a punch toward Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao. Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's expression grew sinister. I've just reincarnated, so how come I'm already so unlucky? I feel like a tiger that had fallen into a den of savage dogs!

Erya appeared in front of Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao, and Erya's extreme power obliterated the spacetime around her.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao turned to the Great Sovereigns and shouted, "Kill that spear-wielding woman and take Ye Guan alive!"

He then proceeded to rush toward Erya.

BOOM!

A cacophony of explosions soon reverberated across the battlefield.

The three Great Time Sovereigns responded to Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's command by charging toward An Nanjing.

An Nanjing was silent. She wielded her spear and charged out—one versus three!

Ye Guan sighed in admiration. Senior An was really strong.

Meanwhile, the other Great Sovereigns turned to look at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan frowned upon sensing their gazes.

"Get him!" a Great Sovereign roared, and they rushed toward Ye Guan at the same time with undisguised delight and excitement in their eyes. The Mad Demon Bloodline had turned Ye Guan into a fat, juicy piece of meat in the eyes of these Heaven Seizing cultivators.

Those with the Heaven Seizing Bloodline devour and seize other bloodlines to grow, and Ye Guan's bloodline was strong enough to match up to their bloodline.

In other words, devouring and seizing Ye Guan's bloodline meant that they were guaranteed to undergo a qualitative change, so in their eyes, Ye Guan was like a gift from the heavens.

Moreover, if they could round up everyone from the Yang Family and start breeding them for the sake of their bloodline, the Heaven Seizing Clan would obtain an infinite source of bloodline power. The thought alone was too exciting, and if they succeeded, the Heaven Seizing Clan was guaranteed to reach greater heights!

Chapter 292: Absorbing the Heaven Seizing Bloodline!

We'll round them up and have them propagate in captivity!

The ten Great Sovereigns were beyond thrilled at the idea.

Ye Guan frowned upon seeing their excitement. Why are they looking at me with such perverted eyes?

Just then, the spacetime around Ye Guan was torn open, and a ray of light flew out of the rift along with ten powerful auras. They converged and rushed toward Ye Guan at the same time.

Boom!

The spacetime around Ye Guan was shattered as the ten Great Sovereigns were sent flying away, cutting sorry figures in mid-air.

Tianxiu, Qi Bitian, and the other members of the Yang Family stood next to Ye Guan.

The members and cultivators of the Heaven Seizing Clan frowned and inwardly lampooned upon seeing them. How come there are so many supreme elites?!

“Kill!” Tianxiu roared. Then, she transformed into a ray of light that rushed toward the enemies with Qi Bitian, and the rest followed closely behind her.

An all-out war had finally broken out between the Guanxuan Universe and the Heaven Seizing Clan. Unfortunately, the supreme elites of the Guanxuan Universe were too strong for the Heaven Seizing Clan to handle, and they almost collapsed at the first exchange of moves.

These supreme elites had gone toe-to-toe against the supreme elites of the True Universe, so how could they lose to a mere Heaven Seizing Clan?

Every battle was fast-paced, and the Guanxuan Universe made quick work of the Heaven Seizing Clan’s forces. In fact, a few Great Sovereigns had already perished.

Ye Guan opened his hand, and the Divine Tree of Nature appeared above his palm.

With a thought, the tiny Divine Tree of Nature manifested as an illusory massive tree tens of thousands of meters in both length and width. The tree was so huge that its branches reached every nook and cranny of the battlefield.

Upon expanding, the Divine Tree of Nature sent out beams of green light that enveloped the cultivators of the Guanxuan Universe. The Divine Tree of Nature's mass healing ability had finally shown itself!

The appearance of the Divine Tree of Nature made matters worse for the Heaven Seizing Clan. They had been struggling to fight Tianxiu and the rest of the Guanxuan Universe's supreme elites, so the assistance of the Divine Tree of Nature made it so that they were no longer a threat in Tianxiu and the rest of the supreme elites' eyes.

Boom!

A powerful explosion rocked the battlefield as both Erya and Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao had no choice but to widen the gap between each other. Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao finally managed to recover in mid-air, and he looked down at the battlefield below him.

His expression turned ugly—the Heaven Seizing Clan was losing!

His face darkened upon seeing Tianxiu and the supreme elites of the Guanxuan Universe. He didn't expect that the Guanxuan Universe would have so many supreme elites, and he also didn't expect that they would be this strong.

Careless! I got too careless!

“Ah!” A miserable wail echoed, signaling the death of a Great Sovereign!

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao decisively shouted, “Retreat to the boundary!”

He waved his sleeve, and a spacetime rift was torn open.

The spacetime rift was pitch-black, making it look sinister, but the members and cultivators of the Heaven Seizing Clan didn't hesitate to run straight into the rift in spacetime.

Of course, An Nanjing and the rest didn't just sit down and watch as they fled.

They chased after the Heaven Seizing Clan's members and cultivators

Just then, the mysterious lady said, “Don't chase them into the rift.”

Ye Guan hurriedly shouted, “Don't chase them into the rift!”

Tianxiu and the rest stopped right in front of the spacetime rift, and they managed to stop two Great Sovereigns from leaving. The strongest members and cultivators of the Heaven Seizing Clan managed to escape, but many people were left behind.

Qi Bitian smiled at Ye Guan and asked, "How should we deal with these people?"

Ye Guan calmly ordered, "Kill them all."

Qi Bitian smiled sinisterly and exclaimed, "All right!"

An Nanjing suddenly said, "Bitian, don't let any of those with the Heaven Seizing Bloodline escape."

Qi Bitian chuckled. "Sure!"

She rushed toward those who couldn't escape.

Soon, miserable wails pervaded the air as Qi Bitian conducted a massacre!

Ye Guan saw Qi Bitian grinning while kicking heads that had been decapitated, and the sight made his scalp go numb.

The strongest members and cultivators of the Heaven Seizing Clan managed to retreat, so those who couldn't retreat were no match against Qi Bitian and the rest of the supreme elites, even though they weren't exactly that weak.

Qi Bitian and the others made quick work of them.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was somber and gloomy as he stared at the unfolding scene.

Ye Guan looked up and met Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's gaze.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao snarled, "Guanxuan Universe! Just you wait!"

He turned into a ray of light that rushed into the spacetime rift in the blink of an eye.

An Nanjing and the rest didn't even bother about stopping him. One would be hard-pressed to stop a supreme elite as powerful as Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao from leaving a place.

Ye Guan stared at the disappearing spacetime rift and asked, "Senior, why did you tell us not to go into the rift?"

The mysterious lady explained, "What's beyond the rift is a spacetime boundary that separates this universe from the outside world. The laws there are chaotic and complicated, difficult to unravel. Even Great Sovereigns will have to tread lightly in that place.

"Back then, quite a few supreme elites of the True Universe had ended up perishing upon infiltrating that place, and it's precisely because of that special place that the Heaven Seizing Clan is still around.

"The True Universe doesn't have any clue on how to navigate in the boundary. If it weren't for that fact, the Heaven Seizing Clan would have been annihilated long ago."

Ye Guan asked, "How are the Heaven Seizing Clan finding their way in that place?"

"The Heaven Seizing Clan has a divine treasure known as the Spacetime Ring. It is capable of suppressing spacetime turbulence and controlling chaotic spacetime energy. The Spacetime Ring's existence is the main reason the True Universe hadn't been able to truly annihilate the Heaven Seizing Clan."

Ye Guan asked in a low voice, "Senior, what is the significance of this universe's spacetime boundary?"

"Well, it's just one of the vast expanse's boundaries."

"Is there another universe beyond the boundary?"

"I don't know, but there were a few people who had somehow shattered a spacetime boundary by themselves. Still, they had to pay a huge price for it. I remember Big Sister being the last one to shatter a spacetime boundary.

"She didn't bother doing it again when the Universe Tribulation popped up to take advantage of her weakened state after paying such a hefty price to shatter the boundary."

Ye Guan nodded and said, "I understand."

Just then, An Nanjing suddenly appeared in front of Ye Guan while Erya and Little White appeared next to him.

Erya and Little White immediately felt a little guilty when they saw An Nanjing, and they instinctively hid behind Ye Guan.

An Nanjing stared quietly at Ye Guan.

"I really got a bit reckless this time," Ye Guan said after some hesitation. I might as well admit to my mistakes first! Otherwise, I'll get an apology beaten out of me!

Others wouldn't dare to lay a hand on him due to his status, but An Nanjing was different. If she was ever upset with him, she would definitely beat him up, and no one would dare to question her.

An Nanjing calmly asked, "Did you do something wrong?"

Ye Guan was slightly taken aback by her words.

"No, you didn't make any mistakes," An Nanjing said and explained, "You simply fought back against those daring enough to hurt you."

Ye Guan had no idea what to say.

An Nanjing continued. "I don't want you to become a bully, but if someone dares to bully you, you must fight back and let them know that you're not easily bullied. Do you understand?"

"Yes, I understand!" Ye Guan hurriedly nodded. "I understand!"

An Nanjing nodded and went silent.

Swoosh!

Qi Bitian appeared in front of Ye Guan. She opened her palm, revealing a bead made out of blood. The bead was as big as an adult's fist, and it was giving off an extremely domineering aura.

Ye Guan was surprised. "Senior, what is this?"

Qi Bitian smiled and said, "You're looking at the condensed form of the Heaven Seizing Bloodline! Unfortunately, it's not that pure."

Ye Guan opened his palm, and the bead floated over toward him. Waves of astonishment coursed through his heart when he took a closer look at the bead made out of blood.

The Heaven Seizing Bloodline was truly powerful!

"Devour it," Qi Bitian said.

Ye Guan nodded and pinched the blood bead. It turned into a crimson ray of light that melted into his chest.

Boom!

Ye Guan's figure emitted a crimson light as the Mad Demon Bloodline was stimulated into action, and he started trembling like an aspen tree.

Inscrutable and murderous murmurs sounded in Ye Guan's ears. Thoughts of committing violence soon filled Ye Guan's mind, and he felt like wielding the Path Sword to mow down everyone in swathes.

The murmurs started low and slow, but it was getting stronger and stronger. Ye Guan clenched his fists and tried his best to suppress those thoughts.

Meanwhile, his Mad Demon Bloodline surged crazily and started absorbing the Heaven Seizing Bloodline.

Of course, the Heaven Seizing Bloodline wasn't going to let itself be absorbed just like that. It tried to resist, but it wasn't the Mad Demon Bloodline's match now that it was in the latter's territory.

Soon, the Heaven Seizing Bloodline was suppressed and was absorbed by the Mad Demon Bloodline. The Mad Demon Bloodline in Ye Guan became even stronger, affecting even his cultivation base.

A few seconds later...

Boom!

Ye Guan made a breakthrough into the True Realm!

However, his aura showed no signs of abating despite his breakthrough, and it was all thanks to Ye Guan suppressing his cultivation base. It felt as though a dam had collapsed once he absorbed the Heaven Seizing Bloodline, and he made another breakthrough straight into the Immortal Realm!

Despite that, Ye Guan's aura still showed no signs of calming down.

An Nanjing walked up to Ye Guan and placed her right hand on his shoulder.

Boom!

Ye Guan's aura was immediately suppressed.

"Return to the Guanyuan Universe!" An Nanjing shouted. She grabbed Ye Guan and vanished into the distance. The supreme elites of the Guanyuan Universe followed closely behind her.

Unbeknownst to them, a young woman had been watching them from above.

The young woman was none other than the Adjudication Sword Master, and she wasn't alone—Left Councilor Feng Qi and Martial Chancellor Wu Qi were standing next to her.

They had come here for Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao, but they were astonished to find the Guanyuan Universe launching an offensive on the Heaven Seizing Clan.

They chose not to intervene and simply observe the fight.

Rumble!

Just then, a spacetime rift manifested near the three.

A young man walked out of the rift—Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao.

Left Councilor Feng Qi frowned when she saw Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao. The Adjudication Sword Master merely looked at him with a straight face.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao swept his gaze across the three of them and smiled before asking, "I have a proposal. Would you like to collaborate with me?"

Collaborate?

Left Councilor Feng Qi and Martial Chancellor Wu Qi froze, surprised by what Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao had just said.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao explained, "Even though we're at odds with each other, the enemy of my enemy is my friend, and my enemy is the Guanyuan Universe. From what I know, the Guanyuan Universe had defeated the True Universe not long ago, and they even made their way to the True God Hall..."

"Why don't we work together to destroy the Guanyuan Universe? The spoils of war shall go to the True Universe; all I need is the Yang Family's bloodline. What do you guys think?"

"You remind me of something," the Adjudication Sword Master said.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao smiled and asked, "What?"

"An idiot."

The smile on Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's lips instantly vanished.

Chapter 293: She's Pregnant With The Yang Family's Descendants

An idiot! Left Councilor Feng burst out into laughter. The Adjudication Sword Master's temper was as bad as ever. She truly wouldn't bother about giving face to those she dislikes.

