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Chapter 301: Three Generations And Four Swords

A familiar aura? Little Pagoda's words got Ye Guan curious, prompting the latter to ask, "Who's coming, Master Pagoda?"

Little Pagoda was silent.

Ye Guan pressed on. "Master Pagoda?"

Little Pagoda didn't respond.

Ye Guan went silent. Master Pagoda really has a penchant for pretending like he's deaf when it matters.

Ye Guan looked around in confusion. If it were his father or grandfather, Little Pagoda wouldn't have exclaimed just now. They had to be an unexpected visitor whom Little Pagoda was familiar with...

Who are they? Ye Guan was dying of curiosity.

Just then, Ye Qing shouted, "Brother Ye Guan!"

Ye Guan pushed aside his thoughts and looked at Ye Qing.

Ye Qing smiled and said, "Don't get distracted now. Smile and wave at the crowd!"

Ye Guan grinned and looked around to find a boundless sea of people around him. The sea of people existed not just on the ground but up above as well.

Ye Guan's wedding was today, so those willing to come would come. After all, it was an important occasion for the entire Guanxuan Universe.

As Ye Guan looked around, he saw many familiar faces. However, he failed to see his father or grandfather, making him feel puzzled. When would they come out? Perhaps they were staging a grand entrance for themselves?

Ye Guan couldn't help but laugh because his father and grandfather could actually do such a thing based on their personality.

Ye Guan turned to look to his right and saw a young woman. Upon seeing her, he called out gleefully and started waving his hands. "Big Sis!"

The young woman was none other than Ye An! Today, Ye An wasn't wearing her usual outfit, which was her crimson skirt. She was wearing a white skirt today embroidered with cloud prints. Her getup made her look less cool but more elegant.

Ye An's indifferent gaze landed on Ye Guan.

Ye An wasn't saying anything, so Ye Guan yelled, "Big Sis! I'm here! Sis!"

Everyone was speechless.

Ye An glared at Ye Guan, and she waved her fists lightly to warn him.

Ye Guan chuckled at the warning; his sister was so fierce! If Master Pagoda were following his sister rather than him, he would have gotten smacked three times a day at the very least.

Ye Guan stopped annoying his sister and looked around.

Everyone cheered and congratulated him.

Ye Guan cupped his fist and expressed his gratitude to everyone.

Ye Guan looked up and saw several familiar figures above the clouds.

They were the members of the Yang Clan, Erya and Little White, along with Senior An.

Erya and Little White were licking their hawthorn candies.

Erya waved at Ye Guan and shouted, "Grandson, have a fantastic night!"

Ye Guan's face darkened. He needed to find an opportunity to speak to Erya and make her change her way of addressing him. He found it really inappropriate for her to call him her grandson.

Swoosh!

Little White took out a ball-shaped object the size of a watermelon. She reached out to press the button on the ball-shaped object. Ye Guan's eyelid twitched. What is she doing?

Thankfully, Erya stopped Little White in time.

Erya said, "You can set off fireworks, but not this one."

Little White gesticulated with her claws.

Erya responded, "I know that this bomb is bigger and louder, but people will die if you use this."

Little White blinked before gesturing with her claws.

Erya slapped her own forehead; her head was starting to hurt. "Goodness..."

Meanwhile, the procession finally arrived at the Ye Residence.

The journey wasn't that long, as the Nalan and Ye Residences weren't that far from each other.

Ye Xiao and the elders of the Ye Clan stood at the gates waiting for them.

Seeing Ye Guan, Ye Xiao's face lit up. Ye Xiao then guided Ye Guan and Nalan Jia through the marriage procedure. Once they were done, Ye Guan held Nalan Jia's hand and entered the great hall of the Ye Residence.

Qin Guan was sitting on the main seat with a smile. She wasn't wearing her usual short sleeves and cotton skirt. Today, she was clad in a red gown, making her give off a festive air.

Ye Guan turned to Qin Guan's left. The seat was empty.

Ye Guan's heart sank. Will Father come or not?

He would get married today, so it would be a huge pity if his father failed to show up.

Actually, it wasn't just Ye Guan; everyone in the hall and the crowd outside were burning with anticipation. They were excited to see the Sword Master, and they thought it was a given that the Sword Master would come and witness his son's wedding.

In addition, Pavilion Master Qin was already here, so the Sword Master would definitely be here soon. Thus, many people eagerly waited for the appearance of the Sword Master, especially the people of Nanzhou.

They had never seen the Sword Master in person, and it made sense because Nanzhou was just a backwater province before Ye Guan's meteoric rise.

Despite that, it wouldn't be strange if the Sword Master still thought of Nanzhou as the same backwater province many years ago. However, Ye Guan had decided to get married here, so the Sword Master would definitely be here!

The crowd couldn't contain their excitement—meeting the Sword Master meant a lifetime's worth of boasting material.

Meanwhile, Ye Guan was staring at Qin Guan.

Ye Guan smiled as well upon seeing Qin Guan's light smile, and the stone weighing down on his chest vanished at that. Indeed, his father would definitely be here. It was just impossible for him to be missing on his son's wedding.

Without dwelling further on it, Ye Guan pulled Nalan Jia to stand in front of Qin Guan.

Buzz!

The buzzing of a sword abruptly pervaded the skies of Nanzhou.

The sound was so loud that everyone instantly deduced the swordsman's identity.

The gazes of everyone on the ground turned to the skies, and they saw a rift in spacetime being opened right before their eyes.

Swoosh!

A dazzling sword light tore the rift open, and a man slowly walked out of the rift.

The Sword Master!

The man had an extremely familiar face, so most of the powerful cultivators knelt amidst their excitement and shouted, "Greetings, Sword Master!"

The Sword Master was here. The combined volume of everyone's voices was so high that their voice spread across the world and parted the clouds in the skies. It wasn't exactly strange, as the Sword Master was the Guanyuan Universe's subject of devotion.

Mu Niannian looked at the Sword Master with a smile. Her younger brother was back.

Princess Xin grinned brightly upon seeing the Sword Master. Her heart felt warm to see the Sword Master, as it had been truly quite a while since she last saw the latter. The Sword Master now had a head full of white hair, but he still looked as charming as ever.

Li Banzhi stared deeply at the Sword Master. The smile on her lips carried a hint of bitterness. She hadn't seen him for so many years, so she was surprised to see that he was still as handsome as ever.

Ye Guan broke out into a grin. My father is here!

The Sword Master waved his hand and said, "Please don't stand on ceremony, everyone. Please rise!"

He swept his sleeve, and a gentle force lifted everyone in the vicinity. With that, the Sword Master started walking toward the great hall of Ye Residence.

The Ye Clan members and cultivators hurriedly paid their respects; everyone in the Ye Residence was bubbling with excitement. The Sword Master was here; he had come to their residence!

The Ye Clan members and cultivators were convinced that they could boast of this encounter for at least ten lifetimes.

The Sword Master entered the great hall with a grin. He sat on Qin Guan's left, looking really happy as he swept his gaze across Nalan Jia and Ye Guan.

Buzz!

A buzzing noise echoed from outside the great hall.

Boom!

A ray of sword light struck the ground, creating a column of dazzling light that extended beyond the clouds. An inscrutable, oppressive aura that wasn't any weaker compared to the Sword Master's aura swept across everyone, shocking them.

Who is it?

How come they were so strong? Everyone cast curious gazes at the sky.

Rumble!

A rift in spacetime was torn open just then, and a blue-robed man walked out.

The blue-robed man laughed boisterously and shouted, "Son, grandson, I'm here!"

Ye Guan and the Sword Master's face darkened.

Son?

Grandson?

The blue-robed man was the Sword Master's father? The onlookers were stupefied.

Most of the people here were unfamiliar with Sword Master Qingshan, but it made sense as Sword Master Qingshan was away more often than not during the Sword Master's era.

However, the Sword Sect was an exception—Sword Master Qingshan was their Ancestor, after all!

The disciples of the Sword Sect knelt and shouted, “Greetings, Ancestor!”

Sword Master Qingshan chuckled and said, “At ease!”

The disciples of the Sword Sect stood at ease and stared at the blue-robed man with thrilled eyes. They were aware of Sword Master Qingshan's existence, but the majority of them remained curious about him.

Just then, the blue-robed man said, “Go on; I won't go in.”

The people of the Ye Clan sighed in relief.

Today, Ye Guan was getting married, and the Sword Master was his father, which meant the Sword Master would sit at the main seats. If Sword Master Qingshan were to enter, he would have to sit ahead of the Sword Master, which would be a bit appropriate.

The Sword Master stared at Sword Master Qingshan and smiled. “Father, which wind blew you here today? I don't remember seeing you around when I got married.”

Ye Guan's face stiffened. Oh, no! Shit is about to get real!

The members of the Yang Family shook their heads and chuckled bitterly.

As usual, the father-and-son pair was bickering again.

Sword Master Qingshan retorted, “Well, you didn't invite me.”

The Sword Master was furious, and he said, "I actually have to invite my own father to my own wedding? Are you serious?"

Sword Master Qingshan's expression turned solemn at that, and he sounded serious as he said, "You know it was my first time being a father, and I'm sure you finally understand my feelings at the time. You're also a father, after all."

The Sword Master was speechless.

Ye Guan also had no idea what to say. His grandfather was a tad bit ridiculous...

Sword Master Qingshan looked at Ye Guan and asked, "Am I right, my good grandson?"

Ye Guan's head throbbed in pain. His grandfather was truly a devious individual.

He had just arrived, but he had already thrown such a dangerous hot potato at him.

Sword Master Qingshan was about to say something when An Nanjing appeared next to him and reminded him. "Today is Little Guan's wedding; you should not kick up a fuss."

"Of course, I won't." Sword Master Qingshan smiled and replied, "Why would I do that?"

Sword Master Qingshan opened his palm, and two storage rings flew over to Ye Guan and Nalan Jia. "These are my wedding gifts."

Ye Guan accepted the storage ring with a smile. "Thank you, Grandfather."

Sword Master Qingshan chuckled. He then pulled An Nanjing to the side.

Ye Guan looked up, and there was a hint of disappointment in his eyes.

It seemed his aunt had decided to abstain from attending the wedding.

After a moment of silence, Ye Guan held Nalan Jia's hand as they walked toward the Sword Master and Qin Guan. They took deep breaths and got ready to bow when the shrill cry of a sword pervaded the skies.

Ye Guan turned and saw a rift in spacetime above them. A white-robed swordsman walked out of the rift.

Ye Guan froze and went silent. Who is he?

The Sword Master chuckled and explained, "He's my sworn brother; you can call him Uncle!"

Uncle!

Little Pagoda said, "He's as strong as your father and grandfather!"

Ye Guan instantly fixed his posture and cupped his fist in greeting. "Greetings, Uncle!"

The Unfettered Swordsman was surprised. He examined Ye Guan from top to bottom and smiled. "Your grandfather always talks about you, and it seems that he wasn't exactly exaggerating."

Ye Guan hurriedly said, "It's all because I inherited my family's excellent traits!"

"Pfft!"

Swordmaster Qingshan and the Sword Master burst out into laughter.

Even Little Pagoda was impressed. This brat is really good at licking boots.

The Unfettered Swordsman chuckled and said, “Actually, we've already met.”

Ye Guan was stunned. “Where?”

The Unfettered Swordsman smiled but remained silent.

Little Pagoda chimed in, “Remember the stone stele in the Profound World?”

Ye Guan realized it then. He could still remember how he managed to make a breakthrough in the Profound World, all thanks to a few words on a stone stele that said—the world is vast, and those who wield the sword are free. A meter-long sword in hand, who cannot be killed?

Ye Guan could still vividly remember sensing the arrogance seeping out of those words.

The Unfettered Swordsman smiled and said, “You ought to get married first, and then we'll talk!”

With that, he moved to the side.

Ye Guan nodded. Soon, Ye Guan and Nalan Jia proceeded with the wedding ceremony.

Just then, the Path Sword inside of Ye Guan trembled, and the shrill cry of a sword pervaded the air above Nanzhou.

Rumble!

A woman wearing a plain skirt appeared above the clouds.

Ye Guan chuckled and exclaimed, “Aunt!”

The woman vanished before reappearing in front of Ye Guan and Nalan Jia.

She stared deeply at Ye Guan without saying anything.

"It's really good to see you here, Aunt!" Ye Guan exclaimed in excitement.

The woman nodded before walking over to Nalan Jia. She patted Nalan Jia with her right hand, and a soft sword glow entered Nalan Jia. She looked at Nalan Jia and explained, "From now on, I forbid anyone from killing you, so you'll be safe."

Nalan Jia hurriedly bowed and said, "Thank you, Aunt."

Ye Guan hurriedly said, "Aunt, how about me? Give me something, too..."

The woman glanced at him and said, "I have shit; do you want to eat it?"

With that, she turned around and stood next to the Sword Master without even waiting for Ye Guan's reply.

Ye Guan froze and went silent.

The Sword Master chortled and said, "All right, let the ceremony begin!"

Ye Guan nodded. He held Nalan Jia's hand tightly; they were about to bow when—

"Haha!"

A peal of boisterous laughter echoed as a massive rift in spacetime appeared above everyone. A young man walked out of the rift, and his appearance caused the entire world to appear illusory. He was none other than Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao!

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao looked around and laughed. "Perfect! Everyone's here. This is really great! This means I can destroy you all at the same time. Hahaha!"

Chapter 302: Qing'er Babysits!

The surrounding spacetime quivered violently as Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's voice echoed throughout Nanzhou. Spacetime rifts manifested above Ancient Desolate City, and twenty elite cultivators walked out of the rift.

Spacetime quivered incessantly and turned illusory, seemingly unable to withstand the gathering of such powerful cultivators.

Everyone was shocked.

They were Great Time Sovereigns, and there were twenty of them! However, it seemed that the procession wasn't over just yet as twenty Ordinary Great Sovereigns and dozens of Divine Sovereigns walked out of the rift.

In total, there were more than a hundred elite cultivators. It was a horrifying line-up!

Quite a few denizens of the Ancient Desolate City panicked at the sight, and some of them even decisively ran away. However, the cultivators of the Guanxuan Universe and the All Worlds were calm.

Why?

Because the Sword Master was here!

