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Chapter 381: True Guan

Ye Guan opened his eyes slowly. He sat up and clenched his fists tightly.

Boom!

His aura surged crazily, and a beam of profound energy burst out of him to pierce the skies.

The Divine Sovereign Realm! Ye Guan was stunned. I've become a Divine Sovereign Realm cultivator?

Ye Guan looked down at himself and saw that he was emitting a faint golden glow.

Ye Guan swung his fist.

Kaboom!

The spacetime in front of him quivered violently as if a hammer had struck it.

Ye Guan was ecstatic. His fleshy body had become several times stronger. At this point, even a Great Destiny Sovereign would find it hard to harm his fleshy body. After all, his body had been tempered by both the Great Dao Origin and the power of the True God.

Ye Guan opened his palm, creating a sword made out of sword energy.

Shwing!

He took a stance with the sword and slashed out—two hundred stacks of Heavenrend! A massive tear in space manifested before him, and Ye Guan looked down at his hand in disbelief. He had tried it, but he didn't expect that he'd actually be capable of doing it. Two hundred stacks of Heavenrend was just too crazy.

He couldn't even come close to two hundred stacks as a temporary Great Sovereign Realm cultivator. He was only a Divine Sovereign, but he had already reached two hundred stacks.

It was absurd, but Ye Guan knew that it was all because of his fleshly body.

"Congratulations, Young Lord Ye," a feminine voice said.

Ye Guan turned and saw Cirou. She had changed into a light blue gown, and her long hair flowed freely behind her. Cirou's visage was enchanting, and the light smile on her lips made her seem as refreshing as the spring breeze.

Cirou was not only beautiful, but she was also exuding a gentle aura.[1]

Ye Guan ignored Cirou and closed his eyes.

He clenched his hands, and power burst out of him. The power was born from his raw physical strength. Ye Guan felt confident. He felt like he could face a Great Destiny Sovereign without using a sword.

Cirou suddenly said, "You still need combat experience."

Ye Guan nodded in agreement. A thought jumped into his mind, and he turned toward Cirou.

Cirou revealed a playful smile and asked, "What's the matter? You want to fight me?"

After a brief contemplation, Ye Guan responded, "Let's spar. We're not going to stop until one of us concedes."

Cirou cast a contemptuous gaze at Ye Guan.

"Are you sure about that?" she asked.

Ye Guan hesitated. He knew that Cirou had been eager for an opportunity to spar with him. If he couldn't win, he might find himself on the receiving end of a brutal beatdown.

Still, Ye Guan decided to go through it.

"Sure!" he said. Even if he couldn't win, it didn't mean that he would shy away from the challenge!

Cirou looked beyond Ye Guan's shoulders and muttered, "Ba Wan?"

Ye Guan turned around, falling into Cirou's trap. His expression changed dramatically, and he tried to retreat, but a fist had already found its way into his stomach.

Bang!

Ye Guan was sent flying.

Cirou spread her arms wide open, and an array manifested before her. She performed hand seals and started chanting an ancient incantation. The array churned, and Cirou pointed at Ye Guan.

Rumble!

A beam of golden light burst out of the array and struck Ye Guan.

Bang!

Ye Guan had yet to recover from Cirou's punch, so the beam of golden light struck him squarely in his chest. After coming to a stop, a drop of blood dripped down the corner of his lips.

Cirou stared coldly at Ye Guan and said, "What? Did you think you're invincible or something after becoming even stronger?"

Ye Guan was silent.

Cirou started walking toward Ye Guan, and her gaze was fixed on the latter as she continued. "I know what you're thinking. You must be thinking that you're extremely powerful at your age. Indeed, it's hard to find any young people who can compare to you in this vast expanse, but have you ever thought about your background? How many people out there can compete with you in status and access to resources?"

Ye Guan was quiet.

Cirou opened her mouth to continue, but Ye Guan said, "I know I'm destined to be unique, all thanks to my background. Of course, my enemies are going to be unique as well. I understand it all, and I'm doing what needs to be done.