However, she wasn't wrong—Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was acting like an idiot right now.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao glared at the Adjudication Sword Master before saying, "You know that we stand a better chance if we work together, right?"

The Adjudication Sword Master's face was full of disdain as she said, "Do you really think that you're worthy of working with us? You bastard!"

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's face soured, and his aura surged wildly, causing the spacetime around him to tremble violently.

The Adjudication Sword Master frowned and said, "You seem really proud that my big sister didn't manage to kill you back then. I'm really wondering how you've become so shameless and arrogant when you barely survived.

"You kept on relying on the Gate of Reincarnation to reincarnate, and you've even devoured the bloodline of your own descendants for the sake of becoming even stronger. You're just a beast. Do you really think that the True Universe will hold hands with a savage beast? Stop dreaming while you're awake, and fuck off!"

"Impudent!" Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao yelled and sent a punch toward the Adjudication Sword Master.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's powerful fist imprint obliterated the surrounding spacetime. However, the Adjudication Sword Master remained calm as she slashed out with her sword.

Boom!

The fist imprint shattered, and an indescribably powerful sword energy swept through the air and toward Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao, sending him flying at least a few kilometers away.

When he finally stopped, he glanced sideways at his right arm only to see it covered in slash wounds. He was shocked. He didn't expect that the Adjudication Sword Master had become so strong.

The Adjudication Sword Master glared coldly at Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao.

"Kill him!" she roared before transforming into a beam of sword light that rushed toward Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao. Meanwhile, Left Councilor Feng Qi and Martial Chancellor Wu Qi rushed to flank Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's expression changed drastically. He turned and decisively carved a spacetime rift into the spacetime boundary. His figure blurred, and he disappeared into the spacetime rift before the attacks could even land.

The Adjudication Sword Master snarled, "Bastard!"

Left Councilor Feng Qi said, "This is his tenth cycle of reincarnation. If he manages to overcome the restraints that come with being a Reincarnated Cultivator, his strength..."

The Adjudication Sword Master's gaze turned even colder as she muttered, "That man has no bottom line. He's a bastard through and through."

With that, she turned around to leave.

Left Councilor Feng Qi and Martial Chancellor Wu Qi glanced at each other and smiled. The Adjudication Sword Master was as irritable as ever.

Martial Chancellor Wu Qi suddenly said, "I'm more worried about the Guanyuan Universe compared to the Heaven Seizing Universe."

The Guanyuan Universe!

The smile on Left Councilor Feng Qi's lips vanished upon hearing that, and she nodded lightly in agreement with Martial Chancellor Wu Qi's words. The Guanyuan Universe's threat level was higher compared to the Heaven Seizing Universe.

Martial Chancellor Wu Qi added, "Ye Guan is going to fight the Adjudication Sword Master in a year's time. Does he stand a chance of winning? What do you think?"

Left Councilor Feng Qi shook her head and replied, "No, he's going to lose."

"Why do you think so?"

“Ye Guan is indeed a monstrous talent, but the Adjudication Sword Master’s talent is comparable to his talent. In addition, the Adjudication Sword Master is better than him when it comes to the Sword Dao, and she's also older than him.

"Considering those variables in mind, it's impossible for him to win after just a year of cultivating," Left Councilor Feng Qi explained.

Martial Chancellor Wu Qi nodded and said, “I agree.”

Left Councilor Feng Qi continued. “He'll also find it harder and harder to make breakthroughs as he becomes even stronger. His rate of improvement at the moment is stupendously fast, but it's all because his cultivation base is too low.

"I don't think he's going to become a Great Sovereign in just a year, and even if he somehow managed to become one, the Adjudication Sword Master's strength far exceeds Great Sovereigns.

“However, I don’t think Ye Guan is an idiot. He was daring enough to challenge the Adjudication Sword Master a year later, so I believe he has a trump card up his sleeves.”

Martial Chancellor Wu Qi nodded and said, “Indeed. We must not be careless when it comes to Ye Guan. I’ve already sent people to keep a close eye on him.”

Left Councilor Feng Qi looked up at the starry skies.

“We're truly in the middle of troubling times...” she muttered. Then, she turned to look at Martial Chancellor Wu Qi and said, “I want you to recall a part of the Expedition Army.”

Martial Chancellor Wu Qi nodded and said, “All right.”

Moments later, the two left the Heaven Seizing Universe.

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The first thing Ye Guan did upon returning to the Guanxuan Universe was handing Ao Qianqian over to Erya and Little White. Little White could help Ao Qianqian recover her fleshly body, while Erya could strengthen it.

This time, Erya and Little White were going to work in tandem to reconstruct Ao Qianqian's fleshly body.

Afterward, Ye Guan visited the Guanxuan Universe's cultivation ground in the starry skies and sat down cross-legged in mid-air. He was still exuding a faint crimson light that made him look menacing.

Ye Guan frowned upon realizing that his Mad Demon Bloodline had become a bit restless upon devouring the Heaven Seizing Bloodline. It seemed like it wanted to do something by itself, and Ye Guan's face darkened at the realization.

My bloodline is in its rebellious phase!

His bloodline belonged to him, but it had its own thoughts and ideas. It seemed like it didn't care about Ye Guan at all. Ye Guan was convinced that his own bloodline had its temper and tendencies as if it were a sentient being.

"Don't overthink it," the mysterious lady said, "Focus on soothing your Mad Demon Bloodline."

Ye Guan nodded and retracted his thoughts as he began to suppress his Mad Demon Bloodline slowly. However, the bloodline actually got even more energetic and was starting to resist him as he attempted to calm it down.

Ye Guan was frustrated to no end, and he eventually took out the Path Sword.

"Little Path, deal with it!"

Little Path obediently turned into a ray of sword light and entered Ye Guan.

Boom!

The Mad Demon Bloodline instantly calmed down.

Ye Guan shook his head and laughed. It seemed like this Mad Demon Bloodline was afraid of the Path Sword. It made sense as the Path Sword was a sword of its word. It would really do what it wanted to do, so one couldn't mess around with it.

His Mad Demon Bloodline was as bold and as daring as the Path Sword, but it still wouldn't kill its master. It depended on Ye Guan, after all. It needed Ye Guan to become even stronger, and its strength depended on Ye Guan's madness.

Ye Guan took a deep breath and opened his palm.

The tiny pagoda appeared in his palm, and Ye Guan called out, "Lady Yu Suiyue!"

Yu Suiyue manifested in front of him with a smile.

"What can I do for you?" she asked.

Ye Guan replied in a serious tone, "I need you to find someone for me."

Yu Suiyue frowned, asking, "Find someone?"

"Yes." Ye Guan nodded. Inwardly, he asked, "Senior, how do I go about doing this?"

The mysterious lady replied, "You still have Ba Wan's bowl, right?"

Ye Guan nodded and took it out.

The mysterious lady said, "Make her bring you to the Time River. You have to go there with her."

Ye Guan looked at Yu Suiyue, and she merely nodded before waving her sleeve.

The scenery peeled away, and Ye Guan was shocked upon realizing that he had inexplicably entered the Time River in the blink of an eye.

The Time River depicted events that had already happened, and Ye Guan could see them flashing like lightning before him. Aside from what had already happened, Ye Guan could also see what was happening at the moment.

However, he failed to catch even a glimpse of the future.

Regardless, he was amazed. It turned out that the Time River was like a diary that had recovered everything that happened so far since time immemorial.

The mysterious lady suddenly said, "Do you still remember what I told you about how one has to undergo the baptism of time to become a Great Time Sovereign?"

"I think Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's motive for stealing the Time Mirror was to create more Great Time Sovereigns. It is simply too difficult for an Ordinary Great Sovereign to become a Great Time Sovereign without external help.

"The Time Mirror is the greatest external help out there if one wants to become a Great Time Sovereign, as the Time Mirror can grant anyone entry to the Path of Time.

"The Path of Time is the best place to cultivate if one wants to comprehend the profundities of time. In other words, becoming a Great Time Sovereign wouldn't be that difficult anymore with the help of the Time Mirror."

Ye Guan nodded slightly and asked, "What do we need to do to find Ba Wan?"

A ray of radiant light abruptly emerged from Ye Guan, and it soon converged to create the figure of a mysterious lady. The mysterious lady looked around until her eyes landed on a mote of light on the Time River.

Ye Guan saw countless fragmented scenes within the mote of light.

The fragmented scenes depicted the day when Ba Wan chose to self-destruct!

Ye Guan clenched his fists upon seeing Ba Wan in those scenes.

The mysterious lady opened her palms, and a mysterious energy floated toward the mote of light. The mote of light was enveloped by the mysterious energy, and multiple motes of light manifested next to the mote of light.

Ye Guan felt a little nervous at the sight.

The mysterious lady closed and opened her palms, and those motes of light converged. There were fragmented scenes in every mote of light; every scene looked blurry, even seemingly illusory.

More and more motes of light converged, and that was when something strange occurred. A mysterious strand of energy emerged and flew toward the converging motes of light.

Ping!

The motes of light were shattered, and the entire Time River trembled violently.

Ye Guan was knocked backward, and blood trickled down the corner of his lips.

A mysterious force tugged at him, and when it disappeared, Ye Guan felt as if his head was made out of lead. He felt dizzy as well. Fortunately, the vertigo soon vanished, and he could finally look around properly.

He looked up and saw a pallid Yu Suiyue. Her eyes were filled with fear and disbelief. Clearly, the mysterious force had done something to her as well.

Ye Guan's eyes fell on the mysterious lady.

"Senior, what happened?" he asked.

The mysterious lady's reply came a bit late as she said, "Someone's protecting her."

Ye Guan frowned and asked again, "Someone's protecting Ba Wan?"

"Yes!"

"Who?"

"Big Sister."

Ye Guan froze and went silent. The True God was protecting Ba Wan!

The mysterious lady sighed and said, "It seems like Big Sister has been protecting Ba Wan behind the scenes every time she loses her memories and has to start over from scratch."

Ye Guan could tell from how she sounded that her feelings were complicated.

"Does that mean we won't be able to find where Ba Wan is in her next life?" Ye Guan asked.

"She didn't reincarnate; she just has to cultivate from scratch, so her current life isn't considered her next life," the mysterious lady said with a sigh.

"Is there anything else we can do?" Ye Guan asked.

"No," the mysterious lady said with a shake of her head before explaining, "My big sister has obfuscated the already inscrutable threads of fate connected to Ba Wan, and I'm not strong enough to unravel what she had done."

Ye Guan clenched his fists, seemingly in deep thought.

"Don't overthink it, and don't be rash," the mysterious lady said before adding, "I also think that Cijing knows where she is."

Ye Guan frowned and asked, "The Adjudication Sword Master?"

"Yes," the mysterious lady nodded before explaining, "They're sisters related by blood, so she definitely knows where Ba Wan is at the moment."

"Do you really think that she's going to tell me?"

"I don't think so. I think she wants to kill you more than anything."

Ye Guan pondered for a while before asking, "Senior, am I really out of options?"

The mysterious lady nodded.

Ye Guan nodded and opened his palm.

Ba Wan's bowl appeared in his hand, and he looked down at it without a word.

Little Pagoda asked, "Are you giving up?"

Ye Guan suddenly raised his head and shouted, "Father! We're talking about your future daughter-in-law. Are you really not going to care?"

He's not answering! Ye Guan remained unperturbed as he yelled, "Grandfather! We're talking about your future daughter-in-law here! Are you really not going to care?!"

Still no answer... Ye Guan went silent. Moments later, he shouted, "She's pregnant! The Yang Family's descend—"

Boom! Boom!

Two explosions reverberated as two powerful auras appeared from out of nowhere...

Everyone was rendered speechless.

Chapter 294: Aunt, I'm Getting Married!

Pregnant?!

It didn't matter how much hardships Ye Guan had to endure, but a baby of the Yang Family couldn't be allowed to suffer. Babies were too young to experience any hardships, and the Yang Family wouldn't allow anyone to disturb their peace.

The mysterious lady froze and went silent. She's pregnant?

"You guys didn't use any protection?" she asked.

"What protection?" asked Ye Guan.

The mysterious lady was speechless.

Ye Guan didn't bother prying as he looked. He could feel two familiar auras—one belonged to his father, and the other belonged to his grandfather. Ye Guan could feel their auras, but he couldn't see them, leaving him perplexed.

Their auras are here but not them; what's the meaning of this?

The mysterious lady suddenly said, "Hold on, I'll try again."

She opened her palm, and a mysterious energy flowed out. Soon, countless motes of light converged under the mysterious lady's control.

Ye Guan started to feel slightly nervous.

Slowly, those motes of light formed a bigger mote of light the size of a fist. A scene appeared before Ye Guan and the mysterious lady, but it was too blurry to the extent that it looked illusory.

Ye Guan quickly walked up to the mysterious lady and asked, "Senior?"

The mysterious lady was silent for a little while before she waved her sleeve.

The motes of light spots disappeared, and she said, "I know where she is now."

"Where?"

"She's in the Stone Village!"

Ye Guan froze. Ba Wan is at the Stone Village? Why did she go there?