An Nanjing and the others wore strange expressions. They couldn't help but smile dryly at the fact that the Heaven Seizing Clan had chosen the worst day to attack the Guanxuan Universe. If they had chosen another date, it could have been an issue.

Today was different; the Guanyuan Universe didn't have to mobilize as many forces as the Heaven Seizing Clan to defeat the latter.

Ye Guan was surprised to see Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao standing at the helm of the elite cultivators. He truly didn't expect Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao to come here, and he found it a pity that the True Universe hadn't come here.

What a pity... Ye Guan sighed. He had been hoping for the True Universe to come and disturb his wedding. Compared to the Heaven Seizing Clan, he felt that the True Universe was much harder to handle.

"Hahaha!"

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao boisterously laughed as he stared at Ye Guan and smiled. "I brought more than half of my clan's elites. What do you think? This is enough as a show of respect, right?"

More than half? Ye Guan frowned and asked, "Why did you not bring everyone?"

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's eyes narrowed at that. He was about to speak when he realized that something was amiss.

Just then, Ye Guan stood next to a woman in a plain skirt.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao frowned while staring at the woman. For some reason, he felt uneasy staring at the woman, and it was all because he couldn't feel even the faintest trace of her aura.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao had become strong enough to perceive the aura of every cultivator. No one should have been able to hide their aura from him, but he truly couldn't sense the woman's aura, which meant that she wasn't simple.

To make matters worse, the plain-skirt lady was staring at him as if she was looking at an ant. Her gaze made Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao feel extremely uncomfortable. A swordsman was standing next to the plain-skirt lady.

The swordsman cast a contemptuous, mocking gaze at him.

Are they not afraid of me? Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao frowned deeply as his anxiety intensified. Just then, he seemed to have sensed something as he looked to the right and saw two swordsmen outside the Ye Residence.

One was wearing a long blue robe, while the other was wearing white clothing embroidered with cloud prints. The two figures also cast mocking gazes upon Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's eyes narrowed. Fuck! So this was all a trap!

He truly didn't expect that he would get trapped in the Guanxuan Universe.

But now, there was no backing out. He had to risk it all.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao pointed at Ye Guan and roared, "Catch him alive! I'll face these four swordsmen myself!"

Boom!

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao circulated the full extent of his cultivation base to suppress the four swordsmen. The fight was going to be one against four, so he had to go all-out. Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao had never been afraid of uneven fights.

The cultivators of the Heaven Seizing Clan rushed toward Ye Guan.

They moved the fastest they had ever moved, and they cast the most powerful attack of their lives.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao had warned them not to underestimate Ye Guan, so they had long decided that once they attacked, they had to give it their all and kill Ye Guan in one shot!

Meanwhile, the cultivators of the Yang Family remained unmoving above the clouds.

The cultivators of the Heaven Seizing Clan moved fast, and they arrived in front of the Ye Residence in the proverbial blink of an eye.

Just then, the plain-skirt lady lifted her head.

Spurt!

An inexplicable scene transpired—hundreds of heads flew into the air at the same time, spraying blood everywhere. Dull thuds echoed afterward, and the onlookers snapped out of their daze.

Pin-drop silence descended as the onlookers stared in absolute disbelief.

They're all Great Sovereigns, but they died... just like that? What the fuck?

The mighty Great Sovereigns couldn't even fight back.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao looked as if he had been struck by a bolt of lightning.

He froze and went silent, but his mind was anything but silent. They're dead? They died in an instant?!

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's eyes filled with horror, and his voice was trembling as he stammered, "Y-y-you... who are you?"

The plain-skirt lady stared quietly at Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao.

She was staring at him as if she was looking at an ant.

The plain-skirt lady's contemptuous gaze infuriated Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao, and he roared, "How dare you look down on me!"

He clenched his right fist, and an indescribable, powerful aura surged out of him. The surrounding spacetime seemed to pulsate beneath the influence of his aura.

The onlookers held their breaths, thinking that Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was about to attack, but he turned around and tore a rift in spacetime before decisively jumping into it.

The onlookers were speechless. He ran away?

Ye Guan was stunned as well. He thought that Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao would throw all caution to the wind and attack, so he was caught off guard when Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao tucked his tail between his legs and ran.

This is absurd! Ye Guan couldn't let Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao live to see another day because he would certainly become a massive headache. With that in mind, Ye Guan turned to his plain-skirt aunt and said, "Aunt..."

The plain-skirt lady turned to look at him and said, "Can't catch up to him."

You can't catch up to him? Ye Guan's expression darkened. Are you pulling my leg?! Who in the vast expanse is fast enough to escape from you?

Ye Guan turned to look at his father.

The Sword Master blinked innocently, but he sounded serious as he said, "He's too fast. I can't catch up to him as well."

Ye Guan went silent. Damn it!

Ye Guan wasn't born yesterday, so he knew that his father and his aunt had basically told him to go and deal with Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao by himself. Ye Guan couldn't believe that they had left him with a big headache to deal with again.

The Sword Master smiled and changed the topic. "We should begin."

Ye Guan felt helpless.

Qin Guan suddenly called out, "Wait!"

The Sword Master looked at her in confusion.

Qin Guan rolled her eyes and said, "Little Jia's parents aren't here yet."

She then looked at Nalan Ming and smiled. "Please come up here and sit with us."

Someone brought two chairs next to Qin Guan.

Nalan Ming and his wife were stunned. They never thought that Qin Guan would let them sit in the front with them and allow them to receive Ye Guan and Nalan Jia's bows.

Nalan Ming hurriedly said, "Pavilion Master Qin, it's fine. We'll just stand."

Qin Guan smiled and said, "Today, we aren't such prestigious figures. We're just Little Jia and Little Guan's parents. Please have a seat. Let's not keep them from their bedroom any longer."

Hahaha!

Laughter erupted from the crowd.

Ye Guan chuckled while Nalan Jia's ears and cheeks turned red. Nalan Jia pinched Ye Guan's palm upon hearing the latter laugh.

Nalan Ming chuckled and relented. He held the hand of his beautiful wife and sat in front of Ye Guan and Nalan Jia. However, they were still a bit nervous. After all, they were sitting next to the Sword Master and Pavilion Master Qin!

Just then, Ye Xiao chuckled and exclaimed, "Bow to Heaven and Earth!"

"No need!" The Heavenly Dao of Nanzhou peeked out of the clouds above the Ye Residence and said, "There's no need to bow toward me..."

Everyone laughed boisterously at the Heavenly Dao's words. Ye Guan and Nalan Jia were basically the masters of the Guanxuan Universe, so the Heavenly Dao of Nanzhou wasn't bold enough to make them bow toward it.

Moreover, the Sword Master and Qin Guan were here.

However, Ye Guan didn't think too much about it. He brought Nalan Jia with him and bowed. They still had to go through the formalities, after all. As for status, he had never thought of himself as above others.

After seeing them bow to Heaven and Earth, Ye Xiao said, "Bow to the parents."

Ye Guan and Nalan Jia turned around and slowly bowed to the four elders. Looking at the couple, Qin Guan and the Sword Master exchanged smiles and glanced at each other. The Sword Master quietly held Qin Guan's hand.

"Bow to each other as a couple!"

Ye Guan and Nalan Jia faced each other and bowed slowly to each other.

Ye Xiao laughed heartily and shouted, "Escort them to the bridal chamber!"

Nalan Jia's red ears turned a shade redder. Thankfully, there was a red veil covering her face, so no one could see her flushed face and red ears.

Ye Guan chuckled and pulled Nalan Jia away.

However, he seemed to have thought of something as he turned to his parents and aunt with a worried look.

The Sword Master smiled and said, "Go ahead!"

Ye Guan hesitated before staring at his plain-skirt aunt and asking, "Aunt, are all of you still going to fight each other?"

The plain-skirt lady nodded without saying anything.

Ye Guan chuckled bitterly.

The plain-skirt lady stood up and started walking away.

Just then, the Sword Master grabbed her hand and looked at her quietly.

The plain-skirt lady smiled and said, "It's fine."

With that, she turned and started walking away.

The Sword Master called out, "Wait!"

The plain-skirt lady turned to look at the Sword Master. "Don't worry."

The Sword Master smiled and said, "I'm not worried; I just want you to help me with one thing."

The plain-skirt lady nodded. "Sure."

The Sword Master turned to the blue-robed man and the Unfettered Swordsman before saying, "Father, Big Brother, don't worry and just go ahead! Once everything is settled, I'll come and look for you two!"

The blue-robed man smiled and glanced at the Unfettered Swordsman. The Unfettered Swordsman nodded, and the two turned into a ray of sword light that disappeared into the distant horizon.

The Sword Master's expression was somewhat solemn, worry flashed in his eyes.

Qin Guan held his hand tightly and whispered, "It'll be fine."

The Sword Master turned toward the vast expanse and said, "It's hard to say..."

Qin Guan was momentarily stunned, and then her expression turned solemn soon afterward. The Sword Master was extremely worried. He turned to Ye Guan and sighed to himself.

He had to take responsibility, and he couldn't just leave everything to the plain-skirt lady.

He had suffered back then, and he couldn't let his son go through the same hardships.

The Sword Master walked up to Ye Guan, and he smiled upon seeing Ye Guan's worried face.

"Don't overthink it. I'm still around, and I'll deal with it myself!"

"Okay, " Ye Guan said. He liked how his father had said that he would deal with it himself.

The Sword Master laughed heartily before turning to look at the plain-skirt lady. "Qing'er, this brat needs a ton of experience, and I'm thinking of making him cultivate in the Chaotic Star World. I'm worried about the idea of letting him go there by himself, so I want you to help me by babysitting him. Can you do it for me?"

Babysitting? The plain-skirt lady's expression stiffened.

Ye Guan was astonished, and he hurriedly asked, "Senior, what's the Chaotic Star World?"

The mysterious lady explained, "It's a dangerous world filled with perils that even Great Sovereigns would be hard-pressed to survive. Congratulations, you're entering the big stage. Unfortunately, you'll be in extreme danger this time, and I mean it."

"It's fine!" Little Pagoda called out and said, "Someone's going to babysit him!"

The mysterious lady had no idea what to say to that.

Chapter 303: Talk About It Next Time

The plain-skirt lady quietly stared at Ye Guan. Her thoughts were inscrutable, so it was difficult to see whether she had decided to agree to the Sword Master's request or not.

Ye Guan was surprised. He didn't expect that his father would ask for such a thing.

It was a welcome surprise because his aunt was an extremely powerful supreme elite. Ye Guan felt safe staying around such a powerful supreme elite. In fact, Ye Guan felt that he and his aunt could defeat even the Sword Master.

The Sword Master shook his head and laughed in the face of the plain-skirt lady's silence. They were siblings, so it wasn't that difficult for him to deduce her thoughts.

The Sword Master grabbed her hand and said gently, "Qing'er, I don't feel at ease about the idea of letting someone else take him there. Do me this favor once, will you?"

The plain-skirt lady nodded lightly and agreed. "Okay!"

She would never say no to any of his requests. In fact, she would kill herself without hesitation so long as the Sword Master demanded it. Of course, the same was true for the Sword Master.

The plain-skirt lady suddenly asked, "How long should I take care of him?"

The Sword Master pondered briefly before saying, "Until he becomes a Great Sovereign. What do you think?"

The plain-skirt lady glanced sideways at Ye Guan before saying, "Okay."

The Sword Master grinned. He looked at Ye Guan and said, "Listen to your aunt and focus on cultivating!"

Ye Guan nodded repeatedly as if he were a chicken pecking rice. "I will!"

The Sword Master chuckled, but he didn't say any more words before disappearing into thin air with his hand holding Qin Guan's hand.

The wedding was over, so the crowd had dispersed.

Soon, Ye Guan, Nalan Jia, and the plain-skirt lady were left all alone.

The plain-skirt lady stared deeply at Ye Guan and said, "I'll give you half an hour to consummate your marriage. Hurry up."

Ye Guan had no idea what to say.

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Meanwhile, the Sword Master and Qin Guan were strolling among the stars in a certain corner of the vast expanse.

Qin Guan asked, "You're trying to prevent a war from breaking out?"

"I just have to stop Qing'er from making a move," the Sword Master said with a nod before explaining, "Even if Father and Big Brother spar with each other, they won't end up fighting to the death because their goal is to kill Qing'er, or perhaps they want to die at Qing'er's hands."

Qin Guan asked, "Is it because she defeated them at the time?"

The Sword Master nodded.

"I believe Lady Qing'er saw through your intentions," Qin Guan remarked.

"I agree." The Sword Master smiled and said, "She's so smart, so—"

The Sword Master caught himself in time and shook his head before saying, "No, I think she just doesn't want to say no to me."

"You know it's not a long-term solution, right?" Qin Guan asked.

The Sword Master nodded lightly and said, "Let's just keep on buying time and cross the bridge when we get there."

Worry flashed past Qin Guan's eyes as she said, "I'm just worried that she'll weaken our Little Guan's Dao Heart."

The Sword Master laughed and reassured her, “I don’t think that will happen. Our little brat's head between his shoulders is pretty good, and I think he has matured enough. Actually, I'm confident that Qing'er will assuage his arrogance.”

Qin Guan rolled her eyes at him and said, “That's rich coming from someone who's exceedingly arrogant and boastful. So what if he’s arrogant? I don’t think there’s something wrong with that.”

The Sword Master chuckled. It seemed his wife cared more about his son than him.

Well, every parent throughout the vast expanse would have the same attitude as Qin Guan toward their children.

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Ye Guan and Nalan Jia were sitting on the bed while facing each other.

Ye Guan lifted Nalan Jia's red veil, revealing her beautiful face underneath.

Nalan Jia's beauty had always been unparalleled, and the variety of emotions shown in her demeanor, such as shyness, anticipation, and nervousness, made her look even more alluring and charming.

Ye Guan's heart skipped a beat, and his blood started boiling in excitement.

Nalan Jia noticed Ye Guan's rough breathing and muttered, “Ye Guan, you—”

Ye Guan pulled her into a tight embrace, interrupting her sentence.

Nalan Jia's ears and face grew hot and red; she knew what he wanted to do.

“Ye Guan, wait, I have something I have to tell you—”

Ye Guan interrupted her with a trembling voice. "Let's talk about it next time..."

What happened next could be easily deduced...

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A few days later, Ye Guan left Nanzhou with the plain-skirt lady.