"However, am I not allowed to vent out my frustrations at all? I'm not going to harm the innocent, so what's wrong with expressing my frustration?" Ye Guan stared deeply at Cirou and said, "Lady Cirou, I want you to understand one thing. I, Ye Guan, am human with flaws. If you can't tolerate my flaws, fine.

"However, I'm not the perfect person you've imagined me to be, nor do I want to be perfect. I am who I am, and it's your business whether you like it or not!"

Cirou didn't avoid Ye Guan's cold gaze. Eventually, she looked away, and her eyes became slightly red as she said, "I've never asked you to become perfect. I just want to tell you that you're too weak to confront the Eternal Sovereign.

"If you become reckless and go out there to look for him, you'll end up dead."

Ye Guan didn't respond. He turned around and started walking away.

"Wait!" Cirou called out to Ye Guan.

Ye Guan turned around to stare at Cirou.

Cirou said, "You've just made a breakthrough, and now, you need combat experience—life-and-death battles. They'll allow you to unleash your full potential, but the average cultivator out there is no match for you.

"However, I know a convenient place, and I'm going to take you there."

With that, Cirou turned around and started walking away.

Ye Guan was silent. Cirou turned to look at Ye Guan and snickered before asking, "What's the matter? Afraid that I'll harm you? Rest assured, you're still useful to me, so I won't harm you until I've squeezed you dry."

Ye Guan stared deeply at Cirou, but he didn't say anything in the end.

The two continued walking without exchanging any words. Cirou was walking ahead of Ye Guan, so he couldn't see her face. Ye Guan was the first to break the silence with a question.

"How is Cijing doing these days?" he asked.

Cirou remained silent.

Ye Guan repeated, "How is she doing?"

Cirou shook her head lightly and replied, "I have nothing to say, but I can bring you to her at the right time."

Ye Guan was delighted. "Really?"

"Yes." Cirou nodded, "I usually don't lie to people, you know."

Ye Guan stared at Cirou with an incredulous expression. Usually? You're the biggest liar out of your entire family!

"You've absorbed the Great Dao Origin and the power of the True God. Right now, they're stored inside you, and you need a decent fight to spur them into action," Cirou said.

"Okay," Ye Guan replied with a nod.

"An improvement to your fleshly body means an improvement to your martial arts; they tap into the power of one's fleshly body, after all." Cirou said, "Do you still remember the martial arts that Big Sister had left behind?"

Ye Guan nodded with a smile and asked, "Are you talking about Eternal Moments?"

Cirou nodded and explained, "It's a martial art that will give you access to immense power. It's perfect for you at the moment. However, I want you to remember that your core should always be swordsmanship. Both your fleshly body and martial arts should only be an accompaniment to your Dao. Focus on your swordsmanship."

Cirou opened her palm, and a scroll appeared in front of Ye Guan.

Ye Guan asked, "What is this?"

"Insights into Eternal Moments that I—Big Sister compiled," Cirou stammered, "It's going to be helpful to you."

Ye Guan examined Cirou's expression before putting away the scroll.

"You don't have to worry about the Guanxuan Universe for now. Everything is calm there, you should just focus on cultivating here."

Ye Guan solemnly asked, "What about the Eternal Sovereign?"

"I'll handle..." Cirou trailed off. She smiled and said, "Thinking about those matters now won't help. Concentrate on your cultivation first, and let's see if you can make a breakthrough to the Great Sovereign Realm through battle."

"Through battle..." Ye Guan nodded. "Got it."

As Cirou suggested, the immediate priority was to become stronger. Ye Guan noticed that the vast expanse was getting more and more chaotic, and it was all thanks to his aunt suppressing the Great Daoist Brush Master.

Great Sovereigns and Cosmic Spirits had become more carefree than ever. Ye Guan had readjusted his mindset. His enemies were no longer his peers but old fogeys who had lived for millions of years.

Ye Guan sighed softly. He truly wished that he hadn't acknowledged his family so soon. He had thought it would be the pinnacle of his life, but it had plunged him into an abyss of complicated matters instead.

Cirou came to a halt and looked up.

There was a massive arena up ahead.

"Go up there!" Cirou said.