The mysterious lady had told him that the Stone Village was their childhood hometown. Without thinking too much about it, he asked, "How do we get to the Stone Village?"

The mysterious lady replied, "I don't think we can go there."

"Why?"

The mysterious lady sighed and explained, "The Stone Village is a special place," the mysterious lady said with a smile. "The most powerful Divine Spirits of the True Universe had come from the Stone Village, including the True God. The Stone Village can be considered the Divine Spirits' ancestral land, so I'm sure you can already imagine just how tight its security is.

"Others will have no issues going there, but you're an exception. Your status is special, so if you go there, they'll think that you're trying to do something untoward to the Stone Village, which will eventually lead to an all-out war."

"What if we make use of stealth?" Ye Guan asked.

"Stealth?" the mysterious lady asked, "Do you really think that you can do that? The True Universe's eyes are always on you, you know?"

Ye Guan thought for a little while before he asked, "Senior, do you have any ideas?"

"Yes, but you'll have to wait. I've been repeatedly exerting myself recently, and my old injuries have come back to haunt me. I'll have to rest for a while and recover."

"Senior, will the Divine Tree of Nature be of any use to you?"

"Yes, but it's not that helpful because my injury is related to a Universe Tribulation."

A Universe Tribulation! Ye Guan was curious, and he asked, "Senior, did you participate in suppressing the True Universe's Universe Tribulation?"

"Yes, I was there," replied the mysterious lady.

"All right. You should return to the pagoda and tend to your injuries, then, Senior."

"All right, once my injuries are healed, I'll bring you to the Stone Village. As for Ba Wan, you don't have to worry about her safety. Not many people in this world can hurt her."

Ye Guan nodded slightly. He felt slightly indignant that all he could do was wait, but he had no other choice. He retracted his thoughts and opened his hand. A sword intent condensed into a sword in his palm.

He was now an Immortal Realm cultivator, and his strength had undergone a qualitative change, all thanks to his breakthrough. Ye Guan was convinced that he wouldn't have any issues defeating Divine Sovereigns.

At this point, he probably didn't need the Path Sword to do it.

Of course, he would still have issues defeating Great Sovereigns, but he was no longer afraid of Ordinary Great Sovereigns.

Just then, he heard footsteps coming from behind him.

He turned around and saw Nalan Jia walking toward him.

Nalan Jia smiled. She was still as beautiful as ever. "You've been here for quite a while, and I couldn't take it anymore, so I decided to barge in. I didn't disturb you, did I?"

Ye Guan walked up to her and held her hands. "Of course not."

Nalan Jia leaned forward and hugged him gently.

She nestled into Ye Guan's chest and said, "It's good to see that you're back."

Ye Guan wrapped his arms around her slender waist and said, "It's been hard on you."

Nalan Jia shook her head, not saying much.

Suddenly, Ye Guan said, "Little Jia, I have something to tell you."

Nalan Jia raised her head to look at him and smiled, asking, "What is it?"

Ye Guan opened his mouth to reply, but Nalan Jia interjected and said, "Is it about a woman?"

Ye Guan froze and went silent.

Nalan Jia chuckled and said, "I can feel how fast your heart is beating, you know?"

Ye Guan nodded in response. There were some things that he didn't want to hide from her. Once again, Ye Guan was about to say something when Nalan Jia said, "Let's take a trip back to Nanzhou's Ancient Desolate City first. What do you think?"

Ye Guan looked at her for a while before saying, "Okay."

Nalan Jia grinned, and she nestled into his chest once again.

They stood like that for a while, hugging each other tightly.

Tomorrow, the two made their way to Nanzhou.

The Nalan Clan and the Ye Clan were still in Nanzhou. They could have settled in the Guanxuan Universe, but they chose not to do so. The main reason was that the two clans still had a very weak foundation.

Ye Xiao and Nalan Ming both knew that their clans were extremely weak compared to other clans in the Guanxuan Universe, even though they had Ye Guan and Nalan Jia.

The waters of the Guanxuan Universe were also murky and deep.

Their clans wouldn't be in any danger there, but their clan members would definitely get taken advantage of.

Ever since Nalan Jia and Ye Guan's special statuses were made known to the world, their clan doors were almost torn down by the number of people who had come to the Nalan Clan and Ye Clan to propose marriage to their clan members.

Ye Xiao and Nalan Ming felt a sense of foreboding when the younger generation members of the two clans started to become arrogant, so they decided to keep their clans in Nanzhou to make sure that the clan would develop slowly but surely.

If they developed too quickly, it would come to bite them back in the end. This was especially so for some of the younger people in their clans who lacked self-awareness. They would easily get manipulated.

Ye Guan and Nalan Jia soon arrived at Nanzhou, and there was no grand welcome ceremony held for them. There wasn't anything else aside from a few elders who had come out to greet them.

Instead of returning to the Ye Clan, Ye Guan followed Nalan Jia to the Nalan Clan. The moment they arrived at the Nalan Clan's gates, they saw that Nalan Ming had brought all of his clan members to welcome them.

Ye Guan was shocked. He turned to look at Nalan Jia.

Nalan Jia shook her head and said, "I didn't know about this either."

They walked up to Nalan Ming and the rest.

Then, the people behind Nalan Ming knelt down at the same time.

Nalan Ming was also about to kneel down to greet them, but Ye Guan stopped him in time with an awkward chuckle. "Please don't... You're my father-in-law, so you don't have to do something like this."

With that, Ye Guan swept his gaze across everyone else and said, "We're all part of the same family, so please don't stand on occasion. Please get up."

The Nalan Clan members smiled, and they quickly got up.

Nalan Ming looked at Ye Guan with a smile and said, "Let's go in and talk."

Ye Guan nodded and said, "Okay."

He held Nalan Jia's hand and followed Nalan Ming into the manor.

Nalan Ming smiled brightly at Ye Guan in the grand hall.

Ye Guan suddenly got up and said, "Father-in-law, according to our contract, I was supposed to get married to Little Jia a long time ago, but it kept on getting delayed. Now that everything has been sorted out, I'd like to marry her as soon as possible."

Nalan Jia was slightly taken aback.

Meanwhile, Nalan Clan members were extremely happy. Nalan Jia's status as Ye Guan's wife was already cemented, but she had yet to marry Ye Guan, which made the Nalan Clan worry.

If Ye Guan were to get married to some other girl first, Nalan Jia's status would be under threat. Thus, the Nalan Clan had been hoping to witness their marriage as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, they were the bride's family, so it was hard for them to bring it up first.[1] Fortunately, Ye Guan had brought it up first and voluntarily.

Great! Nalan Ming grinned and asked, "When would you like to hold the wedding?"

"In three days," Ye Guan answered.

Nalan Ming froze and asked, "So soon?"

Ye Guan turned to look at Nalan Jia with a smile and said, "I don't want to wait any longer."

"Haha!" Nalan Ming laughed boisterously, and the Nalan Clan members laughed with him.

Nalan Jia blushed and smiled shyly. Ye Guan carved this moment in the retina of his eyes, as Nalan Jia simply looked incredibly beautiful at the moment.

"Where do you want to hold the wedding ceremony?" asked Nalan Ming.

Ye Guan said, "It's up to Little Jia."

All eyes fell on Nalan Jia. Nalan Jia stood up and walked up to Ye Guan. She looked at him and said, "Let's have it here, in Ancient Desolate City. What do you think?"

Ye Guan smiled and agreed, "I want to get married here, too."

He had grown up in Ancient Desolate City, so this place truly felt like home to him.

It would be great if he were to get married here as well.

Nalan Ming got up and exclaimed, "Let's begin the arrangements, then!"

With that, he turned around and left. The other Nalan Clan members left together with him. Since Ye Guan wanted the wedding to happen in three days, they had to be quick. They had no time to waste.

Ye Guan plucked the white cloth sachet hanging from his waist and said softly, "I'm getting married, Mother. Will you come and be a host of our wedding?"

The cloth sachet quivered lightly.

Rumble!

The spacetime above the Ancient Desolate City was torn open, and a woman walked out of the resulting rift. The woman's figure blurred, and she appeared right in front of Ye Guan and Nalan Jia in the blink of an eye.

Ye Guan smiled and greeted, "Mother!"

Qin Guan's eyes watered as she said, "Yes, I'll be one of the hosts..."

Ye Guan asked, "Will Father come as well?"

Qin Guan smiled and said playfully, "He's dead meat if he doesn't show up."

Ye Guan boisterously laughed.

Moments later, Qin Guan left. Three days wasn't a long time, so she had to make the necessary arrangements right away.

Her son was getting married!

The wedding had to be grand—No, it had to be magnificent!

Ye Guan opened his palm, and the Path Sword appeared in his hand. He looked down at the Path Sword and muttered, “Grandfather will definitely come, but Aunt... Master Pagoda, what do you think? Will Aunt attend my wedding?”

Little Pagoda was silent before saying, “Invite her first.”

Ye Guan hesitated as he looked down at the Path Sword and said, “Aunt, I’m getting married. Would you like to come to my wedding?”

He received no response, making him feel slightly disappointed.

Buzz!

The Path Sword abruptly trembled ever so slightly.

Ye Guan broke out into a grin.

He was looking forward to seeing his family members at his wedding.

Soon, the news about Ye Guan's marriage spread like wildfire throughout the All Words and the universes.

Ye Guan was the King of the Guanxuan Universe, and his recent exploits at the True Universe had propelled his reputation to exceed his father's reputation. In addition, he had recently fought the Heaven Seizing Clan, and he had emerged victorious against them, which became solid proof of his fierceness and bravery!

Meanwhile, the members and cultivators of the Heaven Seizing Clan finally emerged from the boundary in the Heaven Seizing Universe. The entire clan was in a mess after the supreme elites of the Guanxuan Universe had massacred most of them.

Their expressions were dark and gloomy; the humiliation dug deep.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's eyes were cold as he stood quietly, seemingly in deep thought.

Just then, an old man appeared and bowed toward Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao before saying, "Clan Leader, I've just received news that Ye Guan will get married in three days."

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao frowned. He looked bewildered as he said, "He's getting married?"

The old man nodded and replied, "Yes."

"Where?"

"In Nanzhou."

"Not in the Xuzhen Battlefield?"

"No."

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's eyes narrowed. A few seconds later, he smiled sinisterly as he muttered, "The heavens are on my side."

Everyone looked at him, slightly confused.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao explained, "On that day, the supreme elites of the Guanxuan Universe will definitely stand on guard at the Xuzhen Battlefield to prevent anyone from the True Universe from trespassing and disturbing the wedding.

"In other words, those supreme elites won't be in Nanzhou, so if we launch an ambush..." Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao trailed off, but the sinister smile on his lips got wider.

A member of the Heaven Seizing Clan chimed in, "Clan Leader, shouldn't we be more careful? The Guanxuan Universe has proven that they are indeed quite powerful."

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao asked, "Scared?"

"No, no!" the member of the Heaven Seizing Clan replied frantically.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao stared coldly at him and said, "We have to avenge our clan members, and we must also get our hands on the Yang Family's Mad Demon Bloodline!"

The Heaven Seizing Clan member didn't dare to object, and he hurriedly nodded in agreement, saying, "Yes, we must take revenge!"

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao nodded and ordered, "Awaken ten more Great Time Sovereigns. This time, we'll bring down the Guanxuan Universe in one blow!"

He turned to look in the direction of the Guanxuan Universe. A menacing light fled in his eyes as he muttered, "I'll give the Guanxuan Universe a big surprise and turn that wedding into a funeral at the same time!"

## Chapter 295: We Can't Do This During The Day!

The Guanxuan Universe was abuzz with activity when Ye Guan's wedding was announced. It was a monumental event in the Guanxuan Universe, and it was even more exciting because one of the event hosts was Qin Guan—the former Pavilion Master of the Immortal Treasures Pavilion!

The wheels of the entire Immortal Treasures Pavilion rolled at max speed upon hearing of Qin Guan's return. Naturally, Qin Guan wanted a grand wedding for her son.

The starry skies above Ancient Desolate City in Nanzhou were filled with stars. Ye Guan and Nalan Jia strolled leisurely along the streets. It was summer, so there were many crickets in the night, which gave rise to a nice ambiance. Ye Guan walked down the street while holding Nalan Jia's hand.

Ye Guan muttered, "There were many twists and turns, but we ended up circling back here."

Nalan Jia turned to look at Ye Guan and smiled. "If I were to ask you to live the rest of our lives in seclusion here, would you be willing?"

Ye Guan nodded without hesitation. "Of course."

Nalan Jia stopped in her tracks.

She gazed at Ye Guan without saying a word.

Ye Guan added, "I'm serious."

Nalan Jia smiled lightly. She grabbed Ye Guan's hand and continued walking into the distance.

"I still remember the time when you came to my clan to break off the engagement," Nalan Jia said with a chuckle before asking, "Why did you want to break it off back then?"

Ye Guan smiled at that and explained, "My cultivation had disappeared inexplicably at the time, and I was nothing more than an ordinary person. I wasn't even sure about my own future, so I didn't want to drag you down.