Together, they headed toward the Chaotic Star World.

Ye Guan had been in ecstasy over the past three days. His plain-skirt aunt only gave him an additional thirty minutes, but Ye Guan begged for an extra three days. He had already been given an inch, so he would definitely get a beating if he were to demand for a mile.

Ye Guan glanced sideways at the plain-skirt lady and found that she was wearing a plain skirt that made her look modest and elegant at the same time. Of course, the aura she was giving off made her appear withdrawn, but she had always been like that. Ye Guan already knew that she didn't particularly enjoy talking.

Ye Guan asked, "Aunt, Can we go somewhere else first?"

The plain-skirt lady stared quietly at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan felt a bit uneasy in the face of her calm gaze. For some reason, the plain-skirt lady's gaze made Ye Guan feel as if he were naked. He felt like there was nothing he could hide from the plain-skirt lady.

The plain-skirt lady was quiet, but she didn't immediately reject his request. Ye Guan found courage from somewhere and said, "Aunt, I want to go to the Stone Village."

The plain-skirt lady turned, and her gaze pierced the depths of the vast expanse. Of course, she was quiet, and her thoughts were impossible to deduce.

Ye Guan heaved a sigh of relief.

He could somehow feel that there was something on her mind.

Ye Guan enlisted the mysterious lady's help for them to find their way to Stone Village. Ye Guan wanted to travel through spacetime, but the plain-skirt lady grabbed his shoulder, and they were engulfed by a white light.

Upon recovering his vision, Ye Guan saw that they were standing next to a river. He looked around and saw mountains with peaks as sharp as swords piercing the clouds.

A village composed of houses made out of stones could be seen a kilometer away from them. The village was large, and there were tens of thousands of homes inside of the village's walls.

For some reason, Ye Guan could hear deafening explosions from the village.

The houses inside the village alone told Ye Guan that they were staring at none other than the Stone Village.

Ye Guan and the plain-skirt lady walked slowly toward the village.

A powerful aura abruptly swept toward them.

The plain-skirt lady frowned. She pinched her fingers together and was about to take action when the mysterious lady suddenly appeared in front of them. She stared in the direction of the Stone Village and shouted, "I'm one of you!"

The mysterious lady didn't dare to let the plain-skirt lady make a move. She was afraid that the plain-skirt lady would annihilate the entire Stone Village if she were allowed to make a move.

Fortunately, the powerful aura vanished.

It seemed someone had recognized the mysterious lady's aura.

The mysterious lady turned to look at Ye Guan and the plain-skirt lady. "Let's go!"

Ye Guan nodded, and they started walking into Stone Village. Ye Guan instantly noticed many powerful auras in the village, and some of the auras clearly belonged to Great Sovereigns.

He looked into the distance and saw a group of young men standing in a half-squat while waving their arms around. The fist force coming from their fists made the air in front of them tremble beneath the combined power of their fists.

Ye Guan understood it just then. The deafening explosions earlier had come from their fists. Ye Guan stared deeply at them and saw that their auras were strong even though their cultivation bases weren't that high.

Their gazes were sharp, and their killing intent was surprisingly powerful and dense.

A tall middle-aged man was standing in front of them. His back was as straight as a pencil, and his arms were folded in front of his chest.

He swept his fierce eyes across the youths in the clearing, and his voice boomed powerfully as he said, "Martial arts is like building a tall building. A strong foundation is absolutely necessary. If your foundation is weak, you'll eventually collapse.

"Hence, your foundation has to be strong and firm, and it can be done by strengthening your foundation while you're still young. The better your foundation is, the further you can go in the future."

"Sir, yes, sir!" the young men shouted.

Just then, a young man raised his right hand and said, "Martial Instructor, sir! I have a question!"

The tall middle-aged man looked at him and asked, "What is it?"

The young man cupped his fist and asked, "When can I go to the True Universe?"

The tall middle-aged man chuckled and said, "What? You already want to go to the True Universe?"

"Yes," the young man said with a nod before explaining, "I heard that Ye Guan of the Guanxuan Universe is an extremely talented individual. At eighteen years old, he's already strong enough to kill Divine Sovereigns. He's widely acclaimed to be the most talented person throughout this vast expanse, but I'm not convinced.

"I won't be convinced until I fight him!"

Ye Guan cast his gaze on the young man. The young man was an Immortal Realm cultivator; the Immortal Realm was just one cultivation base away from Ye Guan's current realm—Earth Immortal Realm.

Ye Guan deduced that the young man was a force to be reckoned with.

The tall middle-aged man laughed heartily and said, "It's a great thing that you have the courage to challenge him. However, I want you to know that you should never underestimate him.

"He has single-handedly made his way into the True Universe by killing a myriad of young talents. He is unbelievably strong, so I don't want you to underestimate him."

Despite the tall middle-aged man's words, the young man remained indignant.

"Is Ye Guan really that powerful, Martial Instructor, sir?"

The tall middle-aged man nodded and asked back, "Why do you think our True Universe is so wary of him?"

With that, the tall middle-aged man swept his gaze across the youths in front of him and said, "Don't get me wrong, our True Universe is extremely strong. However, we are not invincible. The vast expanse's size is beyond our imagination, so there'll always be people out there who are stronger than you.

"Once you're out there, I want you to lower your head instead of being too full of yourself. I've seen too many people die due to their arrogance."

The youths clenched their fists tightly and didn't say a word.

The tall middle-aged man walked up to the young man and said with a smile, "The True Universe and the Guanxuan Universe are archenemies, but we have to admit that the Guanxuan Universe also has powerful supreme elites.

"For example, Ye Guan is almost unrivaled among the younger generation of our True Universe. It's exactly because of that fact that all of you will have to work even harder. Of course, it's all for the sake of the True God."

The young man nodded and said, "I understand."

"You should go on, then," the middle-aged man said.

With that, the youths continued to cultivate.

Ye Guan took one last glance at them before walking into the distance with the plain-skirt lady. However, the mysterious lady stayed outside of the pagoda rather than returning to the world inside the pagoda.

The mysterious had done it on purpose, as no one could pay the price of provoking the plain-skirt lady. In other words, prevention was better than cure, especially when against the plain-skirt lady.

Ye Guan suddenly asked, "Senior, do you know where she is?"

The mysterious lady replied, "Just walking down this street."

Ye Guan nodded, and he was starting to feel a bit anxious.

Will Ba Wan remember me? Honestly, he had no idea.

"You wild brat!" someone shouted from somewhere, "You've come to steal food again! I'm sure you already know, but I'm going to repeat it again. Your appetite is too big for anyone to satisfy. You're going to drive just about anyone bankrupt!"

Ye Guan turned and saw a young woman running out of a stone house.

The young woman was hugging a sack of sweet potatoes while running away.

"Uncle Lin, I really am starving. Once I'm done with these sweet potatoes, I won't eat any more sweet potatoes for my next meal!" the young woman exclaimed.

Ye Guan froze and stood rooted to the spot upon seeing the young woman.

Chapter 304: Besiege Ye Guan and Plain-skirt Lady

The young woman was wearing a shabby skirt.

Her hair was a little messy, resembling a bird's nest. Her face was covered with charcoal ash, but her eyes were as clear as a placid lake. She was hugging an entire sack of sweet potatoes.

She was obviously hungry because she was taking huge bites of a sweet potato, even though she had yet to clean it.

Seeing that no one was chasing her, she heaved a sigh of relief before sitting at the corner of a street. She continued on taking huge bites of her sweet potato, making her look like she was absolutely starving.

Ye Guan slowly walked up to her. The young woman was stunned to see Ye Guan, but she quickly hugged her sack of sweet potatoes. She cast a wary glance at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan felt a pang of pain in his heart upon seeing her wary gaze toward him.

He crouched and asked softly, "Do you know me?"

The young woman stared at Ye Guan for quite a while before shaking her head.

Ye Guan clenched his fists tightly.

"Will you come with me?" he asked. He extended a trembling right hand toward her.

The young woman stared deeply at him before shaking her head.

Ye Guan fell silent.

After a long while, he took out a large bowl and gave it to her. "This is yours."

The young woman was unwittingly transfixed on the large bowl, and she remained silent as she stared at it.

Ye Guan asked again, "Come with me, please?"

The young woman shook her head and said, "No."

Hearing that, Ye Guan couldn't speak for a while. Eventually, he took out a storage ring and gave it to her. "This ring contains a lot of delicious food, and they're all your favorites. Take this ring and enjoy your food."

The young woman was quiet.

Ye Guan muttered, "I'll get going now, then."

The young woman remained silent.

Sadness flashed past Ye Guan's eyes at the young woman's silence, but he eventually got up to leave.

Just then, the young woman suddenly got up.

Ye Guan stopped in his tracks and turned around to take a look at her. However, the young woman didn't even spare him a glance as she hugged the large bowl and started walking away from Ye Guan.

Ye Guan stared at her departing figure before eventually walking away. The two walked in the opposite direction from each other, and neither of them turned around even once.

The young woman inexplicably started crying, and her tears fell onto the large bowl.

Soon, she found herself standing before a stone hut. She put away the large bowl before entering the hut. The hut contained nothing but four small wooden beds placed flush with each other.

The young woman's gaze turned blank upon seeing the four wooden beds. The memories of her past inundated her, and she realized that she was truly happy at the time.

Just then, a lady slowly walked into the house. It was the mysterious lady.

The mysterious lady said, "He was worried, so he told me to come and see if you needed anything else."

The young woman sat down on the bed before she lay down completely.

She put her arms behind her head and looked at the ceiling in silence.

The mysterious lady walked up to her and lay on the bed as well.

"When did you recover your memories?"

The young woman replied, "I recovered them the moment I saw him.."

The mysterious lady was taken aback.

The young woman explained, "I didn't expect it either."

The mysterious lady asked, "Why did you not leave with him, then?"

The young woman replied, "I loved him, and it taught me a lesson."

The mysterious lady fell silent, unable to refute. She knew that the biggest problem between Ba Wan and Ye Guan was the fact that one of them was a denizen of the True Universe while the other was the King of the Guanxuan Universe.

At the moment, it was a dilemma with no correct answer.

"What about you?" Ba Wan asked, "You've been following him; just what are you planning?"

"What?" the mysterious lady replied blandly, "Are you scared that I might harm him?"

Ba Wan shook her head and said, "Sometimes, you overthink more than Big Sister."

The mysterious lady laughed at that.

Ba Wan suddenly said, "Go on then."

The mysterious lady got up and looked at Ba Wan.

"What about you?" she asked.

Ba Wan said, "I'd like to stay here a little longer."

The mysterious lady nodded lightly and turned around to leave.

Just as she was about to open the door to exit the hut, the mysterious lady recalled something, and she couldn't help but ask, "Did you guys really not use any protection?"

Swoosh!

The mysterious lady's figure blurred to avoid a flying brick. She left a peal of laughter in her wake as she turned into a ray of light that disappeared into the distance.

Left all alone in the stone hut, Ba Wan picked up the large bowl and stared quietly at it for a very long time.

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Ye Guan had been waiting for the mysterious lady's return from the Stone Village.

Soon, the mysterious lady finally returned.

"How was it?" he asked.

The mysterious lady replied, "You don't have to worry about her."

Ye Guan nodded. He wanted to ask more questions, but he realized that there was no need for him to ask so many questions.

With that in mind, Ye Guan's eyes fell on the plain-skirt lady. "Aunt, let's go!"

The plain-skirt lady waved her sleeve, and the two of them vanished into thin air.

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The cultivators of the Heaven Seizing Clan had no choice but to retreat into the boundary in the aftermath of their surprise attack against the Guanxuan Universe.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was the most frustrated out of everyone. He had brought about a hundred elite cultivators of the Heaven Seizing Clan to attack the Guanxuan Universe, but he had to return all by himself without those elite cultivators.

To make matters worse, their failure had made them obtain nothing, but they had also lost roughly seventy percent of the Heaven Seizing Clan's forces.

The entire Heaven Seizing Clan was in shock.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was currently sitting on a random rock in the middle of a chaotic chunk of spacetime. The members of the Heaven Seizing Clan stood quietly behind him.

The clan members had no idea just why Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao had decided to retreat so fast and out of the blue. Afterward, Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao even ceased all communication to focus on his closed-door seclusion.

The expressions of the Heaven Seizing Clan members were sour and heavy. Of course, they also looked a bit afraid. It couldn't be helped because the clan leader had returned to the clan by himself without his crew.

None of them thought that the Guanxuan Universe would end up being so scary. It had to be known that more than ten Great Time Sovereigns had gone with the Clan Leader to the Guanxuan Universe.

In other words, the fact that the clan leader had returned by himself was a huge flag.

The people criticizing Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao had no idea about what had transpired on that day. Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao also didn't tell them about what had happened. In the end, they could only deduce that internal strife had to have broken out while they were traveling toward the Guanxuan Universe.

Boom!

A powerful aura burst out of Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao. The aura was so strong that the members of the Heaven Seizing Clan fell into a daze.

The aura of a Great Destiny Sovereign!

The process didn't end here. Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's aura grew increasingly stronger, and the spacetime around him quivered violently. The members of the Heaven Seizing Clan hurriedly left; they didn't wish to disturb him.

Meanwhile, a Grand Elder of the Heaven Seizing Clan, Heaven Seizing Que, suddenly asked in a low voice, "Did the True Universe end up making any moves against the Guanxuan Universe?"

"No," said an elder in a low voice, "The True Universe didn't attack the Guanxuan Universe. In fact, they immediately pulled out their troops upon hearing that we've decided to attack the Guanxuan Universe."

Heaven Seizing Que's expression turned gloomy. "We've been had."

The expressions of the other elders turned sour as well.

They had truly been bamboozled.

Of course, it wasn't like they were completely faultless.

They had made a mistake by launching an ambush without assessing the situation, which led to them getting bamboozled by the True Universe. Naturally, none of the elders were daring enough to complain as the mission was kickstarted by Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao.

A member of the Heaven Seizing Clan suddenly said, "I received news that Ye Guan is heading to the Chaotic Star World."

Heaven Seizing Que frowned. "Chaotic Star World?"

"Yes."

"What is he going to do there?"

Chaotic Star World was a place that even Great Sovereigns avoided, and it was more special than the Heaven Seizing Clan's boundary of their own universe. Of course, it was a place filled with perils that'd certainly catch anyone by surprise.