Ye Guan nodded slightly and started walking toward the arena.

Cirou stared quietly at Ye Guan.

Soon, Ye Guan arrived at the arena.

Cirou's voice echoed in his ears. "I have three excellent opponents for you to fight."

Three figures suddenly appeared in the arena.

Seeing the newcomers, Ye Guan was stunned. They were none other than Martial Chancellor Wu Qi, the Commander of the Expedition Army and the Commander of the Divine Dusk Guards.

Ye Guan didn't expect that Cirou would choose these three as his opponents.

They were currently some of the strongest cultivators throughout the vast expanse.

Wu Qi spoke, "I'll go first!"

Swoosh!

He vanished and rushed toward Ye Guan.

Ye Guan's heart jumped, and he started running toward Wu Qi. He dared not to be careless against Wu Qi, as the latter was the Martial Chancellor of the True Universe.

Cirou glanced at Ye Guan before turning around and walking away. Moments later, she appeared in the True God Hall. There was only one person left there, Left Councilor Feng Qi.

Cirou sat down across from Left Councilor Feng Qi and asked, "How's the Immortal Treasures Pavilion doing? Remember that branch he had built here?"

Left Councilor Feng Qi replied, "Following your instructions, we helped them a lot. They're great at doing business, and they're expanding rapidly. It won't be long before they become the top merchant organization of the True Universe."

Left Councilor Feng Qi stared at Cirou, trying to deduce her thoughts.

Cirou nodded and said, "I have a plan..."

Cirou took out a map and pointed at a certain location, "This place is the closest to the Guanxuan Universe. I want you to make a city here and name it True Guan City, and it has to be bigger than True God City. Once it's built, I want you to invest ten true spiritual veins in the city, I want the city to have the thickest concentration of spiritual energy throughout the entire True Universe."

Ten true spiritual veins!

Left Councilor Feng Qi's eyes narrowed, and she cried out, "But..."

Even True God City only had six true spiritual veins. However, Left Councilor Feng Qi didn't dare to voice her opposition out loud.

Cirou ignored her reaction and said, "Once you're done investing the ten true spiritual veins in the city, I want you to contact the Immortal Treasures Pavilion of the Guanxuan Universe and tell them to build their True Universe headquarters in that city.

"Of course, we'll take half of their profits as usual. Additionally, the aristocratic clans and families of the True Universe can move to the city for free. Also, I want you to tell the All Worlds that they can also move to that city for free so long as they can meet our standards and requirements."

Cirou stood up and continued. "We must first invite the largest sects and clans of the Guanxuan Universe to move to True Guan City. They can enjoy the benefits of cultivating in the True Universe as if they're denizens of the True Universe, and if the aristocratic clans and families of the True Universe are willing to accept talents from the Guanxuan Universe, we'll grant them a certain amount of spiritual cores every year."

Left Councilor Feng Qi was left at a loss for words.

However, Cirou wasn't done yet as she said, "Our three armed forces will announce an open recruitment to the Guanxuan Universe and the All Worlds. As long as they're talented enough and can satisfy our requirements, we'll accept them."

Left Councilor Feng Qi wanted to say something, but Cirou didn't give her the opportunity to do so as she continued. "Every year, we'll hold a martial contest. All superpowers aside from the True Universe can participate in the martial contest. The champion will receive three million spiritual cores and the freedom to browse secret cultivation methods and martial arts. I want you to refine this idea."

Left Councilor Feng Qi stood up. Her mouth fluttered open and close, but Cirou interrupted her again by saying, "I want you to lift the seals that the True Universe has on the Guanxuan Universe and the All Worlds. If a representative of a world within the All Worlds managed to become a part of the top ten cultivators in the martial contest, they wouldn't have to pay us tribute for the next hundred years."

"If their representative managed to reach the top five, the representative's world is exempted from paying tributes for the next five hundred years. If they somehow managed to secure any of the top three spots, then their world is forever exempted from paying tributes."

"Lastly, I want you to encourage intermarriage between the denizens of the two Universes. Regardless of gender and affiliation, a couple from either the Guanxuan Universe or the True Universe will receive legal protection and rewards."