"Of course, I also wanted to live a carefree life—without any burdens."

Nalan Jia shook her head and smiled. "I knew it!"

Ye Guan looked at Nalan Jia and asked, "Why did you not agree to my suggestion?"

"I just felt that it's not right to kick someone when they're down," Nalan Jia replied.

"Oh?" Ye Guan asked, "Does that mean you had no feelings for me at the time?"

"What?" Nalan Jia rolled her eyes at him and said, "Do you really think that you were some kind of male hunk whom women cannot resist?"

Ye Guan smiled awkwardly and went quiet.

Nalan Jia chuckled and added, "I had a good impression of you. You seemed neither anxious nor pessimistic, even though you were at the lowest point of your life.

"Does that mean that you didn't think that we'd end up together?"

Nalan Jia nodded. "Yep!"

Ye Guan held Nalan Jia's hand without saying a word.

Suddenly, Nalan Jia asked, "Do you still remember what you said to Lady Ji Xuan?"

Ji Xuan... Ye Guan was stunned.

He looked at Nalan Jia, feeling a bit lost.

Nalan Jia held his hand tightly and smiled. "When I was recovering in the Path Sword, I was awake most of the time."

Ye Guan lowered his head slightly without saying anything.

Nalan Jia looked at Ye Guan, and tears suddenly streamed down her face. She was smiling despite the tears as she said, "Lady Ji Xuan said that you just have to reciprocate her feelings, and she would treat you as if you were the best thing to have ever existed. You were foolish, and you rejected her.

"If I were in your shoes, I would have accepted her feelings."

And that was when Nalan Jia realized that she had fallen for him...

Ye Guan wiped away the tears on Nalan Jia's face and whispered, "I want to tell you something."

Nalan Jia shook her head and said, "Let's talk about it later."

Ye Guan stared in astonishment at Nalan Jia.

"Do you know what I want to say?" he asked.

Nalan Jia smiled. "It's about Lady Ba Wan, right?"

Ye Guan was stunned.

Nalan Jia added, "I'm the current Pavillion Master of the Immortal Treasures Pavilion. I oversee the most powerful intelligence organization in our Guanxuan Universe, do you really think you can hide anything from me?"

Ye Guan had no idea what to say, but one thing was for sure—it seemed that it wasn't a great idea to let one's wife become the leader of an intelligence organization.

Nalan Jia said no more afterward. She held Ye Guan's hand quietly and walked toward the lakeside. The lake reflected stars up above, creating a picturesque sight.

Silence descended upon the couple as they walked toward the lake.

Nalan Jia suddenly said, "Lady Ba Wan is in the Stone Village."

Ye Guan was stupefied as he stared at Nalan Jia.

Nalan Jia smiled and explained, "I asked for Mom's help..."

Ye Guan's surprise didn't subside despite the explanation.

Nalan Jia turned to look at the lake and muttered, "I've sent someone to find her for you. However, the Stone Village is a special place, and my people can't enter it. It is also under the protection of many powerful Divine Spirits."

Ye Guan trembled slightly, seemingly at a loss. He would have felt better if Nalan Jia had scolded him, but Nalan Jia seemed to have acquiesced, and he had no idea how to respond.

Nalan Jia turned to look at Ye Guan. She smiled at his bewildered look and said, "I have only one request."

Ye Guan stared deeply at Nalan Jia.

Nalan Jia sounded serious as she said, "If one day you no longer love me, please make sure to tell me. Rest assured, I will leave gracefully, and I will not disturb you afterward."

Ye Guan pulled Nalan Jia into an embrace.

"One day, I will no longer love you," Ye Guan muttered.

Nalan Jia's grip on Ye Guan's hand tightened. "When?"

"When I'm no longer breathing..."

Nalan Jia was stunned.

Little Pagoda was at a loss for words.

Meanwhile, the mysterious lady in the pagoda suddenly said, "It's been recognized since ancient times that scholars are romantic, and those romantic are scholars. Who can resist those who know the path of romance?"

Little Pagoda was silent. What did love have to do with him?

Ye Guan led Nalan Jia away.

They hadn't seen each other for a long time, and it felt as though there were endless topics for them to talk about.

Ye Guan spoke for a long time while Nalan Jia listened. She knew a lot, thanks to An You, but it felt different hearing Ye Guan tell her himself. Ye Guan held Nalan Jia's hand tightly, and they chatted for a while.

Time passed quickly, and dawn soon arrived.

Ye Guan and Nalan Jia lay on a large rock. Nalan Jia rested her head on Ye Guan's arm with her eyes closed. Ye Guan's gaze fell on her, and he was awed by her delicate and flawless demeanor.

The sun slowly rose on the horizon.

Ye Guan opened his eyes. Nalan Jia sensed the movement and opened her eyes as well. She glanced at the rising sun in the distance and snuggled into Ye Guan's chest before whispering, "Are you awake?"

Ye Guan nodded. "Yes."

Nalan Jia looked up at Ye Guan. A hint of mischief flashed in her eyes as she asked, "How come you were such a good boy?"

Ye Guan was stunned.

Nalan Jia blinked innocently and asked, "I thought you were going to do something."

"Um..." Ye Guan hesitated. Eventually, his hand traveled upward, but Nalan Jia grabbed his hand and glared at him. "We can't do this during the day!"

Ye Guan's expression froze, and he went silent. Staring at the confused Ye Guan, Nalan Jia chuckled and gave him a quick peck on the lips. Then, she lay in Ye Guan's arms and muttered, "Ah... I'm so happy..."

At the moment, she wasn't the lady of the Guanyuan Universe nor the Pavilion Master of the Immortal Treasures Pavilion. Her two special identities bestowed upon her a ton of power, but they were also a form of shackles.

In other words, she could only be herself before Ye Guan with no outsiders around.

Ye Guan pulled Nalan Jia up and said, "Let's go to the Ye Clan."

Ye Guan hadn't visited the Ye Clan since he arrived at Ancient Desolate City, and he thought it was about time he visited them.

Nalan Jia nodded. "Sure."

The two left and soon arrived at the Ye Clan's gates.

A guard saw them and flinched.

"What the heck?!" the guard exclaimed in disbelief.

Ye Guan was rendered speechless while Nalan Jia giggled.

The guard turned around and ran as fast as he could into the residence.

Soon, the entire Ye Clan was abuzz with activity. Ye Xiao led a group of elites to the gates of the Ye Clan. The members of the Ye Clan were excited beyond belief upon seeing Ye Guan, while Ye Xiao's grin was so wide it reached his ears.

Ye Xiao was about to lead the Ye Clan members to bow, but a surge of sword energy immobilized everyone.

Ye Guan looked at Ye Xiao and chuckled. "There's no need to stand on ceremony, Clan Leader."

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "All right! Let's go inside!"

Ye Guan nodded. "Sure."

Ye Xiao led Ye Guan and Nalan Jia into the Ancestor Shrine of the Ye Clan. Ye Guan hesitated for a moment before asking, "Clan Leader, you're not going to ask me to become the next clan leader again, are you?"

Ye Xiao burst into laughter and asked, "Why would I do that?"

He wouldn't have minded letting Ye Guan become the next clan leader, but Ye Guan had become the King of the Guanyuan Universe!

Ye Xiao chuckled and changed the topic. "You're getting married to Little Jia, right?"

Ye Guan nodded. "Yes."

Ye Xiao laughed heartily before saying, "Your affairs are our Ye Clan's affairs. I have to report your marriage to our ancestors."

Ye Xiao picked up three sticks of incense.

He bowed deeply to the spirit tablets of the Ye Clan ancestors when Ye Guan suddenly walked up to him. Ye Guan picked up three sticks of incense and was about to pay his respects when Ye Xiao stopped him.

"Little Guan, your identity..." Ye Xiao stammered.

Ye Guan smiled and said, "I'm a member of the Yang and Ye Clan."

With that, he picked up three sticks of incense and bowed deeply to the spirit tablets of the Ye Clan ancestors.

"Ancestors of the Ye Clan, please bestow upon me your protection!"

Crack!

The spirit tablets cracked open at once.

Ye Guan was stunned, and the members of the Ye Clan were stupefied.

Huh? Ye Guan was bewildered. I didn't do anything!

Little Pagoda explained, "It's the effect of causality, and they simply failed to withstand the karma that comes with protecting you."

Ye Guan was a bit embarrassed upon hearing that.

The Ye Clan members looked at each other in confusion.

Ye Guan hesitated briefly before placing the three sticks of incense back into the incense burner.  
"Ancestors, I don't need your protection. Please rest in peace."

After a while, everyone left, allowing Ye Guan, Nalan Jia, and Ye Xiao to remain and talk to each other in the grand hall.

Ye Xiao's heart swelled with pride as he swept his gaze across Ye Guan and Nalan Jia. Ye Xiao was ecstatic. He was the one who had arranged their marriage, and they were finally tying the knot.

Ye Xiao suddenly asked, "Ye Qing..."

Ye Guan grinned and said, "Ye Qing is cultivating in the academy, and he's become a Peak Immortal Realm cultivator!"

Ye Xiao's expression froze, and a thought jumped into his mind. He couldn't help but shake his head and marvel at the Ye Clan's fortune and luck.

Ye Guan and Ye Qing! The two brothers were getting along without any issues.

Ye Guan suddenly said, "Clan Leader, you must be there during our wedding."

Ye Xiao burst out laughing and replied, "Of course, I'd be there!"

"Clan Leader!" someone shouted from outside the great hall. Just then, a member of the Ye Clan reached the great hall and cried out, "There are many people outside!"

Ye Xiao frowned. At this point, who would dare to cause trouble for the Ye Clan?

## Chapter 296: The One Who Dies First

Ye Guan led Nalan Jia out, and they saw tens of thousands of people outside.

Incredibly, these people were from the Immortal Treasures Pavilion, and Qin Feng stood at the helm of them.

Upon seeing Ye Guan, Qin Feng smiled and then walked up to Ye Guan and Nalan Jia.

"Brother Qin," Ye Guan asked, "Who are they?"

Qin Feng chuckled. "You don't know?"

Ye Guan was puzzled.

Qin Feng smiled and added, "You had no idea? You're apparently going to get married here."

I'm going to get married here? In the Ye Clan? Ye Guan was stunned.

Qin Feng continued. "Pavilion Master Qin has already ordered the expansion of the Ye Clan—no, the entire Ancient Desolate City."

The expansion of the entire Ancient Desolate City?! Ye Guan was shocked. He hesitated briefly before asking, "Do we have enough time?"

Qin Feng laughed heartily. "Of course!"

Ye Guan smiled and asked, "Where is my mother?"

Qin Feng replied, "Pavilion Master Qin is busy at the moment, but she has a big surprise for you and Pavilion Master Nalan!"

Ye Guan and Nalan Jia smiled at each other.

"Now that I've given you the message, please continue with your conversation, Qin Feng said with a smile. "I still have something to do, so please excuse me."

"Sure," Ye Guan responded with a smile.

Qin Feng left, while Ye Guan also led Nalan Jia away.

Ye Guan and Nalan Jia quickly realized that millions of people in the Ancient Desolate City had been mobilized for the expansion of the city, and the people of the Immortal Treasures Pavilion could be seen everywhere.

The appearance of so many powerful cultivators shocked the denizens of the Ancient Desolate City. Initially, there was some dissatisfaction with the demolition, but the dissatisfied denizens were quelled by the exceedingly generous compensation.

What was there for them to complain about when the Immortal Treasures Pavilion wanted to pay them to build their houses from the ground up? Thanks to the denizens' unanimous agreement, work went swimmingly, and the denizens were thrilled to see their city being expanded and reconstructed in real-time.

After leaving the Ye Clan, Ye Guan and Nalan Jia decided to head to the Guanxuan Academy. However, the two chose to fly on a sword rather than use a teleportation array.

Nalan Jia stood in front of Ye Guan as the two streaked across the clouds on a sword. Ye Guan's hands were placed gently on Nalan Jia's waist as they disappeared into the horizon.

Nalan Jia gazed at the distant sea of clouds and muttered, "It's been a long time since I saw Master..."

"I remember she said that she'll be a witness to our wedding," Ye Guan said with a smile.

Nalan Jia shook her head, and her grip on Ye Guan's hand grew tighter as she muttered, "The True Universe and the Heaven Seizing Universe..."

Ye Guan reassured her by saying, "It's okay. Father and Mother are with us!"

Nalan Jia nodded and went silent. Ye Guan was right.

There was no need for them to worry with those two overseeing their wedding.

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The powerhouses of the True Universe were gathered in the True God Hall for a meeting. The leaders of the meeting were Left Councilor Feng Qi and Martial Chancellor Wu Qi. They were here to discuss Ye Guan's wedding.

"Speak up, everyone," Left Councilor Feng Qi said, "I want to hear your thoughts."

"I don't think we should interfere," said a Great Sovereign.

Left Councilor Feng Qi asked, "Why do you say so?"