The Chaotic Star World was at odds with the True Universe, so the True Universe sent troops to prevent the denizens of the Chaotic Star World from escaping the world. In other words, the entrance to the Chaotic Star World was heavily guarded.

"I don't know..."

"Is he by himself?" Heaven Seizing Que asked.

"It seems like he's gone with a woman wearing a plain skirt."

"A woman?"

"Yes!"

"Are you sure there's no one else?"

"Yes, I'm sure. The Martial Goddess and the other supreme elites of the Guanxuan Universe are on the Xuzhen Battlefield at the moment."

The revelation surprised Heaven Seizing Que, and he paced back and forth for a long time before saying, "We'll get rid of them."

The old man was slightly taken aback.

Heaven Seizing Que exclaimed, "It's an extremely rare opportunity!"

The old man hesitated and asked, "How come?"

Heaven Seizing Que explained, "Think about it: our Heaven Seizing Clan has just suffered a lot against the Guanxuan Universe. Do you really think that the Guanxuan Universe will even think that we're going to attack Ye Guan again so soon?"

The old man fell silent.

Heaven Seizing Que's words made sense, but something felt off.

Heaven Seizing Que continued. "The Guanyuan Universe has gotten too arrogant. Ye Guan has actually decided to head to the Chaotic Star World with just one person! That decision alone is the epitome of arrogance. We should definitely carry out another ambush."

Another ambush! The Heaven Seizing Clan members were shocked.

Having made up his mind, Heaven Seizing Que ordered, "Gather the remaining elite cultivators of our clan; we'll go there and kill him together with that woman."

The old man hesitated for a while before saying, "Pardon me, Grand Elder, but I really think that there's something weird about all this. Shouldn't we wait for our clan leader to come out of closed-door seclusion before we make a decision?"

"Why should we wait?" Heaven Seizing Que was furious, and he yelled, "This is an extremely rare opportunity for our clan! If we miss this chance, it'll be extremely hard for us to try and kill Ye Guan once he's back at the Guanyuan Universe."

The old man wanted to say something, but Heaven Seizing Que said, "Are you scared, Heaven Seizing Lie?"

Heaven Seizing Lie replied in a low voice, "I just think that this matter is of huge importance, and we should let our clan leader decide our next course of action."

Heaven Seizing Que's voice sounded cold as he said, "The Clan Leader is in closed-door cultivation at the moment, do you even have the guts to disturb him? I know that you're familiar with his personality.

"If Clan Leader were in my shoes, he would definitely even up creating the same plan as mine."

The Heaven Seizing Clan members went silent because Heaven Seizing Que was right. Their clan leader would definitely approve of such a strategy if he were in Heaven Seizing Que's shoes.

"Heaven Seizing Lie," Heaven Seizing Que said before continuing, "There are only two of them. Think about it: even if that plain-skirt lady is strong, she'll just be a Great Time Sovereign at best. If I were to exaggerate, she would be a Great Destiny Sovereign."

"We still have two Great Destiny Sovereigns on our side. The plain-skirt lady is as good as dead; we just have to besiege her."

Heaven Seizing Lie was silent. He was cautious and meticulous, so he preferred waiting for Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's decision upon coming out of closed-door seclusion.

Just then, Heaven Seizing Que said, "How can we achieve great things if we keep on staying passive?"

"Yes, I think we should give it a shot," said another member of the Heaven Seizing Clan, "Our opponents are just Ye Guan and a woman wearing a plain skirt. Ye Guan is extremely talented, but he's much too young. There's no way he can defeat us."

"As for that plain-skirt lady..." Heaven Seizing Que trailed off. He waved his hand dismissively before saying, "I'll deal with her myself! Anyway, we must not lose this rare opportunity. Let's go!"

With that, the remaining elites of the Heaven Seizing Clan took to the skies with Heaven Seizing Que. Of course, Heaven Seizing Que brought the Heaven Seizing Clan's remaining two Great Destiny Sovereigns with him.

Soon, hundreds of beams of light flew across the vast expanse, and they all headed straight to Ye Guan and the plain-skirt lady.

Chapter 305: Woman, Do You Have Balls to Fight Me?

Ye Guan went quiet after leaving Stone Village. A frown marred his face, and it seemed as though many things were weighing on his mind. Unbeknownst to others, he had realized that Ba Wan had recognized him the moment their gazes met.

However, Ba Wan had chosen to act otherwise.

Ye Guan couldn't do anything about it; he couldn't force her into doing something that she didn't want to do.

Just then, the mysterious lady said, "Don't dwell on it. Focus on cultivating and becoming even stronger."

Ye Guan nodded. "Okay."

The mysterious lady was right; his priority was to become even stronger.

He only had one year left until his duel against the Adjudication Sword Master. He had challenged her, so if he failed to beat her by then, he would embarrass not just himself but the entire Guanxuan Universe.

After all, he was the representative of the entire Guanxuan Universe.

Ye Guan seemed to have recalled something as he made a sidelong glance toward his plain-skirt aunt. She had been withdrawn all this while, and she had never spoken unless Ye Guan had taken the initiative to speak.

No, this won't do. I have to make her talk to me so that our nephew-aunt relationship will improve. Ye Guan pondered briefly as he said, "Aunt, Little Pagoda often tells me things about you."

Little Pagoda instantly broke out into a cold sweat. He started trembling out of nervousness, knowing that he would get wiped off the face of this world if his Little Master replied with nonsense.

The plain-skirt lady stared at Ye Guan and asked calmly, "What has he said about me?"

"He said that you never had to use a second move to kill. Is it true?"

"What do you think?"

"You probably don't even need a second move to destroy universes, not to mention kill cultivators. I think you're just that strong, Aunt."

"You're mistaken," the plain-skirt lady said.

Ye Guan froze and went silent.

The plain-skirt lady added, "You were mistaken by using the word probably."

Ye Guan's expression stiffened while Little Pagoda was rendered speechless.

"When do you plan on becoming a Great Sovereign?" asked the plain-skirt lady.

"I'm planning on taking my time," Ye Guan replied and explained, "If I take my time, we'll be able to stay together for much longer, which means I'll inevitably learn a lot from you. Father will visit me more often as well with you next to me."

The plain-skirt lady went quiet at Ye Guan's remark.

Ye Guan suddenly said, "Aunt, I have a sword technique that I'd like to show you. Can you take a look at it and give me some pointers?"

Ye Guan opened his palm, and a sword manifested in his hand.

He didn't wait for the plain-skirt lady's reply. He took a stance with his sword and thrust it forward.

Boom!

The spacetime at the tip of his sword collapsed; it was a sword move emblazoned with the power of the Sword Dao!

Ye Guan had derived the sword technique from the Palm Dao, which was a martial skill described in the True God Dao Manual.

Each sword was a Dao, and each Dao was a sword. In other words, Ye Guan's each and every sword move would be emblazoned with his faith in his Invincible Sword Dao, making each move incomparably powerful. In fact, Ye Guan reckoned that only Great Sovereigns and above could withstand such attacks.

Ye Guan's eyes were full of anticipation as he turned to look at the plain-skirt lady, but the plain-skirt lady was silent. The light in her eyes hadn't changed at all.

Ye Guan felt a bit nervous. "Was it no good at all?"

The plain-skirt lady decided to be frank, but she faltered upon noticing Ye Guan's nervousness. Ye Guan truly resembled her older brother, so her heart softened upon seeing his trepidation. Her gaze softened, and she decided to rephrase her words.

"You're only eighteen years old, but your Sword Dao Faith is already so strong. You have to know that a swordsman with such resolute and powerful Sword Dao Faith is incredibly rare, even millions of years ago," said the plain-skirt lady.

Ye Guan was thrilled and happy.

He felt great upon hearing such a high evaluation from his almighty aunt.

However, the plain-skirt lady added, "Unfortunately, your Sword Dao still has many flaws."

Ye Guan hurriedly asked, "What flaws?"

The plain-skirt lady asked, "Is becoming invincible your goal?"

Ye Guan nodded.

The plain-skirt lady asked, "In your eyes, what does invincibility mean?"

"No one can kill me, while I can kill everyone," Ye Guan replied.

The plain-skirt lady shook her head and went silent.

Ye Guan quickly asked, "What's wrong?"

The plain-skirt lady said, "The way you described invincibility makes you sound like you're just a newborn calf unafraid of tigers."

"Are you saying that my wish to become invincible was just born out of ignorance because I still haven't fought those who are truly powerful?"

"Why are newborn calves unafraid of tigers? It's because they're young and have no clue of the dangers of this world. They do not know the extent of a tiger's strength, but once they see the ferocity of a tiger, will they become afraid of tigers?"

Ye Guan fell silent.

"If a newborn calf remains unafraid of tigers and still dreams of defeating them despite seeing the ferocity of such tigers, it means their courage is truly rare and valuable.

"In other words, if your faith remains stable and unshaken despite fighting against someone who is truly powerful, we can then say that your faith in your Sword Dao has truly been proven.

"It is not commendable to dream of climbing the heavens, but it is commendable to actually attempt to climb the heavens despite knowing its true height," said the plain-skirt lady.

"Was that why Father asked you to train me?" Ye Guan asked.

The plain-skirt lady nodded and said, "It is one of the reasons, yes."

"I will definitely learn as much as I can from you, then, Aunt!"

"You're already doing great."

Ye Guan was delighted to hear that.

However, the plain-skirt lady added, "Of course, my brother was still a bit better than you when he was your age."

Ye Guan's expression froze. Why are you praising Father in front of me?

Little Pagoda was speechless. In his own opinion, Ye Guan's aptitude for cultivation had definitely exceeded that of the Sword Master. Ye Guan was definitely the most talented among the three generations of the Yang Family.

Little Pagoda thought about it and realized that Destiny would always think of his brother as the best, so it made complete sense.

The plain-skirt lady suddenly asked, "Where is the Chaotic Star World?"

The mysterious lady replied, "Go north."

The plain-skirt lady nodded lightly. She grabbed Ye Guan's shoulder, and the spacetime in front of them turned illusory. Soon, the spacetime before Ye Guan peeled away, creating a terrifying scene that forced Ye Guan to close his eyes.

Moments later, everything returned to normal. Ye Guan opened his eyes and found that he was staring at a magnificent and seemingly endless stretch of starry skies.

He couldn't hear any noises aside from his own breathing and the pounding of his heart, which made the scenery eerie, even though it was picturesque.

Ye Guan's eyes soon landed on a shining door that spanned a few million kilometers in width and height. It was a surreal sight. Ye Guan took a closer look and discovered squirming runes on the door; it seemed the door itself was made out of inscrutable, ancient runes that were giving off an extremely terrifying energy undulation.

Ye Guan realized that he was staring at the door to the Chaotic Star Sea, and he reeled in shock. He was sure that there was a significant distance between Stone Village and this place, but his aunt managed to bring him here in just a few seconds.

It was so absurd that Ye Guan couldn't quite believe it.

Just then, the mysterious lady said, "The Expedition Army was once here to conquer the Chaotic Star World."

"And they failed?" Ye Guan asked.

"Yes," the mysterious lady said before explaining, "The Chaotic Star World is more dangerous than the Heaven Seizing Universe's boundary because of the tribulations that exist in the Chaotic Star World. A great example of this is the Three Calamities and Three Tribulations for Great Sovereigns.

"The terrifying Destiny Tribulation can also be found in the Chaotic Star World, and as its name says, it's a tribulation that those who want to become Great Destiny Sovereigns will have to withstand.

"The existence of these tribulations and calamities is the reason the Chaotic Star World is frequented by those who want to become even stronger, as these calamities and tribulations are rare outside the Chaotic Star World."

"Rare?" Ye Guan's curiosity was piqued. "Why are there so many of them here, then?"

"It's all because this place is special," the mysterious lady explained, "The Chaotic Star World was the final sanctuary of the remnants of the civilization that the Divine Dao Civilization had replaced. The remnants were forced to retreat here, and they built many terrifying tribulation arrays.

"At first, the tribulation arrays were under their control, but the arrays went out of control for some reason."

"Out of control?" Ye Guan asked.

"Yes, and the existence of those tribulation arrays is the reason this place has become such a terrifying place. The tribulation arrays here can descend upon anyone at any time.

"However, those strong enough to survive such tribulations and calamities will always end up becoming significantly stronger than before they decided to visit the Chaotic Star World."

"So the tribulations and calamities were the reason the Expedition Army had failed to conquer the Chaotic Star World?" Ye Guan asked.

"Yes, you could say that. Even experts stronger than the troops of the Expedition Army will find it difficult to adjust to so many calamities and tribulations. Of course, the denizens of the Chaotic Star World had also fought fiercely against the Expedition Army, and I'll let you know that they're extremely strong.

"Tempered by the harsh environment of perpetual calamities and tribulations, the denizens here are beyond your imagination. They're also exceedingly ruthless, which makes sense considering their environment," said the mysterious lady.

"Have they never thought about leaving?"

"Of course, they had contemplated leaving. In fact, I remember that they had created a team of supreme elites to fight their way out. However, they would lose their terrain advantage outside the Chaotic Star World, which means the Expedition Army had been consistently pushing them back into the Chaotic Star World.

"In the end, the True Universe concluded that the Chaotic Star World is too weak to defeat the troops of the Expedition Army outside the Chaotic Star World."

Ye Guan fell silent at that. Honestly, if it hadn't been for Ye Guan's family, the Guanyuan Universe would have long fallen against the True Universe.

The mysterious lady continued. "Your father did the right thing by making you train here. You'll achieve tremendous growth here."

Ye Guan nodded in agreement, and he couldn't help but feel excited at the challenges that he would inevitably have to face in the Chaotic Star World.

Just then, the plain-skirt lady said, "Let's go."

With that, she started walking toward the shining door.

Ye Guan followed closely behind her.

Rumble!

The spacetime behind Ye Guan and the plain-skirt lady was abruptly torn open, and almost a hundred powerful auras surged out of the rift, hitting Ye Guan in the back.

Ye Guan frowned and turned around to see members of the Heaven Seizing Clan walking out of a spacetime rift. Ye Guan was taken aback, and he couldn't quite believe the sight before him. Is the Heaven Seizing Clan filled with a bunch of madmen? They've come knocking on my doors again despite that harsh lesson!