"Cirou!" Left Councilor Feng Qi roared, "What nonsense are you spouting?! Every single one of your demands is extremely challenging to implement! Especially the last one—encouraging intermarriage between the True Universe and the Guanxuan Universe. Do you really think that's possible?"

Cirou made a sidelong glance at Left Councilor Feng Qi and said, "Feng Qi, our hegemony is over. We've fallen into chaotic times, all thanks to the Great Daoist Brush Master's disappearance. If the True Universe continues to assert dominance as it did in the past, the inevitable outcome is destruction."

Left Councilor Feng Qi shook her head repeatedly and said, "No, no, no. Absolutely not. If we implement your suggestions, everyone will rebel. The Guanxuan Universe is the True Universe's archenemy, after all..."

"Ye Guan's aunt is suppressing the Great Daoist Brush Master!" Cirou exclaimed, "She's the reason the Great Daoist Brush Master is nowhere to be seen!"

Left Councilor Feng Qi was stunned.

Cirou stared deeply at Left Councilor Feng Qi and said, "The True Universe and the Guanxuan Universe are indeed archenemies. However, the Guanxuan Universe is truly strong enough to annihilate the True Universe. During the era of the Sword Master, the True Universe had only survived that era because the Sword Master wanted to take that step.

The True Universe would have perished otherwise."

Cirou shook her head lightly and said, "The True Universe can't continue oppressing the Guanxuan Universe. There's only one inevitable outcome for us if we continue to antagonize the Guanxuan Universe—death.

"The best thing that we can do here is to allow the people from both universes to interact and encourage intermarriages between them. There must be mutual understanding between our citizens and their citizens."

Cirou turned and looked outside the hall before muttering, "In a hundred years at most, the hatred between the two universes will dissolve if we were to implement my plan. By then, the True Universe and the Guanxuan Universe will be like one family. The Four Swords will no longer be the greatest threat to us but the greatest protection.

"Cijing and him... They won't be in a tough spot anymore. In fact, their relationship would be like the biggest boon for both universes, and everyone will congratulate them."

Cirou suddenly smiled, but two teardrops slid down her cheeks at the same time.

"That silly girl..." she muttered with a wry smile.

Chapter 382: Never Needed a Second Move

Left Councilor Feng Qi's face turned ashen. She slumped into her chair, and a variety of emotions fled across her face. She was confused, afraid, and reluctant at the same time. Cirou's idea was just shocking. An alliance between the True Universe and the Guanxuan Universe?

Was that even possible, given their deep-seated hatred for each other?

However, the revelation that the mysterious plain-skirt lady behind Ye Guan had suppressed the Great Daoist Brush Master filled her with fear. In other words, the Guanyuan Universe had a few supreme elites stronger than the Sword Master.

As Cirou said, it didn't seem impossible for the Guanyuan Universe to annihilate the True Universe so long as they wanted to do so.

Regardless, Left Councilor Feng Qi was reluctant to employ the plan because it meant that the True Universe would have to compromise and give up quite a few of its vested interests.

"This is impossible, Cirou," Left Councilor Feng Qi said with a shake of her head. "I'm sure your proposal will face a myriad of objections from all sides."

"It's fine," Cirou said. She stared into Left Councilor Feng Qi's eyes and said, "So long as the True Universe's armed forces are united and stable, those who dare to object will dare not make a move."

Silence descended upon the hall.

"Look at it from a different perspective," Cirou said.

Left Councilor Feng Qi stared at Cirou.

Cirou explained, "We'd still remain as the most formidable powerhouse of the vast expanse if we were to make such changes. We'd have the first-mover advantage, and we'd be able to maintain our dignity.

"If we make a move too late, they'd shape our future for us."

Left Councilor Feng Qi revealed a complicated expression as she stammered, "Has it really come to this?"

Cirou stared deeply at Left Councilor Feng Qi before replying, "The early bird will get the worm. We have an institutional advantage over the Guanxuan Universe, the other universes, and the All Worlds.

"If we handle this well, more and more exceptional individuals will join our cause. Sacrificing a few immediate benefits now can result in a mountain of profit in the future."