The Great Sovereign sounded solemn as they said, "The Guanxuan Universe is our archenemy, but I find it distasteful and shameless to launch a surprise attack during their king's wedding."

The rest of the Divine Spirits nodded in agreement. If they were to launch an ambush during the King of the Guanxuan Universe's wedding, it would appear as though they couldn't handle the Guanxuan Universe in a head-on confrontation.

The Yin Spirit suddenly said, "We have to change our stance on the Guanxuan Universe."

The other Divine Spirits turned to the Yin Spirit.

The Yin Spirit sounded serious as she continued. "We've never really thought of the Guanxuan Universe as a threat, so we've suffered heavy losses in the conflict against them."

The Divine Spirits nodded. They had to admit that after the Yang Family members from the Guanxuan Universe interfered in the battle, the True Universe was quickly overwhelmed by their prowess.

Left Councilor Feng Qi suddenly spoke, "It's my fault."

The Divine Spirits turned to Left Councilor Feng Qi.

Left Councilor Feng Qi explained, "We've underestimated the elites of the Guanxuan Universe, and most importantly, we've underestimated Ye Guan."

Ye Guan! The Yin Spirit's expression turned cold, while the Divine Spirits wore solemn expressions. They still hadn't forgotten the incident when Ye Guan and Ye An infiltrated the True God Hall. At the time, the younger generation of the True Universe suffered heavy losses, and even Hao Xuan perished in battle.

"I'm sure the incident at the time was just the beginning," Left Councilor Feng Qi said before declaring, "Effective today, the True Universe will enter a state of comprehensive war preparation. The first step is cultivating the younger generation.

"The secret realms of the True Universe will be opened to the younger generation for the sake of providing them with opportunities."

The Divine Spirits nodded at once.

Left Councilor Feng Qi continued. "In addition to this, we will implement a reward system. Those below twenty years of age and whose cultivation base is at the Time Immortal Realm will receive ten million spiritual cores as a reward for their hard work.

"As for Divine Sovereigns of age twenty and below, they'll receive fifty million spiritual cores. If a member of the younger generation reaches the Great Sovereign Realm before they are twenty years of age, they will be rewarded with a billion spiritual cores and a million true core crystals. In addition, they'll be guaranteed a position in any of the True Universe's three armed forces."

The Divine Spirits were stupefied by the declaration.

A guarantee of a position in any of the True Universe's armed forces!

The three armed forces of the True Universe were the Jin Guards, the Divine Dusk Guards, and the Expedition Army. The dream of every Divine Spirit out there was to somehow become a part of any of these three armed forces.

The Divine Spirits exchanged glances. It seemed that Left Councilor Feng Qi wanted to attract talents from outside the True God Hall.

It had to be known that while unified, the True Universe's waters were as murky as the Guanyuan Universe. There were many factions in the True Universe with their own vested interests, and those factions had many extraordinary talents.

Left Councilor Feng Qi's move of attempting to entice those talents was tantamount to provoking the aristocratic families and great clan factions of the True Universe.

The Divine Spirits present were aware of that, and they were visibly uneasy.

The Yin Spirit pointed out. "Those factions will surely resist!"

"Resistance means elimination," Left Councilor Feng Qi said, "We'll eliminate them."

The Divine Spirits were at a loss for words.

Left Councilor Feng Qi continued. "Those aristocratic and great clan factions have been enjoying benefits from the True God Hall. It's about time they contribute for the greater good, and they are not allowed to run from their responsibilities."

The Divine Spirits fell into deep contemplation.

After a while, Left Councilor Feng Qi said, "In the name of the True God, pass down my commands. The talents of any family or clan do not just belong to their respective clans and families. They also belong to the True Universe. If they're willing to serve the True Universe—the True God Hall will nurture them and treat them fairly."

"I have another suggestion," Left Councilor Feng Qi slowly stood up and said, "Let's attempt to recruit talents from the All Worlds!"

The Divine Spirits were stunned.

The All Worlds had already submitted to the True Universe, so they couldn't quite understand how Left Councilor Feng Qi was going to go about doing that.

"Talents from the All Worlds willing to work with our True Universe will not only receive resources from us, but their clans are also exempt from paying tributes. If they meet certain requirements and our standards, they can bring their clan to the True Universe and settle here. Of course, they'll also enjoy special privileges."

A deafening silence enveloped the True God Hall as the Divine Spirits pondered.

Left Councilor Feng Qi swept her gaze across the Divine Spirits before explaining, "If we don't do this, the Guanxuan Universe will do it. No, they're already doing it. If we want to make sure that the entire All

Worlds won't stand on the Guanxuan Universe's side, we also have to make a move. We have to show our goodwill toward them, and we can definitely exceed the Guanxuan Universe's offer to them.

"I'm sure the All Worlds will accept our offer so long as we reach out to them first."

Martial Chancellor Wu Qi exclaimed, "I agree!"

The Yin Spirit exclaimed, "Doing that means destabilizing the aristocratic families and the great clans, which means they'll start leaning toward the True God Hall. It is hitting three birds with one stone!"

Left Councilor Feng Qi nodded and said, "Correct."

The Yin Spirit nodded lightly and said, "I agree to the suggestion, then."

The other Divine Spirits nodded one after another. Frankly, they didn't think much of the All Worlds, and they believed that even if the All Worlds worked together, they would still fail to hold a candle to the True Universe.

However, these Divine Spirits were also aware that the True Universe would eventually have to make a move. Otherwise, the Guanxuan Universe would inevitably win the hearts of the All Worlds.

The True Universe could afford to ignore the All Worlds, but the True Universe had to stop the Guanxuan Universe from becoming even stronger. Hence, the True Universe had to make a move sooner rather than later.

Left Councilor Feng Qi added, "In addition to the younger generation of the All Worlds, we can also recruit the older generation. Of course, we're only going to recruit those who are truly talented. As long as they're willing to join our True Universe, we'll help exceed their limits!"

The expressions of the Divine Spirits changed. The All Worlds was massive, so it was bound to contain a myriad of incredibly talented members of the younger and older generations.

An example of them was the Eternal Sword Master, and the Unyielding Sovereign.

If they had been born in the True Universe, they could have reached greater heights. Unfortunately, their growth was restricted by the amount and quality of resources available to them.

However, The True Universe's declaration about helping people exceed their limits would change everything so long as they were on the former's side would change everything. It was a great move that would inevitably attract countless heaven-defying talents to the True Universe.

The Yin Spirit and the other Divine Spirits glanced at Left Councilor Feng Qi with complex expressions. They finally understood why the True God had entrusted Left Councilor Feng Qi with full authority over the affairs of the True Universe.

Left Councilor Feng Qi turned to the Martial Chancellor and said, "Martial Chancellor, you'll be in charge of this matter. It is the top priority, and if anyone is daring enough to oppose it, I want you to eliminate them without hesitation."

Martial Chancellor Wu Qi nodded and said, "Understood."

With that, Martial Chancellor Wu Qi got up and left.

Left Councilor Feng Qi looked at the Yin Spirit, "Yin Spirit, there's another matter I need you to handle."

The Yin Spirit asked, "What is it?"

Left Councilor Feng Qi calmly explained, "We're not going to make a move during Ye Guan's wedding, but the Heaven Seizing Clan may not necessarily follow our actions."

"Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao is an incredibly formidable cultivator, but he is exceedingly arrogant. He has just reincarnated, so I'm sure he's not fully aware of the extent of the Guanxuan Universe's prowess. Given his personality, he's not going to bother investigating. In other words, he's definitely going to do something."

Left Councilor Feng Qi paused before continuing. "I want you to lead a group of powerful creatures to the Xuzhen Battlefield. I want you to stir up some commotion there and intimidate everyone.

"However, I want you to keep in mind that you must not engage in combat. Your role is to assuage Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's vigilance and worry so that he'll decisively attack the Guanxuan Universe during Ye Guan's wedding."

"Understood." The Yin Spirit nodded and left.

Left Councilor Feng Qi closed her eyes and muttered, "In a three-way war, the one who dies first is the most foolish among the participants."

## Chapter 297: Very Dirty

The Guanxuan Academy in Nanzhou was thrown into an uproar upon hearing of Nalan Jia and Ye Guan's visit.

Ye Guan had already become a hero in the eyes of the Guanxuan Academy students long before his identity as the Sword Master's son was revealed, and it was all thanks to Ye Guan's amazing feat of defeating the reigning Qingzhou.

One could even say that Ye Guan had become a god-like figure in the eyes of the students rather than just a hero. Nanzhou had never become the champion of the martial contest and defeated Qingzhou, but Ye Guan had done it.

It was exactly because of what Ye Guan had done that the denizens of Nanzhou could explore the world while feeling proud of Nanzhou. In other words, Ye Guan's feat had instilled confidence in the hearts of Nanzhou's younger generation.

In addition, Ye Guan's prestige reached even greater heights once his true identity was revealed.

The students and tutors of the Guanxuan Academy in Nanzhou gathered at the gates of the academy early the next morning upon hearing the news. Even the handymen and janitors had gathered to greet Ye Guan and Nalan Jia.

As a result, there was a seemingly boundless sea of people before the gates of the academy, and they didn't mind the heat as they looked up at the clear skies in rapt anticipation.

Academy Chief Song Fu stood at the helm of the crowd.

Ye Guan had become the Academy Master of the Guanxuan Academy, while Nalan Jia had become the Pavilion Master of the Immortal Treasures Pavilion. The two were at the summit of the Guanxuan Universe, but they were once students of the Guanxuan Academy in Nanzhou!

Aside from excitement, Song Fu also felt gratified. He was relieved and gratified that he hadn't chosen to betray Ye Guan at the time when he had become a wanted fugitive of the Main Guanxuan Academy.

If he had made the opposite choice, he would have been lying six feet in the ground at the moment with weeds growing on his tombstone.

Buzz!

The buzzing of a sword pervaded the skies, and a dazzling sword light streaked across the clouds.

Ye Guan was here!

The dazzling ray of sword light struck the ground before everyone. When the light dimmed, the figures of both Ye Guan and Nalan Jia were revealed.

One was dashing and handsome, while the other was exceedingly beautiful.

They were a match made in heaven!

Ye Guan and Nalan Jia exchanged glances and shook their heads with a smile. They were a bit surprised to see so many people waiting for them, and they felt that the welcome was a tad bit too grand for them.

Song Fu hurriedly bowed and exclaimed, "Greetings, Academy Master Ye! Greetings, Pavilion Master Nalan!"

"Greetings, Academy Master Ye! Greetings, Pavilion Master Nalan!" The people behind Song Fu followed suit, and the combined volume of their voices was so low that it made the ground quiver ever so slightly.

Ye Guan smiled and said, "Please don't stand on ceremony."

With that, the people looked up at Ye Guan and Nalan Jia with excitement in their eyes. Everyone had heard about what they had been through together, especially about how Ye Guan had inexplicably lost his cultivation base, but Nalan Jia had stayed by his side despite that.

Their romance had long spread throughout Nanzhou, and a popular mindset was born among the people of Nanzhou, which said that one should avoid being too pragmatic and avoid burning bridges just in case.

If Nalan Jia had decided to deal with Ye Guan pragmatically and burned the bridges between her and Ye Guan, the Nalan Clan's status at the moment would have been drastically different than their status today.

Song Fu suddenly said, "Come on, let's enter the Academy and talk."

Ye Guan replied, "Sure."

The people behind Song Fu walked over to the side and created a path for them to enter the academy.

Song Fu led Ye Guan and Nalan Jia toward the great hall, but a young man abruptly charged out. He stood in front of Ye Guan and Nalan Jia for a few seconds before he knelt down and said, "Nan Feng greets Academy Master Ye and Pavilion Master Nalan!"

Nan Feng!

Ye Guan was slightly taken aback. He wasn't familiar with the young man at all. He was about to say something when Song Fu explained, "He's from the Nan Clan—he belongs to the same clan as Nan Xuan."

Nan Xuan! Ye Guan was familiar with the Nan Clan. After all, there was some enmity between him and the Nan Clan while he was still a student at the Guanxuan Academy in Nanzhou.

Ye Guan stared at Nan Feng and asked, "What is it?"

"Academy Master Ye! My Nan Clan has truly offended you at the time, and there is not even a single day since then that we haven't regretted our actions!" Nan Feng said, "I implore you to forgive us!"

"Forgive you?" Ye Guan frowned. "I've long forgotten about the enmity between me and the Nan Clan. Are you guys in trouble or something?"

Nan Feng wanted to say something, but he stopped himself in time; he seemed afraid of revealing the truth.

Song Fu sighed and said, "The entire Nan Clan became public enemy number one since your identity was revealed. Many aristocratic families and clans have joined hands to suppress them in the name of seeking justice for you.

"Since then, the Nan Clan has been in a difficult position."

After a few moments of silence, Ye Guan said, "Did the Nan Clan ever attempt to avenge Nan Xuan by attacking the Ye Clan?"

"No," Song Fu replied, "Clan Leader Nan Mo visited the Ye Clan to apologize for what Nan Xuan had done to you rather than take revenge."