Heaven Seizing Que cackled maniacally upon seeing Ye Guan and the plain-skirt lady. Ye Guan had gotten too careless, and he had decided to bring only one person with him. Heaven Seizing Que was convinced Ye Guan's carelessness was born from his arrogance.

The other members of the Heaven Seizing Clan smiled. They would have been afraid if the supreme elites of the Guanyuan Universe were here, but there wasn't anyone else here aside from Ye Guan and a woman wearing a plain skirt!

This is going to be like taking candy from a baby!

Heaven Seizing Que's gaze landed on the plain-skirt lady.

He stared deeply at her before glancing at his men and saying, "Go for Ye Guan's head. Remember, do not hold back and attack him together. I'll deal with this woman, and I'll let her see what it means to be a Great Sovereign!"

Heaven Seizing Que took a step forward, and a dull roar echoed from him as his aura surged crazily. He beckoned at the plain skirt lady with his hand and said mockingly, "Woman, do you have balls to fight me—a mighty Great Sovereign?"

Chapter 306: I Want You to Point at Where You Had Come From!

Heaven Seizing Que's voice boomed powerfully, and his voice alone made the starry skies quiver ever so slightly. His domineering Great Sovereign aura swept across the starry skies as it surged crazily.

The members of the Heaven Seizing Clan decisively rushed toward Ye Guan, and Ye Guan was shocked to find that the two cultivators at the helm of the group were Great Destiny Sovereigns.

The terrifying auras of the two Great Destiny Sovereigns locked onto Ye Guan. They were considered to be one of the most terrifying beings throughout the vast expanse, while Ye Guan was just an Earth Immortal Realm cultivator. He was like a paltry ant against the two Great Destiny Sovereigns, seemingly incapable of fighting back.

Heaven Seizing Que had decided to mobilize almost a hundred of the Heaven Seizing Clan's powerhouses along with two Great Destiny Sovereigns. Clearly, they were resolved to kill Ye Guan, and they didn't want any mistakes to happen.

They had to get rid of him today to prevent any future disasters from happening to the Heaven Seizing Clan.

Meanwhile, Heaven Seizing Que's gaze was fixed on the plain-skirt lady. His killing intent pervaded the air, but he didn't make a move because his goal was to keep the plain-skirt lady occupied while the rest of the clan members were busy against Ye Guan. If she made a move, he would also make a move.

Of course, he was extremely wary. He didn't dare to underestimate her. After all, Ye Guan's status was special, so his bodyguard had to be an extraordinary figure. Still, Heaven Seizing Que wasn't afraid—there were just too many of them.

However, Ye Guan remained calm. His aunt's figure seemed to grant him a huge sense of security. The plain-skirt lady stared at the oncoming Great Destiny Sovereigns and flicked her fingers.

Snap!

A ray of sword light flashed, and about a hundred heads went flying. The headless corpses of the heads seemed unaware that they had already perished as they were still in a mad dash toward Ye Guan, which created a horrifying scene.

Heaven Seizing Que looked like he had been struck by lightning. He stood rooted, and his eyes were wide open in disbelief. The incongruous sight looked like absolute nonsense to him, and his brain couldn't quite comprehend it.

However, the reality was harsh, and roughly a hundred elites of the Heaven Seizing Clan had indeed perished with just one sword move from the plain-skirt lady. Of course, the two Great Destiny Sovereigns had perished as well.

Heaven Seizing Que's figure quivered like an aspen tree as he stammered, “H-h-how is this... h-h-how is this possible...?”

He was dreaming. This was simply possible, so he had to be dreaming.

A Great Destiny Sovereign was killed in an instant? Is that even possible?

Unfortunately, Heaven Seizing Que had no choice but to accept the cold reality. It was then that he finally understood how the powerhouses of the Heaven Seizing Clan had perished on that day.

Their deaths had been mysterious because they didn't manage to create any waves, but it turned out that they had perished in an instant—the plain-skirt lady before him had killed those powerhouses in just one move.

Doomed—he was doomed!

Heaven Seizing Que's face turned ashen.

He stared at the plain-skirt lady in horror as if he were staring at a ghost.

The plain-skirt lady's strength far exceeded his imagination.

Ye Guan was also shocked. He had already witnessed the power of his plain-skirt aunt back in Nanzhou, but he still couldn't quite get over his plain-skirt aunt's prowess despite seeing it many times before.

Just then, he finally realized just how big the prank his Master Pagoda had pulled on him.

My aunt is a Great Sword Immortal? A Great Sword Immortal, my ass!

The plain-skirt lady stared coldly at Heaven Seizing Que and asked, "I want you to point at where you had come from!"

Heaven Seizing Que turned deathly pale, but he remained defiant. "I won't tell you even if you kill me!"

Ye Guan pointed at the right and chimed in, "Aunt, he came from that way!"

Heaven Seizing Que was rendered speechless.

The plain-skirt lady quietly put two of her fingers together before slashing out in the direction Ye Guan had pointed out for her.

Hum!

The Path Sword in Ye Guan let out a resonant hum and flew out.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was in the middle of his closed-door seclusion when he noticed something off. His eyes shot wide open, and his face changed drastically upon looking up.

His figure blurred, and he rushed out of the Heaven Seizing World without an ounce of hesitation.

Just then, a sword descended and struck the Heaven Seizing World.

BOOM!

A cataclysmic explosion reverberated as the Heaven Seizing World was torn into pieces. The plain-skirt lady had swung her finger sword without much thought, but the resulting move was still powerful enough to annihilate an entire world!

No, it wasn't just the Heaven Seizing World. The boundary next to it was obliterated as well, leaving Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao to stare dumbfoundedly at where the Heaven Seizing World and the boundary once floated.

Heaven Seizing World is gone? Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's mind buzzed, and a bout of dizziness struck him.

Swoosh!

An old man appeared beside him. The old man was Heaven Seizing Lie; he was the one who had decided not to follow Heaven Seizing Que in hunting Ye Guan down.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao turned and roared, "What the hell happened?!"

Heaven Seizing Lie hesitated for a while before he told Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao about Heaven Seizing Que's plans. Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was beyond infuriated upon hearing that Heaven Seizing Que had actually decided to besiege the plain-skirt lady along with Ye Guan.

"What the fuck is wrong with that idiot?! His ancestors are a bunch of fuckers for nurturing such a dumbass!"

Heaven Seizing Lie went silent at that, but he really wanted to tell his clan leader that he was Heaven Seizing Que's ancestor. However, Heaven Seizing Lie decided not to express his thoughts. Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was extremely furious at the moment, so it'd be wise not to provoke him. Otherwise, Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao would vent his anger out on him.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao's face was flushed red in fury.

He truly didn't expect that Heaven Seizing Que would bring the elites of the Heaven Seizing Clan with him to chase after Ye Guan. In addition, Heaven Seizing Que had even done it arbitrarily.

"That idiot!" Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao cursed, feeling like he was about to explode from all the fury that had accumulated in him.

The Guanyuan Universe had killed many of his clan members, but they didn't wipe out his entire clan. In other words, they would eventually recover given enough time, but Heaven Seizing Que had just doomed the entire clan.

Damn it! How do I have such a dumb clan member?

He was seriously at his wit's end.

Heaven Seizing Lie asked hesitantly, "Clan Leader, what should we do?"

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was silent, and a gloomy expression suffused his face. His original plan was to rebuild the clan, but the clan was no more, and even their headquarters was gone.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao was angry, but his dread was stronger than his fury.

Time seemed to have come to a standstill when Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao saw that oncoming sword earlier. A single glance was enough for him to determine that he would die if even the shockwaves of the oncoming attack managed to hit him.

He had escaped with his life by running with all his might.

The plain-skirt lady's prowess was simply out of this world.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao finally spoke, "Are there any survivors?"

"The young talents of our clan weren't in the Heaven Seizing World. They went outside to cultivate and train, but there aren't that many of them," Heaven Seizing Lie said in a low voice.

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao closed his eyes slowly. His eyes remained shut for quite a while before he said, "Take them with you and find somewhere else to start anew. Change their first and last names, and then help them become stronger."

Heaven Seizing Lie nodded and said, "I understand."

Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao muttered, "I was supposed to become even stronger during this reincarnation, but it seems that the opposite has happened."

Heaven Seizing Lie sighed under his breath.

The Heaven Seizing Clan was no more!

"I guess I have to take things more seriously now," Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao said. He then grabbed Heaven Seizing Lie and disappeared into thin air.

Not long after they left, a light spot appeared near the annihilated boundary.

A white-robed woman emerged from the light spot. She was a beautiful woman capable of taking just about anyone's breath away. She looked around with a frown and muttered, "I wonder who annihilated this world and its boundary..."

A green-robed woman emerged from the light spot, and she was as beautiful as the white-robed lady. She looked around and smiled before saying, "Sister, I think we're in the Divine Dao Universe—the universe our ancestors always talk about."

"Hm," the white-robed woman pondered briefly before saying, "I'm not sure."

The green-robed woman asked, "Should I tell our clan members about this discovery?"

"Not yet," the white-robed woman shook her head and said, "Let's get a better understanding of this place first. If we tell our clan members about this discovery, we might end up attracting trouble once they come here."

The green-robed woman revealed a proud smile and said, "We're members of the Zhantai Clan; should we even be afraid of anyone?"

The white-robed woman frowned and said, "I've told you this many times, but we must not underestimate anyone. Why won't you listen to me?"

The green-robed woman giggled and stuck her tongue out, saying, "All right, all right. I'll listen to everything you say."

The white-robed woman rolled her eyes before saying in a serious tone of voice, "I want you to think about it. What do you think it means for someone to wipe out an entire world along with its boundary? It means that the perpetrator must be an extremely terrifying existence. Back then, even our ancestors couldn't do this."

The green-robed woman's expression turned heavy.

The white-robed woman looked around carefully before saying, "Come on, then. Let's look around."

With that, the two transformed into streams of light that disappeared somewhere.

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Left Councilor Feng Qi and Martial Chancellor were sitting across each other with grim expressions. They had just received news about the destruction of the Heaven Seizing World.

Left Councilor Feng Qi said, "Sovereign Heaven Seizing Dao brought almost a hundred members of the Heaven Seizing Clan to the Ye Residence, and they ended up being at the hands of a woman wearing a plain skirt. The same woman has just obliterated the Heaven Seizing World."

Left Councilor Feng Qi looked worried as she added, "We've truly underestimated the Guanyuan Universe's strength, especially the strength of that plain-skirt lady."

"It can't be helped..." Martial Chancellor Wu Qi trailed off before saying, "The same plain-skirt lady was in that war thirty million years ago, and she stood next to the Sword Master. However, she never made a move throughout the war, so we had no idea about the extent of her prowess."

"Who could have known that she was this powerful all along?"

Left Councilor Feng Qi replied, "I think she wanted to help the Sword Master achieve Divine Transcendence at the time. It might be the reason she didn't make any moves throughout the war."

Martial Chancellor Wu Qi went silent.

Left Councilor Feng Qi suddenly stood up and said, "The Guanxuan Universe is much more powerful than what we previously thought. We have to make a report for the True God to peruse."

With that, she turned around and left the True God Hall.

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The plain-skirt lady opened her palm.

The Path Sword flew to her hand, and she put it away.

Ye Guan froze and stammered, "A-Aunt, the sword..."

"Oh, I forgot," the plain-skirt lady replied. She took out the Path Sword and gave it back to Ye Guan.

Ye Guan immediately put it away. He didn't want to rely heavily on the Path Sword, but it was still essential to him. Of course, he had the right to decide whether he would use the Path Sword or not.

"Let's go!" said the plain-skirt lady before she started walking toward the shining door.

"Aunt, the Heaven Seizing World—" Ye Guan started.

"Is gone!" the plain-skirt lady said, finishing Ye Guan's sentence.

Gone?! Ye Guan was beyond stupefied. A sword move had actually completely obliterated the Heaven Seizing World?! He couldn't quite believe it, but a thought popped up in his mind, and he hurriedly said, "Aunt, I know where the True World is!"

Little Pagoda was rendered speechless.

Chapter 307: It Is Auntie's Fault For Being So Powerful

The plain-skirt lady was stunned upon hearing Ye Guan's words.

Meanwhile, the mysterious lady turned to Little Pagoda and said, "At this rate, he's going to end up as a freeloading, lazy bum."

Little Pagoda said, "I also think that he's going to get addicted to asking for help."

The plain-skirt lady stared silently at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan felt slightly guilty under her gaze. "Aunt?"

The plain-skirt lady extended her palm, and the Path Sword appeared in her hands.

Without wasting any time, she slammed the sword on Ye Guan's right arm.

Crack!

A crisp noise echoed, and Ye Guan's face changed drastically. Veins bulged all over him, and his blood vessels looked like they were on the verge of exploding. Even more terrifying than the pain was that he felt as though his soul was being devoured, and every bone in his body felt like they were being cut open by a knife.

The word excruciating would be an understatement to describe such pain. Ye Guan soon collapsed to the ground and let out a shrill scream of agony. After what felt like an eternity, he curled up in the fetal position on the ground while trembling uncontrollably.

The plain-skirt lady stared silently at him. Ye Guan was devoid of blood, and sweat dripped profusely down his face. The ordeal lasted but a few moments, but he looked utterly exhausted.

Eventually, the color returned to Ye Guan's complexion.

The plain-skirt lady saw that and said, "Let's go."

With that, she started walking toward the shining door.

Ye Guan was feeling much better than earlier, so he immediately followed her.

The plain-skirt lady suddenly asked, "Do you know why I decided to beat you up?"

Ye Guan nodded and said, "I can't keep on relying on you for my problems."

The plain-skirt lady made a sidelong glance at Ye Guan and said, "I liked you a lot when we first met. You were weak, but you had the heart of a true warrior.

"You faced challenges with courage and your brain without relying on anyone. You were also obstinate when it comes to sticking to your morals and beliefs."

"However, you've just made it clear to me that you're no longer the same Ye Guan I had met back then. You can no longer see the bigger picture, and frankly, I'm..." the plain-skirt lady trailed off. She shook her head before continuing. "I'm disappointed."

Ye Guan's head drooped, and he didn't say anything in response.

However, he eventually broke the ice and said, "Actually, this is all your fault. It's your fault for being so powerful."

The plain-skirt lady stared quietly at Ye Guan.