Left Councilor Feng Qi was quiet as she sank deeper into her chair.

Cirou looked at her and said, "I need your help."

Left Councilor Feng Qi turned to Cirou.

"Are you on the True Universe's side, or are you on Ye Guan's side?" she asked.

Cirou chuckled lightly and asked, "What do you think?"

Left Councilor Feng Qi walked up to Cirou. She stared directly into her eyes and demanded, "I want you to tell me!"

After a moment of silence, Cirou replied, "No matter what, I will not betray the True Universe."

Left Councilor Feng Qi was silent for quite a while.

"I want authority over the three armed forces," she said, breaking the silence.

"Sure," Cirou responded, "You can use them anytime you wish."

Left Councilor Feng Qi nodded lightly. She then turned around and started walking toward the door. When she reached the doorway, she suddenly came to a halt and said, "Cirou, the Guanxuan Universe has to cooperate with us for this plan to work."

Left Councilor Feng Qi knew that Cirou's main goal was the Guanxuan Universe, and if the Guanxuan Universe refused to cooperate; it'd be impossible to implement Cirou's plan.

"I'll talk to him," Cirou replied.

Left Councilor Feng Qi nodded, and then she disappeared into the distance.

Left all alone, Cirou stood quietly for quite a while, seemingly thinking over something. Eventually, she revealed a light smile and turned around to leave.

Cirou stepped into a thatched hut in Stone Village. The thatched hut had nothing but a bed, and there was a young woman on the bed.

The woman was none other than Cijing!

Cirou walked to the bedside. She carefully held Cijing's hand as if it were extremely fragile and shook her head. Tears welled up in her eyes, and they dripped down her cheeks like glistening pearls.

"I told you to wait, but you couldn't wait. You're just like Ba Wan. Both of you have never really listened to me. It has always been like that since we were young," Cirou said.

The young woman lay motionless on the bed.

Cirou sat on the bed and stared blankly at Cijing.

"Even though Big Sister has never come back since that argument back then, I know that she's not angry with us. I'm sure she simply couldn't forgive herself. Before she left, she entrusted all of you and the True Universe to me."

Cirou shook her head and wiped the tears away from her face. Then, a look of frustration suffused her face as she exclaimed, "It's all that wretched man's fault!"

After taking a moment to compose herself, she stood up and walked outside the thatched hut. Once outside the house, Cirou's expression turned icy. She turned to her side and said, "Protect this hut!"

A group of six elders bowed deeply to Cirou.

Cirou didn't even respond to them as she vanished into thin air.

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The Eternal Sovereign was cultivating in the Eternal World, and his eyes suddenly shot wide open.

He stood up with a look of astonishment.

An elder appeared next to the Eternal Sovereign.

The elder spoke solemnly, "Jingchen and the others..."

The Eternal Sovereign looked up and stared deeply into the starry sky.

After a moment, he frowned and asked, "They're gone?"

The elder nodded with a grim expression.

"No survivors; their souls were annihilated as well."

The Eternal Sovereign fell silent. After a while, he chuckled lightly and said, "It seems that Milky Way is teeming with elites!"

The elder's voice sounded heavy. "We've suffered a huge loss..."

The Eternal Sovereign smiled and muttered, "Interesting. Someone out there is actually capable of wiping out over a dozen Great Destiny Sovereigns in just a blink of an eye."

The elder stared deeply at the Eternal Sovereign. He wanted to say something, but he remained silent in the end.

Swoosh!

Just then, a woman appeared not far from them. She was none other than Cirou.

The Eternal Sovereign said nothing upon seeing Cirou.

"I'm here to congratulate you, Eternal Sovereign." Cirou smiled and said, "You've recovered sixty percent of your true strength."

The Eternal Sovereign wasted no time and swung his fist.

Cirou swung her fist as well.

Bam!

A deafening explosion echoed as Cirou was forced hundreds of meters away.

The Eternal Sovereign stood his ground without flinching. He looked at Cirou and remarked, "I underestimated you."