Ye Guan nodded at that. His gaze fell on Nan Feng, and he said, "My enmity with the Nan Clan ended upon Nan Xuan's death. No one should target you guys anymore so long as you don't attract the ire of the public by committing evil deeds."

Upon hearing that, Nan Feng fell to the ground and kowtowed.

His voice was trembling as he exclaimed, "Thank you, Academy Master! Thank you!"

Nan Feng had risked his life to step up. If Ye Guan didn't pay him any attention, the result would have been disastrous. Silence was ambiguous, after all, and those aristocratic families and clans could make their own interpretation of it.

However, Nan Feng was unwilling to see the demise of his entire clan. If he had stood by and had done nothing, his entire clan would have soon been dismantled by the aristocratic families and clans, so he decided to take a gamble.

Incredibly, his gamble had paid off.

Ye Guan suddenly asked, "Your name is Nan Feng?"

"Yes!" Nan Feng replied almost immediately.

Ye Guan smiled and said, "You're brave, I like it."

With that, he walked up to Nalan Jia, who was already all the way in front.

Song Fu looked at Nan Feng and smiled lightly at him before following behind Ye Guan and Nalan Jia.

Nan Feng heaved a sigh of relief before he turned around to leave. He had to return to the clan and tell them the good news—their clan was no longer doomed!

“Academy Chief Song, are you facing any difficulties at the moment?” asked Ye Guan.

Song Fu smiled and replied, “No, not at all.”

Ye Guan was slightly surprised.

"The Main Guanxuan Academy has been taking good care of us since your identity came to light. Really, we're not experiencing any difficulties at all," Song Fu added.

The Main Guanxuan Academy was rather sensible when it came to doing things. Ye Guan had come from the Guanxuan Academy in Nanzhou, so the Main Guanxuan Academy would be in trouble if they didn't take care of Ye Guan's alma mater.

Ye Guan nodded at Song Fu's words and said, “All right, you can go ahead and attend to your own work, Academy Chief. I'll go and walk around with Little Jia.”

“All right.” Song Fu nodded and left.

Nalan Jia suddenly said, “I still haven't seen Master.”

Ye Guan nodded. He also didn't see Fei Banqing in the crowd earlier.

“Let's go!” Nalan Jia said. She grabbed Ye Guan's hand, and they vanished into thin air. They had decided to come to the academy to visit Fei Banqing.

Moments later, the pair arrived at Mount Banqing.

Fei Banqing was wearing a long black dress, and her long hair fluttered in the strong breeze. Her demeanor was elegant, without even the tiniest trace of ferocity, but Ye Guan was well aware of his tutor's personality.

She was a hot-tempered woman with a penchant for kicking the balls of those daring enough to offend her.

Fei Banqing smiled at Ye Guan and Nalan Jia.

"There were too many people, so I didn't go down to welcome you two. You're not going to hold it against me, right?" Fei Banqing said.

"What are you saying, Master?" Nalan Jia walked up to her and said, "It's supposed to be the other way around, so it's fine."

Nalan Jia grabbed Fei Banqing's hand and asked, "Master, shall we talk inside?"

"Sure!" Fei Banqing replied and erupted into a grin.

Nalan Jia was the Pavilion Master of the Immortal Treasures Pavilion and the wife of the Guanyuan Academy's Academy Master, but in Fei Banqing's eyes, she was still her precious disciple!

The two walked into Fei Banqing's residence.

Ye Guan was about to follow them when Nalan Jia turned around to look at him.

"We're going to have a girls' chat. Are you a girl?" she asked.

Ye Guan shook his head and said, "All right, I'll go."

With that, Nalan Jia and Fei Banqing disappeared into Fei Banqing's residence.

Ye Guan had nothing to do, so he started looking around before walking into his own residence. Ye Guan still had vivid memories of the time he had spent here, and he was stupefied to see that his residence was sparkling clean.

Ye Guan smiled to himself and sat down cross-legged.

He slowly closed his eyes and inwardly asked, "Senior?"

The mysterious lady replied, "What is it?"

"I've been thinking about it since you revealed your affiliations, and I think the reason you're following me must be related to both the True Universe and the True God. Am I right?" Ye Guan asked.

The mysterious lady didn't reply.

Ye Guan went silent and entered the tiny pagoda. However, he didn't enter the world in the tiny pagoda to cultivate but rather to read.

He decided to read the ancient books that the True God had collected over the years. The collection was composed of hundreds of millions of books, and Ye Guan was astounded to find books from various genres as well as various civilizations.

"Senior," Ye Guan suddenly said, "I guess it's obvious, but I think the True God loves to read."

"Yes," the mysterious lady replied, "She loves to write books as well."

"She writes books?" Ye Guan asked, stunned.

"Yes, she once traveled across the vast expanse and has even visited the Milky Way. Ever since her visit to the Milky Way, she acquired a penchant for writing her own books, but she never really had readers aside from us sisters."

"Is she a good writer? What does she write?" Ye Guan asked.

"Her books aren't for men..."

"What do you mean?"

"They're a bit... inappropriate."

Ye Guan was baffled. Inappropriate?

Unfortunately, the mysterious lady's words got Ye Guan even more curious.

Ye Guan asked, "Can I read one of her books?"

"It's better if you don't..." the mysterious lady muttered.

"Why?"

"The content is really... what should I say? Very dirty."

Dirty? Ye Guan was confused. However, he didn't insist and decided to open one of the ancient books that the True God had gathered. He flipped over the pages and was shocked to find a ton of annotations on every page.

The annotations were evidently full of emotions, and some were quite ruthless. It didn't take Ye Guan long to realize that these annotations were made by the True God.

Most of the annotations contained only one word—dumbass.

However, the annotations got more and more out of hand as Ye Guan flipped the pages. In the end, his head started to hurt, and he forcibly flipped over to the last page of the book.

Toward the end, the annotations got a lot longer and insulting, and the afterword even had an annotation that said—dumbass, you know you can't write a book, so why did you even bother writing, you fucker!

Ye Guan was rendered speechless at the annotation, and his opinion of the True God changed drastically.

#### Chapter 298: A Little Painful

Ye Guan finally understood why both Ba Wan and the Adjudication Sword Master were so fierce—someone had influenced them.

Ye Guan continued reading.

He had to admit that these ancient books were precious. The True God criticized the author because her opinions differed from the author's opinions, which made sense because these ancient books were from a different civilization, so the authors of these books had different ideas and beliefs.

Of course, these annotations were not objective and all and were based on her personal feelings. They were also rather over-the-top—to think she would call someone a dumbass...

Just like that, Ye Guan stayed in the pagoda for months to read. He gained a lot of knowledge, especially about the history of this universe, some of the past civilizations, and most importantly, knowledge about the True Universe.

The strongest civilization in the True Universe was the Divine Dao Civilization, and it was a civilization created by the Great Daoist Brush Master. The Divine Dao Civilization was no more, but it was once a glorious civilization, similar to the mysterious lady's description.

At the time, many people had established their own Daos. In fact, the ancient books recorded thousands of cultivation methods and described a myriad of Daos that existed during the Divine Dao Civilization.

Needless to say, there were many strong cultivators at the time.

There weren't many Great Sovereigns at the time, but everyone's overall prowess was way beyond Great Sovereigns. Of course, there was a reason so many people had chosen not to become Great Sovereigns.

Aspiring Great Sovereigns at the time had to withstand Three Calamities and Three Tribulations. The current era's Great Sovereigns didn't have to go through such a grueling hardship, but the absence of the Three Calamities and Three Tribulations was a double-edged sword.

Indeed, there were more Great Sovereigns now than there were at the time, but the quality of the Great Sovereigns in the current era was mediocre at best when compared to the Great Sovereigns during the Divine Dao Civilization's golden days.

Incredibly, traces of the Divine Dao Civilization's glory still existed. The majority of the cultivators in the current era had chosen to embark on the Daos that the supreme elites of the Divine Dao Civilization had already established.

A great example of this was the existence of the Ancient Divine Sorcerers in the True Universe. The canons necessary to become an Ancient Divine Sovereign were derived from the canons that existed during the Divine Dao Civilization.

In addition, most of the True Universe's Great Daos and cultivation methods had also come from the Divine Dao Civilization.

The True God didn't destroy the Divine Dao Civilization's legacy. She allowed people to research their methods and improve them, which meant the True Universe could be said to have inherited the Divine Dao Civilization's legacy.

The Divine Dao Civilization's legacy had allowed the True Universe to develop rapidly, exceeding the other universes and the All Worlds in the proverbial blink of an eye.

As for the Guanxuan Universe, its development could be partly attributed to the Great Daoist Brush Master. The Great Daoist Brush Master founded the Daoist Sect in the Guanxuan Universe, and the Daoist Sect ended up ruling the Guanxuan Universe for quite a while.

However, the Guanxuan Academy eventually replaced the Daoist Sect.

Ye Guan sighed. The Great Daoist Brush Master's story was rather tragic.

Ye Guan decided to read more about the Heaven Seizing Clan and discovered that even though they were strong, there was still a huge gap between them and those with the Divine Dao Bloodline running down their veins.

In fact, the Heaven Seizing Clan had been a part of the Divine Dao Civilization at the time, and they relied heavily on the latter. Eventually, the Heaven Seizing Clan got strong enough to become an extremely powerful influence even among the other influences at the time.

It had to be known that the Gate of Reincarnation once belonged to the Great Daoist Brush Master. It only landed in their hands because the Great Daoist Brush Master had decided to give them the gate as a gift.

Ye Guan frowned at the next entry. "Senior, it says here that Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was a legendary, peerless cultivator, but why do I feel like he... isn't very smart? I'm not trying to insult him; I'm being honest here."

The mysterious lady asked, "Do you know what arrogance is?"

"Arrogance?"

"Brat, what will you think of him if the members of the older generation refrain from intervening in your battle against him? Will you think he's dumb by then?"

Ye Guan shook his head.

"You probably feel that he's dumb because he dared to attack you, even though your parents and relatives are around. There's no way Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao can defeat your father and aunt.

"However, it seems that everyone here has forgotten a crucial fact. Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao has no idea about your father and aunt's strength!" said the mysterious lady.

Ye Guan fell silent. He had truly overlooked such a crucial fact.

The mysterious lady added, "Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao seems rather dumb to you and me, but you have to know that Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao has remained virtually invincible during the Divine Dao Civilization.

The Great Daoist Brush Master has been the only one capable of consistently defeating him. In fact, even the Adjudication Sword Master, Ba Wan, and I couldn't defeat him when he was at his peak.

"Today, the Great Daoist Brush Master has been expelled from the True Universe, while Big Sister hasn't been visiting the True Universe. In other words, it's normal that he has become slightly more arrogant."

Ye Guan nodded lightly and muttered, "I see... I forgot."

"Well..." the mysterious lady muttered before saying, "It's true that he's a dumbass."

Ye Guan had no idea what to say. In the end, he cast his gaze on the book in front of him and started reading it. A long while later, he suddenly asked, "Senior, I've read through so many ancient books here, but I haven't found anything about the civilizations before the Divine Dao Civilization.

"Were there any civilizations before the Divine Dao civilization?"

"Of course," the mysterious lady replied.

"Really?"

"Yes, but only two people are aware of its identity."

"Are they the true God and the Great Daoist Brush Master?"

"Yes, I remember Big Sister saying that there was a civilization that existed before the Divine Dao Civilization, but every historical record about it was sealed by the Great Daoist Brush Master."

"Why?"

"I don't know."

"After looking through the historical records of all the other civilizations in the world, I discovered a pattern. Whenever a civilization erases historical records of the civilization that came before it, it usually means that they've done something shameful. They must have done something bad!"

The mysterious lady chuckled and muttered in the tiny pagoda, "Sooner or later, someone will put you in your place."

Little Pagoda agreed and said, "He's only bold because he has yet to experience that."

Meanwhile, Ye Guan smiled and said, "The Great Daoist Brush Master is indeed not just a supreme elite, but he was also rather magnanimous. I'm sure he doesn't care about what a paltry young man will say about him, but I truly admire him.

"His achievements are something that the majority of cultivators couldn't even dream of achieving. I can't even fathom how he created an entire civilization, and he also created cultivation methods as well as divine canons..."

"What are you saying?" Little Pagoda asked, "What's the point of sucking up to him now, he can't hear—"

Swoosh!

The Dao Imprint on Ye Guan's glabella quivered before disappearing.

Ye Guan froze and went silent.

Little Pagoda turned to the mysterious lady and exclaimed, "I guess he can hear it!"

The mysterious lady smiled and said, "And I guess we can also say that the Great Daoist Brush Master is rather fond of this little brat."

A golden light flashed outside, and an illusory figure appeared before Ye Guan. Ye Guan's eyes fell on the illusory figure, and he asked, "Master Pagoda? What are you doing?"

"I'm trying to read!" Little Pagoda replied blandly. He had decided to start reading books from now on. He had just discovered that the key to sucking up to supreme elites was becoming a cultured individual.