"I was really scared when I saw you obliterate an entire world with just a single sword move, and I still can't quite grasp just how powerful you are, Aunt. I'm sure I look like I'm relying on you a lot, but you're like a god to me, and who won't rely on their own god?"

The plain-skirt lady was silent.

She opened her palm, and the Path Sword appeared in her hand.

Ye Guan's eyelids twitched, and he went as quiet as a mouse.

The plain-skirt lady made a sidelong glance at Ye Guan and said, "I'm going to start beating you up every day if you still haven't reached the Great Sovereign Realm one month later."

Ye Guan's expression stiffened, but he could only smile bitterly at her declaration. The two soon reached the shining door, but it remained close even though they were already so close to it.

Rumble!

The shining door trembled, and a figure clad in purple armor walked out of it.

The horrifying aura he was giving off made even the spacetime around him quiver incessantly.

The mysterious lady exclaimed, "An Expedition Army troop!"

Ye Guan was stunned. The figure clad in purple armor was a Great Sovereign.

The figure clad in purple armor swept their gaze across the plain-skirt lady and Ye Guan before saying, "The Chaotic Star World is beyond this door, and outsiders are strictly prohibited from entering—"

The plain-skirt lady waved her sleeve.

Boom!

The gargantuan shining door collapsed.

The figure clad in purple armor was horrified, but the plain-skirt lady ignored them and turned to look at Ye Guan.

“Let’s go,” she said.

Ye Guan nodded. “Okay.”

With that, the two walked away, leaving the stupefied figure clad in purple all by themselves. The True Universe had spent an enormous amount of resources and effort to build the shining door many years ago, and it was all for the sake of preventing the denizens of the Chaotic Star World from leaving the Chaotic Star World world.

The ancient array emblazoned on the shining door had been stopping them from leaving, but now, the array was no more. Shockingly, it was destroyed with just a wave of a sleeve, stupefying the figure clad in purple.

The figure clad in purple knew that even Great Time Sovereigns wouldn't be able to leave a scratch on the gargantuan door, but the woman earlier merely waved her sleeve, and the shining door crumbled—the figure clad in purple was shell-shocked!

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After passing through a haze of white light, Ye Guan soon found himself in the middle of nowhere. He was about to speak, but he turned around and froze upon realizing that his aunt was missing.

“Aunt?” he called out to no avail.

Ye Guan looked around and failed to see her.

Just then, the plain-skirt lady's voice echoed in his head. "There are a few figures here that aren't too bad. I'll go and beat them up first, so you should go ahead and have fun by yourself."

Ye Guan had no idea what to say. In the end, he shook his head and smiled wryly to himself. His aunt's temper was as fiery as usual. Ye Guan took a deep breath and looked around. He was indeed in the Chaotic Star World.

Ye Guan's eyes abruptly widened upon sensing something off.

He opened his palm, but the Path Sword didn't appear.

Ye Guan was stunned.

He attempted to call upon the Dao Imprint and the Divine Tree of Nature, but he received no response from them.

"Don't look at me," Little Pagoda hurriedly said to Ye Guan using voice transmission, "All of your items have been sealed, including me!" He then realized something and quickly corrected himself. "No, I misspoke. I'm not an item!"

Naturally, the mysterious lady heard their conversation and remarked, "You're a genius, Master Pagoda."

Little Pagoda's expression turned ugly at the mysterious lady's remark, but he didn't retort.

Everything is sealed! Ye Guan shook his head. My aunt sealed them!

He had neither artifacts nor anyone's help. He was no longer the Sword Master's son or the King of the Guanyuan Universe. He had become nothing but just Ye Guan.

He was back to square one!

Ye Guan pondered over it before smiling. "All right!"

He pivoted on his wheel and headed into the distance.

He had just taken a few steps when he felt the hairs on his back stand on end.

He looked up and caught the tail end of a lightning bolt.

Crackle!

A red lightning bolt struck the ground, creating a powerful explosion.

It's a calamity! Ye Guan's heart jumped to his throat. His figure blurred, and he transformed into a ray of sword light that swiftly headed for the distance. Soon, he came to a halt but was horrified to see a red clump above his head.

Ye Guan's face changed drastically. The calamity can track me?

With that conclusion in mind, Ye Guan had no choice but to face it head-on.

Ye Guan opened his palm, and his sword intent took to the skies.

Boom!

However, a divine lightning bolt descended.

Ye Guan hurriedly created a sword made out of sword energy while reeling in shock.

Boom!

A powerful explosion occurred at the point of collision, and Ye Guan's sword made out of sword energy was destroyed upon impact. Ye Guan was blasted away, and he flailed around while falling toward a mountain range.

Boom!

A dull explosion echoed when Ye Guan struck the ground. The impact was so strong that it took Ye Guan a while to crawl out of the muddy pit.

His clothes were scorched, and his head resembled a messy bird's nest. He looked quite miserable as his blood started dripping out of the cracks in his skin. Evidently, he had suffered severe injuries from the collision just now.

Ye Guan was horrified. He had no idea that a lightning bolt could be so terrifying. He took out a spiritual pill and swallowed it, but his expression soon froze. He realized that he only had ten spiritual pills left to use because his aunt had sealed most of his items.

Ye Guan shook his head and smiled bitterly—things had just become more difficult!

Ye Guan didn't dwell on it. He sat cross-legged to recuperate. An hour later, Ye Guan looked down at himself and judged that he had recovered about eighty percent of his strength.

Boom!

There was a sudden explosion in the distance, and a white beam of light flashed and crashed into a thousand-meter-tall mountain. The impact was so strong that the mountain crumbled into pieces, haphazardly scattering debris in all directions.

Alarmed, Ye Guan hurriedly retreated to avoid the debris.

Crash!

A dark beam of light struck the ground, sending shockwaves that disintegrated the oncoming debris.

A disheveled figure hurriedly ran away from the dark beam of light, but the figure coincidentally moved closer to Ye Guan. Ye Guan's eyes fell on the figure, and he discovered that the figure was a young woman wearing a white dress.

A long sword was in her hand, and she was being orbited by three swords.

Ye Guan turned to the dark beam of light and found that it had dissipated, revealing the figure of a gray-haired old man. The old man's face was covered in wrinkles, but his eyes remained as sharp as an eagle's eyes. Overall, he had a fierce demeanor.

Ye Guan quietly retreated. These two figures were Divine Sovereigns, but the prowess they had displayed just now was beyond the prowess of the run-of-the-mill Divine Sovereigns out there.

Ye Guan couldn't allow himself to get dragged into such muddy waters, so he decisively chose to leave.

"Fairy Lu Yin," the gray-haired old man said, "You may leave after leaving the Tribulation Avoiding Stone behind."

The young woman remained quiet as she extended her left hand and created a finger sword by sticking both of her fingers together. Without any word, she decisively swiped her finger sword across the sword in her right hand.

The young woman's blood seeped into the sword and dripped down its tip, but she ignored the sharp pain. She gestured with her left hand and pointed her sword at the gray-haired old man.

"Sealing Sword Technique," she muttered, and the sword in her hand flew toward the gray-haired old man. However, her attack didn't end there. Numerous tiny spacetime rifts abruptly manifested around the gray-haired old man, and the rifts spat out swords.

"Are you mad?!" The gray-haired old man's expression turned ugly. "You actually used a forbidden technique?!"

The gray-haired old man gestured with his hands, and a dark-colored energy flooded out of him. The flying swords managed to trap the gray-haired old man and keep him occupied, but the young woman had evidently paid a huge price.

Her visage was as pallid as a corpse, and she looked completely exhausted.

Lu Yin's figure blurred, and she transformed into a beam of sword light that rushed toward Ye Guan. Ye Guan was stunned when he felt something soft hit his back. The young woman had fallen on his back.

Ye Guan was quiet. What is she doing?

The young woman wrapped her left hand around Ye Guan's neck and threatened, "I want you to bring me to the Tianxuan Clan. Your life is in my hands, so you better bring me there!"

Hearing that, Ye Guan backflipped and pushed the young woman beneath him. He didn't bother to wait for her reaction as he punched her throat.

Crack!

A grotesque noise echoed from the young woman's neck, and she spat a mouthful of blood. However, Ye Guan wasn't done just yet as he stood up and stomped on Lu Yin's stomach.

Squelch!

Ye Guan's foot pierced Lu Yin's stomach, tearing her insides apart.

Chapter 308: My Whole Family Is Invincible!

Lu Yin's eyes were wide with disbelief.

She never thought that Ye Guan would decisively kill her.

Lu Yin was about to speak, but Ye Guan kicked her head.

Swoosh!

Lu Yin's head flew away, leaving behind a trail of crimson in the air.

Lu Yin had died with her eyes wide open.

However, Ye Guan remained expressionless at the gory sight. Like a habit, he put away Lu Yin's storage ring. He had no intentions of interfering, but Lu Yin had tried to drag him down with her by threatening him.

Ye Guan initially wanted to avoid any trouble, but Lu Yin clearly thought the opposite, so Ye Guan decided to make a move; he moved without any mercy at all. Clearly, Ye Guan wasn't the type to go easy on his enemies just because they were a woman.

The flying swords orbiting the black-robed old man disappeared. The black-robed old man cast a wary gaze on Ye Guan.

Ye Guan looked at the black-robed old man without saying anything. He gathered all his power, ready to attack at any moment. He was only at the Earth Immortal Realm, but he wasn't afraid of Divine Sovereigns. Of course, the black-robed old man's true power was beyond Divine Sovereigns, but Ye Guan was still not afraid of him.

The black-robed old man frowned upon seeing Ye Guan's calmness.

After a few moments of silence, he retreated. He had chosen not to fight!

Evidently, the black-robed old man didn't feel confident fighting Ye Guan. The young man had killed Lu Yin in the proverbial blink of an eye, and the black-robed old man had sustained severe injuries. Thus, the right move here was to avoid fighting.

Ye Guan also wasn't confident about defeating the black-robed old man, so he didn't give chase.

The black-robed old man soon vanished in Ye Guan's vision.

Ye Guan opened his palm, and Lu Yin's storage ring appeared in his hands.

He looked into it and found that the ring had about a million spiritual cores as well as a few random items. Ye Guan had the Path Sword, the Divine Tree of Nature, and the Sword Master's Dao Imprint, so run-of-the-mill spiritual artifacts were nothing to him.

Ye Guan soon found a stone, and he picked it up. The stone wasn't big; it was as big as his palm, and it was emblazoned with inscrutable and mysterious ancient runes.

The mysterious lady exclaimed, "That's a Tribulation Avoiding Stone!"

Ye Guan quickly asked, "Tribulation Avoiding Stone?"

The mysterious lady replied, "A Tribulation Avoiding Stone is priceless here."

Ye Guan instantly grew curious. "How come?"

The mysterious lady said, "There are tribulations all over this place. Even Great Sovereigns have to be careful and make sure that they won't catch the eye of anything unwanted. However, a Tribulation Avoiding Stone will help you avoid those things. In other words, this stone will help you avoid tribulations and calamities."

Ye Guan muttered, "I see..."

Indeed, the calamity that he had encountered earlier had been a massive headache. It had almost sent him on his way to the afterlife.

The mysterious lady continued. "I heard that the Divine Dao Civilization's predecessor went to conquer regions in the Chaotic Star World, but the natives of the Chaotic Star World managed to repel some of their forces, and those places became forbidden zones."

The mysterious lady sounded hesitant as she said, "You can use that Tribulation Avoiding Stone to visit those special regions. Who knows? You might get to witness the might of the people whose roots are even deeper than the Divine Dao Civilization."

"Really?" Ye Guan asked, "Have you seen them before?"

"Nope," the mysterious lady said and explained, "We had to do some research when we were about to besiege this place, which is the reason I know what I know. The natives here aren't as strong as the denizens of the True Universe, but they aren't weak."

"Those whose roots spanned beyond the Divine Dao Civilization are particularly stronger. They possess mysterious abilities that have given the True Universe a massive headache."

"What's the name of the civilization before the Divine Dao Civilization?"

"The mysterious lady replied, "The Eternal Civilization!"

Ye Guan frowned slightly and repeated, "The Eternal Civilization?"

"Yes," the mysterious lady said and explained, "Apparently, one can achieve eternal life by becoming strong enough during the Eternal Era. However, the Great Daoist Brush Master felt that eternal life is extremely burdensome to the vast expanse."

"In the end, the plunder of resources will cause the collapse of every civilization, universe, and world out there, which means those with eternal lives actually don't have eternal lives.

"The Great Daoist Brush Master changed things, and eternal life no longer exists since then. People and even spirits will eventually return to dust."

"Did the Eternal Era end because they fought for their beliefs?" Ye Guan asked.

The mysterious lady said, "Yes, their ideologies clashed, and they ended up fighting. The Great Daoist Brush Master emerged victorious, and the Eternal Civilization was forced to settle in this world."

Ye Guan was still confused. "How come the Great Daoist Brush Master allowed them to live?"

The mysterious lady responded, "Who knows?"

Ye Guan nodded without asking any more questions. He looked down at the Tribulation Avoiding Stone in his hand and smiled. The Tribulation Avoiding Stone would help him save a ton of time and a lot of trouble.

Ye Guan put the stone away and turned to look at the horizon, wondering about the identity of his aunt's enemy.

Rumble!

A low rumble echoed just then as several powerful auras tore through spacetime and appeared not too far away from Ye Guan. Ye Guan turned to look at the three newcomers and found that one of them was the black-robed old man from earlier.

Ye Guan's face darkened. Shit, he actually called for back-up.

The black-robed old man glared at Ye Guan and roared, "Let's kill him!"

He turned into a dark beam of light that shot toward Ye Guan.

The remaining two old men didn't bother speaking.

They rushed toward Ye Guan and circulated the full extent of their Divine Sovereign cultivation bases. In total, three Divine Sovereign Realm cultivators were flying toward Ye Guan at once!

Their cultivation bases were at the Divine Sovereign Realm, but these three old men were much more powerful than the average Great Sovereigns outside the Chaotic Star World.

Realizing that he was no match for them, Ye Guan's figure shook as he hopped onto his sword and flew far away. However, how could the black-robed old man let him leave just like that?

The black-robed old man chased after Ye Guan along with a gray-robed old man and a black-robed old man.

The black-robed old man lowered his guard slightly and showed a hint of contempt at the sight. It seemed that Ye Guan was just all talk because he had decided to run away rather than fight them head-on.