Cirou smiled before asking, "Eternal Sovereign, is it true that you've never faced defeat during the era of the Eternal Civilization?"

The Eternal Sovereign fixed his gaze on Cirou, responding sternly, "You manipulated Jingchen into going to Milky Way. Your intentions are more than just malicious."

Cirou chuckled and explained, "It's not like we're allies, are we?"

"Yes, we're enemies," the Eternal Sovereign said with a nod. "I guess it is not strange for you to scheme against us."

Cirou smiled and asked, "How come it seems like you are not sorrowful upon hearing of your subordinates' demise?"

"I've always been alone. I alone am an entire era."

Cirou locked eyes with the Eternal Sovereign and said, "From what I've heard, only the Great Daoist Brush Master has managed to defeat you, so you have the right to be arrogant. However, the times have changed, Eternal Sovereign.

"This era has supreme elites whose powers are beyond your imagination!"

The Eternal Sovereign chuckled and asked, "You mean the lady in the plain skirt?"

Cirou nodded. "Exactly."

The Eternal Sovereign laughed heartily and pointed out. "So you want me to go and fight that lady?"

Cirou nodded lightly and replied, "Indeed. I want to see who is stronger between you and her."

The Eternal Sovereign stared at Cirou with a smile.

"I'll fight her eventually, but not now. I have to completely recover first."

"Is that so?" Cirou chuckled and said, "Why does it sound like an excuse? Is it because you're... scared?"

The Eternal Sovereign squinted his eyes. His right hand gradually clenched to a fist.

Cirou's smile deepened, and she said, "I understand. After all, someone who can slay over a dozen Great Destiny Sovereigns in the blink of an eye is undoubtedly an extraordinary individual, even among supreme elites. Your emotions are natural."

"Mind games are useless against me, Cirou," said the Eternal Sovereign.

Cirou stared into the Eternal Sovereign's eyes and said, "According to our investigation, the plain-skirt lady has never needed a second move to kill her opponents."

The Eternal Sovereign didn't respond.

"The war between the True Universe and the Guanxuan Universe is still ongoing despite the millions of years that have passed; do you know why? Cirou asked, "Why do you think we haven't been able to conquer the Guanxuan Universe?"

"It's all because of her. Eternal Sovereign, if you seek to rule the entire universe, your greatest adversary is neither Ye Guan nor the Guanxuan Universe; it's that lady in the plain skirt. Kill her, and you'll become truly invincible."

The Eternal Sovereign remained silent.

"She once fought the Great Daoist Brush Master," Cirou said.

The Eternal Sovereign's eyes narrowed with interest. "Who won?"

Cirou sounded serious as she replied, "It was a close fight."

The Eternal Sovereign was stunned, and then he asked, "Are you sure?"

"I'm one of the strongest beings of this vast expanse. Do you really think I'd stoop so low as to deceive you?" Cirou retorted.

The Eternal Sovereign fell into contemplation.

Cirou added, "You can verify with that tiny pagoda. It's the best pagoda in the universe, and it's of the living witnesses of that battle."

The Eternal Sovereign opened his palm, and a tiny pagoda appeared in his hand.

"Little Pagoda, did you witness the battle between that lady in the plain skirt and the Great Daoist Brush Master?"

Little Pagoda replied, "Yes, I was there, and I saw it! They fought for three days and three nights. In the end, she couldn't beat the Great Daoist Brush Master and was suppressed; she's been forbidden from leaving the Milky Way since then."

The Eternal Sovereign spoke in a deep voice, "Is she that Plain-Skirt Destiny whom you mentioned to me?"

"Yes," Little Pagoda replied, "Yes, I was with the Great Daoist Brush Master back then, and she inflicted heavy injuries on me. Then, she took me away and gave me to her brother. Really... their entire family bullied me into subservience. The father deceived me, and then the son deceived me as well."

"I was living a really miserable life while I was in their hands."

"Interesting," the Eternal Sovereign smiled and said, "She must be quite strong for her to have been able to exchange a few moves with the Great Daoist Brush Master."

Cirou looked at the Eternal Sovereign and said seriously, "I advise you not to underestimate her. I'm sure you haven't forgotten what I told you about how she has never needed a second move to kill her enemies!"