Little Pagoda's biggest goal was to improve his sycophant vocabulary, which contained nothing but—Oh fuck, you're awesome! You're so awesome, you're extremely awesome, you're awe-awesome!

Ye Guan was so dumbfounded that he could only shake his head in response and chuckle. In the end, his gaze fell on the book in his hands, and he continued to absorb more information from the ancient books.

There was a massive time difference between the outside world and the world in the tiny pagoda. Ye Guan spent years reading books and cultivating in the tiny pagoda; his Sword Dao didn't improve that much, but he had made a breakthrough in his physical realm by becoming an Earth Immortal Realm cultivator.

Ye Guan didn't neglect his sword techniques and martial skills, but he had to admit that he had become a cultured scholar. Over the past five years, Ye Guan had consumed all of the ancient books.

There were a myriad of books, but Ye Guan's reading speed could only be described as absurd. He had an eidetic memory, which was a perk that came with having a high cultivation base.

Ye Guan finally left the tiny pagoda, and the first person he saw upon leaving was Nalan Jia wearing a long white dress. The dress was as white as snow; it was just a plain dress, but it became more than just plain once Nalan Jia had worn it.

Nalan Jia smiled at Ye Guan and said, "It seemed like you were busy, so I decided not to disturb you."

Ye Guan laughed and walked up to her. He held her hands and asked, "What did you talk about with Tutor?"

Nalan Jia winked at him. "It's a secret, so I'm not telling you."

Ye Guan chuckled and went silent.

Nalan Jia's smile deepened as she asked, "Who do you want to invite to our wedding?"

Ye Guan fell into deep contemplation upon hearing that.

"Siao Ge, Lady Mo Ya, Senior Tower Keeper, Old Fu from Qingzhou, Han Zong, Si Tongtian, and..." Ye Guan went on, saying so many names in one breath. He had to invite them, as those people had lent him a helping hand.

Nalan Jia asked, "Anyone else?"

"Nope!" Ye Guan replied.

Nalan Jia nodded and said, "I already told Chief An You to invite the people you mentioned just now."

Ye Guan was slightly taken aback at that.

Nalan Jia smiled and asked, "Is there anyone else you'd like to invite?"

Ye Guan shook his head and said, "No."

"Okay!"

With that, the couple walked down Mount Banqing while holding hands. Nalan Jia swept her gaze across the sea of clouds and said, "Mother said that your extended family is going to attend our wedding."

"Extended family?" Ye Guan was surprised.

"Yes." Nalan Jia nodded and said, "I asked her, but she didn't want to tell me. She said that she'll introduce them to you at our wedding."

"I'm looking forward to it, then," Ye Guan said with a smile. He took out the Path Sword and stared deeply at it with the same smile tugging at his lips. Clearly, he was happy at the news that his parents' extended family would attend the wedding.

"I feel like the True Universe is going to do something," Nalan Jia said and explained, "More than a million Divine Spirits had gathered at the Xuzhen Battlefield for some reason."

Ye Guan immediately frowned.

Nalan Jia continued. "Their numbers are increasing as we speak, but I think there's something fishy about it. If they were going to attack us, anyway, why not do it during our wedding when we're the most vulnerable?"

Ye Guan tightened his grip on Nalan Jia's hand and said, "Well, I don't think we have to care about the riffraff. Father, Mother, and my extended family will be there during our wedding. The only thing we have to care about on that day is entering the bridal chambers!"

The bridal chambers! Nalan Jia's face flushed red in an instant, and her eyes glimmered shyly at Ye Guan. She had heard about how the first time would be a little painful, but she had no idea just how painful it would be.

Nalan Jia suddenly felt a bit worried. She pondered over bringing some Imperial-grade healing pills with her in the bridal chambers, but... How many pills should I prepare? I have no idea...

Chapter 299: Destroy Guanxuan Universe!

Ye Guan was unaware of Nalan Jia's thoughts, but he saw Nalan Jia's shy look and asked curiously, "Little Jia, what are you thinking about?"

Nalan Jia glared at him in embarrassment. "None of your business!"

Ye Guan froze, confused.

There was still a day until their marriage, but the pair chose to stay in the Ancient Desolate City to have fun. Qin Guan was around, so they didn't need to worry about the academy or the Immortal Treasures Pavilion.

They were practically inseparable, and they would often kiss and hug.

Of course, certain special things had to be reserved for the fateful night.

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Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was sitting cross-legged with his hands folded across his chest in the depths of the Heaven Seizing Universe's spacetime. He was exuding a powerful aura that was too overwhelming for the surrounding spacetime to endure, causing it to appear ethereal and illusory.

Ten Great Time Sovereigns stood not too far away from Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao. Each of them possessed an inscrutable aura reminiscent of the boundless ocean; they were incredibly powerful cultivators.

Behind the ten sovereigns stood the cultivators from the Heaven Seizing Clan. These cultivators also emanated a strong aura. They were the top cultivators of the Heaven Seizing Clan.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao opened his eyes, and the spacetime around him crumbled. A domineering wafted out of him. The ten Great Time Sovereigns couldn't withstand his aura and had to retreat a kilometer away. The other cultivators had to retreat dozens of meters away.

They all cast shocked gazes at Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao in shock.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao took a deep breath as he clenched his right fist. The entire Heaven Seizing World shook violently as a horrifying power engulfed the cultivators of the Heaven Seizing Clan. They all felt as if they were drowning or had fallen into a quagmire.

Their expressions grew solemn but were quickly replaced by excitement.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao had recovered a huge chunk of his power. Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao waved his right hand, and the pressure pervading the air vanished as if it had never appeared.

A cultivator fell to his knees and kowtowed toward him.

"Congratulations, Ancestor!" he shouted

The others hurriedly kowtowed as well.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao smiled before saying, "I've only recovered forty percent of my original prowess. It is nothing to celebrate about."

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's smile grew sinister upon recalling a certain someone.

"I'll tear that monster apart if I ever meet her again!" he growled. He could still remember how Erya had suppressed him, and he couldn't quite move on from the humiliation that he had suffered back then.

The cultivators of the Heaven Seizing Clan were thrilled to hear that Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao had only recovered forty percent of his original prowess.

It had to be known that Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was already capable of killing Great Sovereigns despite having recovered only thirty percent of his power.

The ten percent increase seemed paltry, but the cultivators of the Heaven Seizing Clan that Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was now capable of slaying even Great Destiny Sovereigns.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao asked, "What's going on with the True Universe?"

An elder from the Heaven Seizing Clan rushed to respond, "We just received news that True Universe has assembled over a million cultivators at the Xuzhen Battlefield. More and more powerful Divine Spirits are converging at the Xuzhen Battlefield as we speak.

"It seems that the True Universe is planning on attacking the Guanxuan Universe during Ye Guan's wedding!"

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao smiled, but he frowned upon recalling something.

"We can't be careless. The Guanxuan Universe always has reinforcements, so..."

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's eyes narrowed as he continued. "I've decided to bring more powerhouses with us just in case."

"How many powerhouses will you bring, Ancestor?" asked the elder.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao smiled softly without saying anything, but his eyes glimmered in a sinister light. This time, he was going to destroy the Guanxuan Universe!

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Guanxuan Universe, Nanzhou.

After spending a day at the Guanxuan Academy, Ye Guan brought Nalan Jia to the Ancient Desolate City.

The two were shocked upon their return. The Ancient Desolate City had undergone a tremendous transformation! The entire Ancient Desolate City had expanded a hundredfold compared to before, and the surrounding mountains were leveled.

The city walls were almost thirty meters tall, and the walls were covered in red festive banners with the word Happiness emblazoned all over them. The city's skyscrapers had increased, and every tall building had large red lanterns emblazoned with auspicious characters.

The entire city gave off a festive air.

There was also a large red carpet that stretched from the city entrance to the Ye Residence. The Ye Residence had also undergone a tremendous transformation, expanding more than a hundred times and occupying the best position in the city.

Up on the clouds, Ye Guan and Nalan Jia stared in shock at Ancient Desolate City.

Was this the power of money? Money was truly terrifying!

Ye Guan and Nalan Jia hadn't expected that in less than two days, the entire Ancient Desolate City would undergo such a drastic change. They exchanged glances and smiled.

Ye Guan brought Nalan Jia to the Ye Residence. There were over ten thousand people in the residence, and they were all moving about with smiles on their faces. The Immortal Treasures Pavilion had just paid

them their remuneration, and the payment they received was ten times more than the promised amount.

The clan members rushed to greet Ye Guan and Nalan Jia upon seeing them.

Ye Guan smiled at them and said, "Please don't mind us, and continue with what you've been doing!"

The clan members courteously left the couple alone.

Ye Guan soon brought Nalan Jia to where he used to live, and Ye Guan was stunned to see that the tiny house he had been staying at had transformed into a massive house. It was so massive that it was bigger than the entire Ye Residence before the makeover.

I really feel like a nouveau riche... Ye Guan shook his head and smiled.

He still ended up underestimating the power of money.

They entered the house and saw that the interior was renovated, and they soon stumbled upon a huge bed. There was a brilliant red blanket on the bed, and a painting depicting Ye Guan and Nalan Jia standing side by side was hanging above the bed.

Ye Guan's curiosity was piqued. "What kind of custom is this?"

Little Pagoda responded, "It's a custom from the Milky Way, and your mother is from Milky Way."

Ye Guan nodded lightly as he looked around. He swept his gaze across the balloons floating around the room. Ye Guan had to admit that the sight looked bizarre—no, innovative to him.

Ye Guan turned to look at Nalan Jia and asked, "Do you like it?"

Nalan Jia's face lit up with a smile. "I love it!"

Ye Guan chuckled, leading Nalan Jia to the bedside. As they looked around the bedroom, Ye Guan's heart felt warm. It seems that Mother has put a lot of effort into this.

Just then, a woman walked into the bedroom.

Ye Guan smiled and exclaimed, "Mother!"

Qin Guan smiled and said, "Oh, you're back?"

Ye Guan nodded. "Yes!"

Qin Guan walked up to the two of them and smiled, "Tomorrow is your wedding day. According to our customs, Little Jia should be at the Nalan Clan before we head over to ask for her hand. So you cannot stay together tonight."

Ye Guan smiled. "All right."

Nalan Jia also nodded. "Okay!"

Qin Guan held Nalan Jia's hand and smiled, "You don't have to worry about anything; I've made all the necessary arrangements."

"Okay." Nalan Jia nodded again and said, "I'll do what you say."

"Great." Qin Guan grinned. Her eyes then landed on Ye Guan, and she said, "Walk with me, I have something to tell you."

Ye Guan nodded, "Okay."

Nalan Jia said, "Then, I will return to the Nalan—"

Qin Guan shook her head and smiled. She grabbed Nalan Jia's hand and said, "You're no outsider, so why are you trying to leave? Let's take a stroll as a family!"

As a family. Nalan Jia smiled, and her face flushed red.

The three left the room and walked outside until they reached a lakeside.

Qin Guan stood in the middle and held both of their hands. "I know that we've placed immense pressure on both of you. We've left you to manage the Guanxuan Academy and the Immortal Treasures Pavilion, after all. In addition, we're making you fight the True Universe as well. Unfortunately, we simply had no choice.

"Is there something you've been hiding from us, Mother?" Ye Guan asked.

"Yes." Qin Guan nodded and said, "It's a complicated matter; it's much more complicated than what your father and I had imagined."

Ye Guan frowned slightly, "Is it about the True God?"

Qin Guan replied, "The True God is only a part of it. The biggest reason is the Great Daoist Brush Master's arrangement."

Ye Guan sounded puzzled as he asked, "Arrangement?"

"Yes," Qin Guan said with a nod. She then turned to Ye Guan and stared deeply at him before saying, "You have a very difficult path ahead of you."

Ye Guan smiled. "It's okay. Little Jia and I will protect Guanxuan Universe."

Qin Guan smiled and exclaimed, "I trust you both!"

Ye Guan suddenly asked, "Mother, have you ever met the True God?"

Qin Guan nodded. "Yes."

Ye Guan asked, "What kind of person is she?"

Qin Guan said softly, "She's like your aunt..."

Ye Guan froze and went quiet.

Qin Guan smiled, "Your aunt is scary and quite extreme. Other than your father, everyone else is a mere ant in her eyes. I'm not exaggerating it. She really thinks that way.

"She's also very fierce and decisive. Once left with no other choice, she becomes exceedingly ruthless to the point of even killing herself in exchange for power!"

Ye Guan was stunned. He shook his head with a smile and muttered, "That's..."

Qin Guan said, "Your aunt, your grandfather, and your uncle, whom you haven't met yet, are at odds with each other. They've been itching to fight each other, and they finally no longer have to hold back because your father has finally taken that step."

"Things have gotten really troublesome. As we speak, they're fighting beyond the periphery of the universes, but the shockwaves of their moves alone are enough to obliterate universes. In fact, their fighting has been causing the constant collapse of the universes' boundary.