With that thought in mind, he felt somewhat regretful. He should have just dealt with the young man by himself. He had called for backup, which meant that there would be some bloodshed over who would become the owner of the Tribulation Avoiding Stone.

It was rather infuriating.

Driven by anger, the black-robed old man picked up the pace.

Just then, Ye Guan came to a halt. He whipped around and slashed out with his sword.

The attack was emblazoned with his Sword Dao. Ye Guan didn't dare to be careless against three Divine Sovereigns; he decisively strengthened his attack with his Sword Dao.

The expression of the black-robed old man changed drastically. He never expected that the young man in front of him could turn the tables so swiftly. He was taken by surprise, but he reacted quickly and summoned an impressive divine shield to defend himself.

Boom!

The divine shield shattered with a thunderous explosion, and the impact sent the black-robed old man stumbling backward. However, Ye Guan didn't stop there. He charged forward and lifted his sword for another powerful strike.

A combination of thirty-six slashes—the Beheading Heavens Sword Art!

The power of thirty-six swords was combined into one sword move, sending the black-robed old man flying at least a few kilometers away. Incredibly, a nearly ten-kilometer-long chasm had appeared between Ye Guan and the black-robed old man.

Ye Guan took a stance with his sword, but he didn't dare to attack once more. The Sword Dao Attack and the Beheading Heavens Sword Art consumed too much profound energy for him to keep on using.

He had just performed two sword moves, but he already felt like collapsing.

Unfortunately, the black-robed old man was still alive. In fact, he looked like he had only suffered a minor injury. Clearly, the cultivators here were a cut above the rest when compared to the cultivators outside.

Meanwhile, the two old men clad in black robes hurriedly came to a halt. They didn't dare to make a move upon seeing Ye Guan's sword move. Their eyes depicted the disbelief that had gripped their hearts—the young man was so strong.

The black-robed old man was also shocked. He looked at Ye Guan and asked curiously, "How come you're so strong when you're just an Earth Immortal Realm cultivator?"

Ye Guan stared at the black-robed old man before saying, "I'm just eighteen years old!"

Eighteen?! The three old men were stunned, confused about Ye Guan's response.

However, their expressions turned grim upon realizing what Ye Guan was trying to say.

Ye Guan was a heaven-defying talent, and despite his age, he was extremely powerful.

"I have relatives..." Ye Guan muttered.

The black-robed old man stared quietly at Ye Guan. Was he threatening them? To be honest, the black-robed old man was worried. Ye Guan's strength could only be explained by saying that he definitely had a powerful family behind him.

However, the black-robed old man just couldn't bear to part with a Tribulation Avoiding Stone. In addition, Tribulation Avoiding Stones were extremely precious. He needed one to explore the forbidden zones of the Chaotic Star World.

He also needed it to save someone's life aside from the prospect of obtaining powerful inheritances and mysterious treasures.

Ye Guan saw the black-robed old man's hesitation.

He was about to speak, but the black-robed old man suddenly shouted, "Hold on!"

The black-robed old man's gaze became as sharp as knives, prompting Ye Guan to stare at the black-robed old man with furrowed brows.

"You can't fool me! I know you're just trying to scare us away with your talent by claiming that you have relatives who will avenge you."

"I wasn't joking when I said that..." Ye Guan insisted in a low voice.

"Oh, really?" The black-robed old man chuckled and said, "Come on, then. Tell me, what's the name of your clan?"

Ye Guan went silent at that. He was convinced that these people had never heard of the Guanyuan Universe.

The black-robed old man's expression grew sinister in the face of Ye Guan's cold shoulder, "There's no use fooling me. I'm old, but I still know how to differentiate between right and wrong!"

"I mean, just think about it," Ye Guan sounded serious as he said, "I'm just eighteen, but I'm already an Earth Immortal Realm cultivator."

"Stop it with the nonsense. I want you to tell us the identity of your backer!"

Ye Guan stared deeply at the black-robed old man and said, "The Sword Master! Have you heard of him?"

The black-robed old man stared at Ye Guan, "You're just buying time to recover!"

Hearing that, Ye Guan knew that the jig was up. He turned around decisively and hopped onto his sword.

The black-robed old man was furious.

"How dare you try to deceive me!" he roared, "Chase him! I want his head!"

Ye Guan turned around and shouted, "Damn it, I wasn't lying! I really have backups, and they are all invincible figures. My aunt is invincible, my uncle is invincible, my grandfather is invincible, and even my father is invincible..."

"Shut up!"

The black-robed old man shouted, "I don't and will not believe even a word from your mouth!"

Ye Guan: "..."

Chapter 309: Troublemaker

Ye Guan rode on his sword across the seemingly endless mountain range. He pushed his speed to the extreme, and his shuttling through the endless mountains would occasionally emit a wisp of sword energy that would split a mountain peak in half.

Three peak Divine Sovereign Realm cultivators chased closely behind him, wreaking havoc all the way. Their reckless movement destroyed the mountains on their path, kicking up a tower of dust and debris, which created a terrifying scene that shook the heavens and the earth.

Ye Guan couldn't help but feel a bit frustrated.

He wasn't lying, but the three old men refused to believe him.

However, this also raised his suspicions. His aunt's reputation didn't seem as prominent as he thought. The True Universe and the Heaven Seizing Clan seemed unaware of her identity, and the cultivators here seemed ignorant of her as well, which was strange.

Ye Guan had no choice but to escape from the three old men.

He was too weak to confront them at the moment.

Divine Sovereign Realm cultivators were no match for him back in the Guanxuan Universe, but the Chaotic Star World had made him realize that not every Divine Sovereign was equal.

There was a difference in quality between the two Divine Sovereigns, and the Divine Sovereigns of both the Guanxuan Universe and the True Universe seemed unable to compare to the Divine Sovereigns of the Chaotic Star World.

With that in mind, Ye Guan didn't even dare to imagine just how horrifying the Great Sovereigns of the Chaotic Star World were.

Ye Guan pushed aside his thoughts and picked up the pace.

He moved extremely fast, and the three old men were starting to get left behind after an hour and a half of relentless chasing. Of course, Ye Guan knew that depleting his energy in this manner wasn't a solution because the three old men would never give up.

Ye Guan needed a plan, and he had to execute it as soon as possible.

The black-robed old man cast a piercing gaze at Ye Guan. He was shamed and angry at the thought that a young man had humiliated him. He was certain that if such news were to leak, he would become everyone's laughing stock.

His anger and shame were like firewood to the raging furnace of his heart.

An unknown amount of time passed until Ye Guan finally came to a halt.

The black-robed old man frowned, and he quickly came to a stop as well.

He didn't dare to show any disdain toward Ye Guan.

The two moves Ye Guan had shown him earlier had left him genuinely frightened.

Ye Guan turned around and swept his gaze across the old men before saying, "Elders, if I'm willing to hand over the Tribulation Avoiding Stone, will you let me go?"

The three old men were stunned. Did he just decide to surrender?

The black-robed old man looked wary as he asked, "What scheme is this?"

Ye Guan sounded serious as he said, "If we fight one-on-one, there's a chance of winning, but my chances of winning against three opponents at once are zero, especially if the opponents are powerful Divine Sovereigns.

"With that in mind, I chose to give up on the Tribulation Avoiding Stone and save my life. It's a precious stone, but can I even use it in the afterlife? I have to be alive if I want to enjoy it."

The black-robed old man looked deeply into Ye Guan's eyes.

The young man wasn't stubborn, and he knew how the world operated. It was no wonder he had such a high cultivation base despite his age. However, the black-robed old man just couldn't abandon the thought that Ye Guan had a trick up his sleeve.

"You know we can just kill you to obtain the Tribulation Avoiding Stone, right?" the black-robed old man asked with a sneer.

Ye Guan did not bother arguing. He opened his palm, and the Tribulation Avoiding Stone appeared in his hand. He sent it flying with a wave of his sleeve, but it landed in the hands of the gray-haired old man rather than in the hands of the black-robed old man.

Ye Guan turned around and fled decisively. Ye Guan's actions had truly caught the three old men off guard. The gray-haired old man was especially stupified—no, he was shell-shocked. Why did the young man give the stone to him?

Just then, he sensed the gaze of the black-robed old man, and he hurriedly put away the Tribulation Avoiding Stone. He cast a wary gaze at the black-robed old man and asked, "Chen Quan, are you trying to do something here?"

Chen Quan insisted solemnly. "Gu You, it's mine!"

Gu You's eyes narrowed. His profound energy swirled imperceptibly within him, and he made sure that he was ready to fight at any moment.

"It's yours? How come I don't see your name on it?" asked Gu You.

Chen Quan's expression darkened.

Meanwhile, the gray-robed old man said, "Chen Quan, Gu You, I have no interest in the Tribulation Avoiding Stone. Chen Quan, you promised me three million spiritual cores in exchange for helping you kill that young man.

"However, the young man has surrendered, and I'm willing to surrender my claim to the stone so long as you give me three million spiritual cores each. Of course, I'm going to leave as well," said the gray-robed old man.

Chen Quan and Gu You frowned, but the gray-robed old man remained calm.

Soon, Chen Quan opened his palm, and a storage ring flew toward the gray-robed old man. The ring contained exactly three million spiritual cores.

The gray-robed old man stared deeply at Gu You. Gu You didn't dare to reject the gray-robed old man's offer, as it would be dangerous if the gray-robed old man decided to interfere in their upcoming tournament.

Gu You and Chen Quan also realized it just then—there was indeed a reason the gray-robed old man had made such a bold request.

Gu You opened his palm, and a storage ring flew over to the gray-robed old man. The gray-robed old man didn't stand on courtesy as he accepted the storage ring. Afterward, he turned around and disappeared into the horizon.

Only Gu You and Chen Quan were left staring at each other with thick, killing intent swirling in their eyes.

Chen Quan suddenly said, "He was an extraordinary young man. I think there was a reason he had obediently handed over the Tribulation Avoiding Stone. I'm pretty sure that he's waiting for either of us to receive severe injuries. Once that happens, he'll step up and take the Tribulation Avoiding Stone for himself."

Gu You said calmly, "What do you think we should do, then?"

Chen Quan responded, "Gu You, you know how important that stone is to me. My son decided to go to the Shangqing Sect with someone, and they're currently trapped there. I need this stone to save them. I'm willing to pay you ten million spiritual cores in exchange for this stone."

Ten million spiritual cores... it was a huge sum in the Chaotic Star World.

However, Gu You shook his head and said, "Chen Quan, I'm sure you know the value of this stone. In addition to allowing you to avoid calamities and tribulations, it also allows you to access secret realms. If I were to sell it, the starting price would be at least hundreds of millions of spiritual cores.

"However, you're only offering me ten million spiritual cores. I can't feel your sincerity—"

Gu You's expression changed, and he stopped mid-sentence because Chen Quan was rushing toward him

Chen Quan's eyes were full of killing intent as he glared at Gu You. He knew that the young swordsman had a scheme in place when he willingly relinquished the Tribulation Avoiding Stone. No, it wasn't even a scheme at all because the young swordsman had tossed the Tribulation Avoiding Stone to Gu You.

In other words, if Chen Quan wanted the Tribulation Avoiding Stone, he had to take it for himself.

A fierce expression suffused Gu You's expression in the face of Chen Quan's offensive. It was impossible for him to voluntarily hand over the Tribulation Avoiding Stone. How could he willingly give up a treasure chest that he was about to take for himself?

Soon, the two engaged in a fierce battle. They were incredibly powerful, so every single move they exchanged caused cataclysmic destruction to their surroundings. In fact, the shockwaves of their moves alone had turned quite a few mountains into dust.

About an hour later, Gu You found himself being completely suppressed

Boom!

An hour later, a deafening explosion pervaded the air.

Gu You was blasted away, and Chen Quan chased after him with a punch.

Chen Quan's fist imprint rushed toward Gu You.

Boom!

The fist imprint struck Gu You, and he flew away as if he were a kite with its strings cut.

The moment he recovered his balance, he was shocked to discover that his fleshly body was no more. Gu You hurriedly said, "Chen Quan, the Tribulation Avoiding Stone is yours. You can take—"

Chen Quan abruptly appeared before him and punched his soul.

Boom!

Gu You's soul burst into flames.

Gu You was no more!

Chen Quan opened his palm, and a storage ring appeared in his hand. The storage ring contained the Tribulation Avoiding Stone along with over five million spiritual cores.

Chen Quan's eyes shone with intense killing intent. "I just have to kill you, and the Tribulation Avoiding Stone is mine!"

He put the storage ring away and looked around.

"Young swordsman, I know you're here! Come out!"

However, he received no response.

Chen Quan's divine sense burst out of him, and it enveloped everything a few kilometers away from him. He frowned slightly upon failing to sense even a single trace of Ye Guan.

Did he actually leave?

Chen Quan pondered for a moment and was about to leave when the spacetime in front of him was torn open, and a figure dashed out of it. The figure wasn't Ye Guan—it was the gray-robed earlier who had left earlier!

Chen Quan's face fell, but he decisively sent a punch.

Kaboom!

The two figures were forced to retreat from each other.

When Chen Quan recovered his balance, he glared at the gray-robed old man and asked, "Fang Mu, are you the oriole all this while?"

Fang Mu sneered and said, "Tribulation Avoiding Stones are precious divine objects; how can I not be tempted? I'm sure you can only exert seventy percent of your maximum power due to the injuries you sustained while fighting Gu You.

If you were uninjured, I wouldn't have dared to come out. However, you're injured, so you no longer have any chances of winning against me. Still, I'm willing to let you go as long as you obediently hand over the Tribulation Avoiding Stones to me!"

Chen Quan glared at Fang Mu and chuckled as if the latter's words were absurd.

"You can try!" he challenged.

Fang Mu squinted. He didn't bother wasting any more time talking. His figure trembled, and he disappeared.

The spacetime in front of Chen Quan was abruptly torn open, and a terrifying force rushed over toward him. Chen Quan's eyes flashed with a fierce light. He rushed forward and threw a punch toward Fang Mu.

Boom!

The spacetime around the two trembled before collapsing at once. However, the two had yet to have their fill as they immediately rushed toward each other the moment they recovered their balance in mid-air.