The Eternal Sovereign chuckled and replied, "That applies to me as well. During my era. I've killed every single one of my opponents in just a single move. Of course, the Great Daoist Brush Master was an exception."

Cirou was silent.

The Eternal Sovereign glanced at Cirou, "I know you want to use my hand to kill that lady in the plain skirt. Don't worry, I won't underestimate her. Anyone who can contend with the Great Daoist Brush Master must have some capability!"

"Good." Cirou nodded. She glanced at the tiny pagoda before transforming into a beam of golden light that disappeared into the depths of the starry sky.

The elder next to the Eternal Sovereign said solemnly, "Her motives are evil!"

The Eternal Sovereign laughed and said, "She wants me to go all out against that lady in the plain skirt. Once the two of us are injured, she's going to lead the True Universe to take advantage of my injuries by then."

The elder frowned, and his intuition told him that things weren't so simple.

Before he could voice out his concerns, the Eternal Sovereign continued. "However, she doesn't know my true strength at all. Back then, the Great Daoist Brush Master couldn't defeat me by himself. He teamed up with that woman to defeat me!"

The elder was stunned.

"Pfft!" The Eternal Sovereign laughed heartily and said, "I've always emphasized that the Great Daoist Brush Master has defeated me himself to make them underestimate me.."

The Eternal Sovereign closed his eyes and said, "Once I've recovered completely, I will kill that lady in the plain skirt. Afterward, it won't take much effort to destroy both the True Universe and the Guanyuan Universe."

The Eternal Sovereign revealed a disdainful smile and added, "All schemes and tricks are nothing before absolute strength, and her foolish scheme against me is nothing but adorable in my eyes!"

Chapter 383: Just Don't Kill Him

A cacophony of clanking noises echoed incessantly throughout the Divine Battlefield.

After his breakthrough, Ye Guan needed life-and-death battles. As he fought, the power of the Great Dao Origin and the power of the True God inside of him gradually permeated all over him, strengthening him.

Wu Qi was strong. He had been maintaining the upper hand in all his fights so far against Ye Guan, and he was both relentless and ruthless. His moves were so fierce and ruthless that it seemed like he had a personal vendetta against Ye Guan.

Bam!

Ye Guan was sent flying away.

Wu Qi was about to strike when something caught his attention.

Cirou was here.

Cirou smiled at Wu Qi and said, "Attack him together."

Wu Qi and the others exchanged puzzled glances.

Cirou added, "Just don't kill him."

They nodded after a moment of hesitation. They then charged toward Ye Guan.

Ye Guan's expression changed drastically. How did this become a group fight?

He made a sidelong glance at Cirou, but she looked away, refusing to meet his gaze.

Ye Guan was left speechless.

Soon, Ye Guan's miserable shrieks pervaded the battlefield.

The three unleashed a merciless barrage of blows upon Ye Guan.

Their strikes were brutal, but they made sure their attacks weren't fatal.

Soon, Ye Guan sprawled out on the ground, completely immobilized.

He felt as if he had been dismantled and reassembled. His fleshly body was strong, but the pain of the beatdown had permeated his bones, leaving him in complete agony.

Wu Qi and the others stopped.

A green wave pulsed out of Ye Guan as the Divine Tree of Nature stirred into action. Once he was patched up, he stood up once more and charged at his opponents.

And just like that, the relentless beating continued.

However, Ye Guan's aura and his fleshy body would grow stronger after each battle.

The daily beatings lasted for a moment, and every single beating left Ye Guan sprawled out on the ground. If it hadn't been for the Divine Tree of Nature, this brutal training would have been impossible.

Today, the Divine Tree of Nature patched up Ye Guan's wounds, and he stood up once more. He took a stance and was about to rush toward his opponents when Cirou suddenly waved her hand, prompting the Commander of the Expedition Army and the Commander of the Divine Dusk Guards to take a step backward.

Ye Guan glanced at Cirou and asked, "Is it going to be a one-on-one?"

Cirou ignored him.

Ye Guan sighed.