"If it weren't for you and your father, the Guanxuan Universe and the True Universe would have been annihilated long ago," Qin Guan said.

The universes' boundary is constantly collapsing? Ye Guan was stupefied. What are they doing? Are they trying to expand the universes?

Qin Guan looked at Ye Guan and said confidently, "I'm sure you know that the True God has been suppressing the True Universe's tribulation."

Ye Guan nodded. "Yes."

Qin Guan let out a sigh.

Ye Guan asked, "What is the issue?"

Qin Guan smiled and said, "Your father and I are the most worried about the Great Daoist Brush Master rather than the True God. It's also the reason your father had asked your aunt to protect you."

"How about..." Ye Guan trailed off, seemingly hesitating before continuing. "How about we move decisively and kill the Great Daoist Brush Master? That way, we'll be uprooting the problem by its roots, which will prevent future issues."

Little Pagoda had no idea what to say upon hearing that.

Chapter 300: Tomorrow, You Are Invincible!

Upon hearing Ye Guan's words, Qin Guan shook her head with a smile. "If it were that simple, we would have done it a long time ago."

Ye Guan smiled wryly.

Actually, he thought that the Great Daoist Brush Master was a pretty reasonable individual. Of course, he could sense that the other party wasn't simple and seemed to be planning something. A scheme from such a powerful cultivator was definitely beyond him, so he didn't want to bother with it.

His parents would handle those beyond him!

Qin Guan suddenly said, "Anyway, your marriage is more important right now. Tomorrow is your big day, so you need to prepare well tonight."

Ye Guan smiled. "Alright!"

Nalan Jia also nodded slightly, feeling both excited and a bit nervous about tomorrow.

It would be her first time, after all.

Qin Guan looked at Ye Guan and smiled. "I want to talk to your fiancée."

Ye Guan was surprised.

Qin Guan asked, "Do you mind?"

"Sure, go ahead!" Ye Guan said with a smile before leaving.

After walking away, he inwardly asked, "Master Pagoda, can you help me eavesdrop?"

Little Pagoda asked, "Do you want me to die?"

"..." Ye Guan was speechless.

In the distance, Qin Guan held Nalan Jia's hand, and the two slowly walked side by side. Nalan Jia was staring silently at Qin Guan.

Qin Guan smiled, "Are you under a lot of pressure?"

Nalan Jia responded, "Yes!"

Qin Guan smiled and called out softly, "Little Ai!"

Little Ai appeared next to her and bowed deeply.

Qin Guan looked at Little Ai and said, "From now on, Little Jia's words are my words."

Little Ai nodded. "I understand."

Qin Guan looked at Nalan Jia and said, "The cloth sachet contains something capable of mass destruction, and it's too strong for you to control at the moment. However, Little Ai here will help you become even stronger so you can eventually use it."

"Okay," replied Nalan Jia.

Qin Guan smiled and said, "As the wife of the Academy Master of the Guanxuan Academy, you must be both competent and strong. Without strength, some people will lose respect for you, thinking that you are easily deceived, so you should learn to handle what's inside the cloth sachet."

Nalan Jia nodded, "Okay!"

Qin Guan grinned and said, "It's going to be tough to manage two powerful superpowers, but it's okay. Take it slow; I'll be supporting you all the way."

Nalan Jia felt warm. Although they had only met twice, she could feel that Qin Guan truly regarded her as one of her own.

Qin Guan continued walking away with Nalan Jia.

"The waters of the Guanxuan Academy and the Immortal Treasures Pavilion are both muddy and deep. You are kind, which is great, but it is a double-edged sword. I want you to remember that if someone deceives you with a smile, you must be decisive when it's time to kill them. Don't show mercy!"

Qin Guan's eyes turned cold at that. She could still remember what had transpired in Little Guan City. What had happened had almost ruined her relationship with her son, so she still couldn't quite move on from it.

I did not nurture you all for you to disrespect my son.

Things hadn't changed; rather, the subject had changed. Qin Guan's forces had to respect her daughter-in-law as well. In the past, she wanted to protect everyone, but now, she only wanted to dote on her son. Nothing mattered aside from her son.

Nalan Jia nodded at Qin Guan's words and said solemnly, "I understand."

Qin Guan was all smiles while staring at Qin Guan. She really liked her daughter-in-law.

In addition to being beautiful, she also understood the bigger picture. Moreover, Nalan Jia hadn't abandoned her son when he was at his lowest point in life. In fact, she had even tried his best to save him.

Nalan Jia's love for Ye Guan was sincere, which was why Qin Guan liked her a lot.

The two chattered happily, and they didn't look like a pair of mother and daughter-in-law; they looked more like sisters.

Ye Guan cast a curious gaze at them. What are they talking about?

It was a pity that Master Pagoda was too much of a coward to eavesdrop.

Qin Guan eventually came to a halt and turned to Ye Guan with a smile. "Come here!"

Ye Guan quickly headed over.

Qin Guan said, "I will leave you both to talk. I still have things to prepare for tomorrow."

With that, she turned around and left.

After she left, Ye Guan turned to Nalan Jia, "What were you talking about with Mother?"

Nalan Jia held up the cloth sachet in her hand and smiled. "She wants me to learn how to use the things in this sachet."

Ye Guan looked at it curiously and asked, "What's in there?"

Nalan Jia winked and exclaimed, "Not telling you!"

Ye Guan pursed his lips and said, "That belongs to me!"

Nalan Jia laughed. "But this is mine now!"

Ye Guan suddenly hugged her and exclaimed, "But you're mine!"

Nalan Jia instantly blushed.

Meanwhile, Little Ai chimed in, "Young Mistress, if you have no orders for me. Can I leave for the time being?"

Ye Guan and Nalan Jia immediately let go of each other.

Ye Guan chuckled sheepishly and said, "I forgot there's another person here..."

Little Ai calmly corrected. "I'm not a person."

Ye Guan was confused. He frowned while staring deeply at Little Ai.

She's not a person? Ye Guan was confused, but he was in awe at the same time.

Little Ai smiled softly while looking at Nalan Jia. "Young Mistress, if you have any orders, you can just call my name, and I'll appear."

With that, she vanished into thin air.

Nalan Jia looked at Ye Guan and smiled. "I'm going to the Nalan Residence."

Ye Guan smiled as well and said, "I'll pick you up tomorrow."

Nalan Jia grinned. "I'll be waiting for you, then."

After Nalan Jia's departure, Ye Guan took a deep breath before returning to his residence. Ye Guan entered the world inside the tiny pagoda to cultivate, but he just couldn't get into the right mindset. His mind was filled with thoughts related to his wedding the next day.

Ye Guan suddenly asked, "Master Pagoda, have you been married?"

"???" Little Pagoda was bewildered.

Ye Guan shook his head, smiling. He sat cross-legged and said seriously, "Master Pagoda, tomorrow, the True Universe and the Heaven Seizing Universe—"

"You're invincible tomorrow!" Little Pagoda interrupted.

Ye Guan had no idea what to say.

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Daybreak had just arrived, but the entire Ancient Desolate City was already bustling with activity. Ye Guan emerged slowly from the Ye Residence. Today, Ye Guan was wearing a long red robe, and a dragon crown was sitting on top of his head.

He had always been handsome, but his looks had become practically unrivaled after today's meticulous grooming.

Ye Guan stared deeply into the distance. Ye Qing, Han Zong, and the others were already waiting for him. Ye Guan was going to get married today, and they made sure to attend his wedding.

Surveying the crowd, Ye Guan saw many familiar faces.

"Brother Ye Guan!" Ye Qing led a horse toward him and smiled. "Let's go and fetch your bride!"

Fetch my bride. Ye Guan laughed. "Let's go!"

Ye Guan hopped onto the horse.

Ye Qing chuckled and said, "Let's go!"

He held the reins of the horse and started walking away. Han Zong and the rest followed closely behind them, along with the excited members of the Ye Clan.

Ye Guan had chosen to get married in the Ye Clan. What did that mean? It meant Ye Guan had always thought of the Ye Clan as his home!

The Ye Clan's overall prowess was paltry at best, but they still had prestige in the Guanxuan Universe. It was a prestige born from their relationship with Ye Guan, and it made many people stare at the Ye Clan members with envy.

The Ye Clan was truly lucky! The heavens had stood by their side and had blessed them with such immense luck.

Of course, those in the know were aware that Ye Clan's current heights were only made possible by Ye Xiao's decision many years ago. If it hadn't been for his decision, the Ye Clan would have experienced a catastrophe rather than a meteoric rise.

Ye Xiao's decision and Ye Guan's existence had also become the reason the clans and sects throughout Nanzhou had become more generous to their disciples and members who were less talented than others.

After all, who could say for sure that there wouldn't be a second Ye Guan? And what if that second Ye Guan was among the less talented of their clans and sects?

Moreover, even the less talented members of their clans and sects were still members of their own clans and sects people, so the clans and sects believed that they had nothing to lose in treating a fellow sect member or clan member right. It was better to leave some room for reconciliation; one shouldn't be too ruthless.

A seemingly endless sea of people surrounded Ye Guan as he rode on a horse. The procession headed straight to the Nalan Residence. Ye Guan was flanked by the disciples of the Sword Sect under the leadership of Chen Guanzi, while Yuan Gong and Qin Xue followed closely behind him.

The entire Sword Sect had come here to witness Ye Guan's wedding.

Soon, Ye Guan arrived at the Nalan Residence.

The Nalan Residence was decorated lavishly, and the festive mood in the residence was so thick that it was palpable.

Nalan Jia clad in a phoenix dress slowly walked out of the Nalan Residence. No one could see her face at the moment, but one would be hard-pressed to find anyone who still hadn't heard of her beauty.

Nalan Jia and Ye Guan were truly a match made in heaven.

Nalan Ming and a woman walked up to Nalan Jia's side. The two led Nalan Jia to Ye Guan.

Nalan Ming smiled at Ye Guan and said, "All I ask of you is for you to treat her well!"

Ye Guan took Nalan Jia's hand and slowly knelt down together.

Nalan Ming quickly moved to stop him. "There is no need to do this. Please don't..."

Ye Guan was the King of the Guanxuan Universe; he was also the son of the Sword Master and Pavilion Master Qin. How could he let him kneel?

However, Ye Guan insisted.

Today, he was just Ye Guan; he wasn't the King of the Guanxuan Universe.

In addition, he truly had a lot of respect for the Nalan Clan.

He could still remember how the Nalan Clan hadn't chosen to kick him when he was down and had come to end the betrothal between him and Nalan Jia.

Nalan Ming felt anxious upon seeing Ye Guan slowly kneeling toward him.

He couldn't help but feel self-conscious. He was surrounded by powerful cultivators on Ye Guan's side, after all.

Eventually, Ye Guan and Nalan Jia bowed deeply toward Nalan Ming.

Ye Guan said, "Father, Mother, I'll treat Little Jia well."

Nalan Ming moved to make Ye Guan stand up. He then grinned and exclaimed, "Great!"

The woman next to him was all smiles as well. Nalan Jia's lips behind the veil were suffused with a smile upon seeing Ye Guan being so respectful toward her parents. Her eyes glimmered with warmth as she stared at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan held Nalan Jia's hand and turned.

Just in time, a wedding sedan pulled up.

Ye Guan helped Nalan Jia into the wedding sedan before hopping onto his horse.

"Let's go!" he exclaimed.

"Brother Ye Guan, wait!" Ye Qing called out.

Ye Guan stopped and turned to look at Ye Qing in confusion.

Ye Qing sounded serious as he said, "You still haven't given the betrothal gifts!"

Ye Guan froze and felt helpless. Betrothal gifts? He had not prepared this at all. What was he going to do?

Just then, Qing Feng appeared before the Nalan Residence. He grinned before shouting, "The Yang Family's betrothal gift is here! It's the entire Immortal Treasures Pavilion!"

The entire Immortal Treasures Pavilion!

The witnesses were dumbstruck. The Immortal Treasures Pavilion's value was... as good as immeasurable! It was a gift so valuable that it exceeded the combined value of the Sword Master's betrothal gifts when he got married.

The witnesses found it all too surreal upon realizing that no wedding in the past nor in the future would be more grand and lavish than today's wedding.

Some members of the Nalan Clan fainted from delight upon hearing Qin Feng's declaration. The entire Immortal Treasures Pavilion was the betrothal gift!

Of course, they were aware that the gift belonged to Nalan Jia alone, but she was still a member of the Nalan Clan. She just had to help them, and the entire Nalan Clan would soar to infinity and beyond!

The clan members cheered in joy, but Nalan Ming immediately put a halt to their cheers.

Qing Feng brought a black box over to Nalan Ming. He smiled with utmost respect and said, "This is Pavilion Master Qin's gift to the Nalan Clan. This will protect the Nalan Clan for thousands of years."

Nalan Ming hesitated before saying, "Thank you."

With that, he accepted the box.

Ye Guan broke out into a grin and exclaimed. "Let's go!"

Back to the Ye Residence!

Just then, Little Pagoda's voice echoed. "A familiar aura is coming. Fuck!"