Soon, a cacophony of noises filled the air, and the two fought nonstop for an entire day and night. It had been quite a while since they started fighting, but neither of the two looked like they were about to lose soon.

More hours passed just like that, and Fang Mu decided to stop attacking. Chen Quan's vitality seemed endless, and he couldn't find a way to defeat Chen Quan. In the end, he couldn't do anything other than glare at Chen Guan.

The cogs in Fang Mu's mind turned, and he eventually made a decision. He transformed into a ray of light that disappeared into the horizon. Ultimately, Fang Mu had chosen to escape, and it made sense.

He had already made six million spiritual cores, so he didn't have to risk his life any further than this.

Chen Quan breathed a sigh of relief.

However, his expression changed once more.

He whipped around and sent a punch toward the oncoming attack.

Crack!

A crisp noise reverberated as the oncoming sword light shattered upon making contact with Chen Quan's fist.

However, Ye Guan clearly wasn't done just yet as a dazzling ray of sword light fleeted across the air and made a beeline for Chen Quan. The ray of sword light looked particularly dazzling than earlier.

Beheading Heavens Sword Art!

Boom!

The ground beneath Chen Quan's feet cracked open even before Ye Guan's attack could land. Soon, the immensely powerful sword light prickled Chen Quan's face, and it struck him in the proverbial blink of an eye, blasting him away.

Unfortunately, Ye Guan wasn't satisfied just yet.

Sword Dao Attack—every sword was a Dao!

Crackle!

Chen Quan's fleshly body disintegrated along with the spacetime around him.

Chen Quan was strong enough to withstand Ye Guan's sword moves, but it was only true if he were at his peak. Unfortunately, his two opponents had weakened him drastically to the extent that he was no longer Ye Guan's match.

Chen Quan's soul had just emerged from his fleshly body, but a sword immediately pierced it, pinning it to the ground.

Chen Quan looked up and found Ye Guan walking over toward him. Incredibly, he wasn't angry. He was all smiles as he said, "I knew you were around here! I knew it. I hate to admit this, but young man... you are truly extraordinary..."

Ye Guan was confused, and he asked, "Why did you not give up on the Tribulation Avoiding Stone? You knew I was here, right?"

Chen Quan was quiet.

Ye Guan was about to speak when Chen Quan grinned and said, "Young man. There's a certain mountain range a few thousand kilometers away, and there's a secret realm hidden in that mountain range. It's called the Shangqing Secret Realm.

"It houses the powerful Shangqing Sect that has existed for billions of years. The Shangqing Secret Realm is filled with quite a few calamities and tribulations, so it's incredibly dangerous, but you will be able to avoid those tribulations and calamities with the help of this Tribulation Avoiding Stone."

Chen Quan opened his palm, and a storage ring flew over to Ye Guan.

Ye Guan looked down at the storage ring and found twenty million spiritual cores inside of it.

Ye Guan stored the storage ring and turned around to leave.

Chen Quan stared at Ye Guan's departing figure and muttered, "Young man, you have to go there... Damn it, you troublemaker... Your father can no longer protect you, so you have to... you have to live cautiously if you somehow manage to survive this ordeal!"

Chen Quan's voice had yet to finish echoing through the air, but his soul had already disintegrated.

Chapter 310: Time Tribulation

Ye Guan sat cross-legged on the ground and took out a spiritual pill to consume. As soon as he swallowed the pill, the pure energy of the pill filled him up. It spread slowly toward his body and limbs. Soon, he recovered most of his energy.

Ye Guan ate more spiritual pills until he fully recovered. Once he was done, he opened his palm, and Chen Quan's storage ring appeared in his hand. There were twelve spiritual pills in it. They weren't particularly great—they were only Immortal grade.

Other than that, there were twenty million spiritual cores inside the storage ring.

Chen Quan was quite poor. Of course, Ye Guan was speaking in the eyes of the King of the Guanyuan Universe. At the moment, he was just Ye Guan, so twenty million spiritual cores was far from a meager amount.

Ye Guan put the storage ring aside and frowned. Shangqing Sect?

Ye Guan inwardly asked, "Senior, have you heard of the Shangqing Sect?"

The mysterious lady spoke, "I've never heard of such a sect. Actually, I'm not familiar with the Eternal Era."

Ye Guan nodded. His figure trembled, and he turned into a streak of sword light that vanished into the horizon. He had decided to go out there and take a look!

The mysterious lady suddenly spoke, "Your enemies here aren't on the same level as the opponents you've been fighting so far. They're a bit smarter than the usual riffraff, so I advise you to be careful!"

Ye Guan nodded in acknowledgment.

The black-robed old man had been an extremely powerful and smart opponent, so Ye Guan couldn't fathom why the old man, despite being aware of his presence, had been unwilling to give up the Tribulation Avoiding Stone.

The reason definitely wasn't mere greed. Ye Guan didn't think that the black-robed old man would make such a foolish move.

Ye Guan shook his head, not dwelling on it any further.

Ye Guan had realized that he couldn't underestimate anyone here, especially the old fossils who had been cultivating for so many years. They were tricky opponents, and they were also extremely powerful.

In other words, Ye Guan had to err on the side of caution here.

Soon, Ye Guan arrived at a mountain range and found a valley. A huge chunk of the valley was enveloped by dark clouds filled with lightning. Occasionally, a lightning bolt would flash and hit the ground.

Ye Guan's expression turned serious upon seeing the dark clouds.

What an oppressive aura!

The mysterious lady said, "You're staring at what is called the Time Tribulation. It appears when one has reached the Great Time Sovereign Realm."

Ye Guan asked curiously, "Senior, why are there so many tribulations and calamities here?"

"There are two reasons behind it," said the mysterious voice before explaining, "As I've mentioned, the remnants of the civilization that the Divine Dao Civilization had replaced banded together to construct terrifying arrays against the Great Daoist Brush Master.

"Unfortunately, their arrays went out of control, which led to a backlash that engulfed this world with a variety of tribulations and calamities. The second reason is that no one has established an order here, similar to what your father and my big sister had done on the Guanxuan Universe and on the True Universe, respectively.

"Without order, there is chaos. Thus, chaos reigns here!"

"I understand." Ye Guan said with a nod. His gaze then fell on a mountain enveloped by thick clouds. He couldn't really see it, but it was sticking out, so it had to be housing the Shangqing Secret Realm.

Ye Guan transformed into a sword light and flew toward his destination. In an instant, he reached the entrance of a valley. He looked in and saw lightning bolts occasionally fleeting in his vision.

The sheer power of the lightning bolts made the entire mountain tremble.

Ye Guan felt like he was staring at what the end of the world would look like.

Ye Guan took a moment to compose himself before raising his foot to walk into the valley. However, footsteps suddenly echoed from behind him.

Ye Guan turned around to look, and he saw two figures calmly walking over toward him.

One of the figures was a woman dressed in a cloud-patterned embroidered skirt. Her figure was graceful, and her features were picturesque. A high-quality jade was also tied around her waist, indicating her social status.

A white-robed young man bearing a striking resemblance to the young woman was standing next to the latter.

They were both looking at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan moved to the side, allowing them to pass.

Just then, the young woman asked, "Young lord, are you here to explore the Shangqing Secret Realm?"

Ye Guan was surprised. He didn't expect that she would ask him a question, but he still replied, "I'm just here to take a look."

The young woman examined him from top to bottom. "Earth Immortal Realm?"

Ye Guan nodded. "Yes."

The white-robed young man and the young woman were astonished.

They stared at Ye Guan in disbelief.

"You came here despite your cultivation base?"

Ye Guan was silent. He was aware that it was indeed a bit strange for someone with his cultivation base to come here. The white-robed young man and the young woman were Time Immortal Realm cultivators, while he was just an Earth Immortal Realm cultivator.

The realms above the Earth Immortal Realm were the True Immortal Realm, the Heaven Immortal Realm, the Peak Immortal Realm, the Dao Immortal Realm, and finally, the Time Immortal Realm.

The difference between their cultivation bases was a whopping four realms!

Ye Guan shook his head with a smile. He also thought that his cultivation base was ridiculously low for this place. Without dwelling on it, he looked at the two of them and smiled. "I'm just here to have a look. I have no intentions of going in."

Ye Guan decided to make sure that he wouldn't attract too much attention. Otherwise, a powerful powerhouse would put him in his place.

The young woman shook her head and said, "Young lord, your strength is too low here. You shouldn't have come here. Setting aside the secret realm's danger, I think you'll be hard-pressed to even defend yourself against those with ill intentions.

"You should hurry and leave!"

Ye Guan stared deeply at the young woman and smiled. "Thank you for the warning."

The young woman nodded and started walking into the valley with the white-robed young man by her side.

The white-robed young man suddenly said, "Sis, he's grossly overestimating his abilities. I really can't fathom the massive weight of his guts for him to come here as an Earth Immortal Realm cultivator. Why did you even bother warning him?"

The young woman's delicate brows furrowed. "What harm is there in giving a warning?"

The white-robed young man calmly retorted, "For someone who doesn't have a clear understanding of themselves, your reminder grants him but a brief respite from death. He's just going to die somewhere else."

The young woman shook her head and said, "He must have come here accidentally. I don't think there's someone out there at the same cultivation base as him foolish enough to come here out of their own volition. That's why I chose to give him a warning. If he's willing to listen, that's great. Otherwise, there's nothing we can do."

The white-robed young man smiled and said, "I wouldn't have reminded him if I were you. After all, there's nothing for me to gain by giving such a warning."

"What is there for you to gain from a mere warning?" the young woman made a sidelong glance at the white-robed young man and snapped, "I truly have no idea how you have such a bad personality. You shouldn't be so ruthless and selfish. Kindness begets kindness, and evil begets evil. Your selfishness and ruthlessness will eventually catch up to you by accumulating enough bad karma."

The white-robed young man smiled, not bothering to argue.

Soon, the two finally entered the valley.

Ye Guan waited for a while before heading to the valley. Ye Guan felt a suffocating pressure boring down on him the moment he set foot into the valley.

Ye Guan's expression turned grim as he stared at the Time Tribulation clouds ahead of him. He was too weak to withstand Time Tribulation lightning, so he wouldn't have dared to come here if it weren't for a Tribulation Avoiding Stone in his possession.

Of course, Ye Guan reckoned that his Master Pagoda was strong enough to withstand such lightning!

A region filled with lightning was located not too far away from the valley entrance. Ye Guan saw seven individuals working hard to maintain an array to resist the thunderous wrath of lightning.

The seven individuals took turns casting spells to sustain the defense-oriented array, but they were clearly getting exhausted. It wouldn't be long until Death took them away.

Ye Guan chose not to intervene. He had a Tribulation Avoiding Stone, but he didn't want to expose it in such a place. He could save those seven individuals, but he couldn't guarantee that they wouldn't respond to his kindness with malice once it was revealed that he had a Tribulation Avoiding Stone.

Human nature was unpredictable, and Ye Guan wasn't a gambler.

He could hardly protect himself at the moment, so he wasn't willing to haphazardly conduct good deeds until he had absolute strength.

Ye Guan steered clear of the region filled with lightning and made his way toward the depths of the by walking along the periphery.

He eventually stumbled upon a crack in the mountain, and there stood a mountain thousands of meters high beyond the crack. Ye Guan could vaguely make out the silhouettes of towering buildings on the summit of that mountain.

Ye Guan was convinced that it had to be the legendary Shangqing Sect.

Ye Guan followed the trail before him and soon reached the foot of the mountain. He turned and saw a stone stele roughly ten meters on his right. Two large characters were engraved on the stone stele—Shangqing Sect!

Ye Guan's keen ears caught a cacophony of noises on the summit. He picked up the pace and soon reached the summit. As expected, there was an ongoing fight at the summit.

The white-robed young man from earlier and the young woman wearing a cloud-patterned embroidered skirt were fighting against someone—no, something wielding an iron sword.

Their opponent was an iron puppet. The puppet was fighting one against two, but it was completely suppressing the white-robed young man and the young woman. In addition, the iron puppet's attacks were complex, leaving the two with almost no room to counterattack.

Ye Guan's expression changed at the sight. The puppet was stronger than Chen Quan. If it were in either the Guanyuan Universe or the True Universe, even a Great Sovereign from either universe wouldn't be a match for this puppet!

The mysterious lady suddenly said, "You're staring at a puppet born from the long-lost art of Puppetry. I've only read about Puppetry being described in ancient texts. It is truly baffling that such a terrifying art once existed throughout the vast expanse.

"The puppet before you is equivalent to a Half-step Great Sovereign in strength!"

A Half-step Great Sovereign? Ye Guan nodded. He knew the puppet had to be at least stronger than a Divine Sovereign. Moreover, it looked to be made out of a special material. For some reason, the duo's attacks couldn't harm the puppet.

"It'll be great if you manage to learn the techniques, arts, and martial skills of the Eternal Civilization. I'm sure you'll become even stronger by then," the mysterious lady said.

Ye Guan smiled. He was about to respond when the puppet swung its sword toward the white-robed young man, sending the latter flying at least a few kilometers away.

However, the puppet didn't chase after the white-robed young man. It whipped around and dashed toward the young woman.

The young woman's expression changed sharply. She waved her sleeve, and a ray of light shot out.

Boom!

The light shattered with a loud explosion, and the young woman was blasted away in the resulting shockwaves of the collision. The puppet chased after her, and it leaped into the air and thrust its sword toward the young woman.

It had moved so fast that it had reached the young woman in the proverbial blink of an eye.

The young woman went beyond pallid upon realizing that there was no way she could block the oncoming sword thrust.

Just then, a hand wrapped around her waist and pulled her away. The young woman looked up and saw a young man thrusting his sword forward to meet the puppet's sword attack.

Boom!

The young man's sword managed to stop the puppet's attack, but the puppet's attack contained so much power that the remnant energies managed to send Ye Guan and the young woman flying several hundred meters away.

When they finally recovered their balance, Ye Guan looked down at his right hand.

His right hand had split open, revealing the white bones underneath his torn skin.

What horrifying power! Ye Guan was shocked.

Swoosh!

The puppet abruptly vanished into thin air.

Ye Guan's eyes narrowed. He pulled the young woman to the side and said, "Miss, the puppet is too strong. Just in case, you should stay on the sidelines for now. Leave the puppet to me!"

Ye Guan rushed toward the puppet, leaving the young woman to stare at him agape.