"Bring it on!" Wu Qi shouted and disappeared

Ye Guan disappeared as well. He took a stance with his sword and slashed out.

Two hundred and twenty Heavenrends!

Boom!

A dazzling sword light briefly inundated the battlefield, and Wu Qi was blasted a few hundred meters away. Everyone stared agape. Wu Qi glanced at his right hand and saw a wound so severe that he could see his bone inside of it.

Frowning, he shifted his gaze toward Ye Guan in the distance. He now realized that Ye Guan's strength had undergone a remarkable transformation.

Ye Guan was surprised as well. He hadn't anticipated that enduring a month of relentless beatings would lead to such a significant improvement in his strength.

His previous limit was two hundred Heavenrends, but now, he could imbue the power of two hundred and twenty Heavenrends in one Heavenrend. Clearly, the beatings he had been receiving over the past month had been incredibly effective.

Ye Guan suppressed the delight in his heart and stomped with his right foot, transforming into a streak of sword light that rushed toward Wu Qi.

Wu Qi didn't dare to be complacent.

He transformed into a beam of light to clash with Ye Guan.

Soon, the battlefield was inundated by countless sword lights.

A kaleidoscope of sword lights crisscrossed across the battlefield, and the fight grew more intense as the seconds went by.

On the sidelines, the Commander of the Expedition Army and the Commander of the Divine Dusk Guards observed the battle with grim expressions.

It had only been a month since the beatings started, but Ye Guan was already strong enough to contend against Wu Qi.

An hour later, neither had managed to obtain an advantage against the other.

However, Ye Guan seemed to be growing stronger with each exchange.

Boom!

Wu Qi was blasted a few hundred meters away.

Ye Guan opened his palm, and the sword in his hand disappeared. He jumped and clenched his fists tightly—an ancient illusory figure emerged behind him. The illusory figure exuded an ancient and desolate aura that permeated the heavens and earth.

Wu Qi narrowed his eyes, and his expression grew incomparably solemn.

He opened his palm, and a mysterious force converged above it.

Ye Guan and the ancient illusory figure behind him simultaneously formed hand seals. Ye Guan opened his eyes and pointed at Wu Qi.

"Shatter!" Ye Guan roared.

Boom!

The spacetime above Wu Qi was torn open, and a colossal hand hundreds of meters in size emerged from the rift. It clenched into a fist and made a beeline for Wu Qi, all the while exuding a terrifying ancient aura.

The aura around the fist made it seem as though it existed in the past rather than the present.

Eternal Moments!

It was the martial art that the True God had left behind alongside the Unbeatable Fist Art, and Ye Guan had finally mastered it.

Wu Qi stomped and transformed into a streak of light.

Crackle!

The beam of light shattered, and Wu Qi fell straight to the ground. He flipped in mid-air and landed gracefully, shattering the fortified arena. However, Ye Guan's attack wasn't over; a colossal fist came crashing down.

BOOM!

The arena was obliterated, leaving behind a seemingly bottomless abyss in the ground. A violent tremor ran through the Divine Battlefield.

Commander Yuan Zhen of the Divine Dusk Guards, and Commander Yuan Hao of the Expedition Army stared at the abyss with an incomparably solemn face.

Ye Guan's move was so strong that even Wu Qi had barely survived it. In fact, if it hadn't been for the unique spacetime of the Divine Battlefield, the entire battlefield would have been annihilated by that one punch.

Ye Guan was shocked as well. He didn't expect that the Eternal Moments would be that strong. It was so strong that Ye Guan reckoned that it would allow him to be invincible against his peers.

Ye Guan stared at Wu Qi, who was struggling to get up.

Wu Qi was in a sorry state. His fleshly body was riddled with wounds, and he was drenched in his own blood.

Ye Guan was about to make a move when Cirou suddenly said, "It's enough."

Ye Guan stopped and turned to look at Cirou.

"Come with me," Cirou said.

She turned around and walked away.

Ye Guan hesitated for a moment before following her.

Wu Qi stared at the two and asked in a deep voice, "What is she trying to do?"

They had initially refused Cirou's request to help Ye Guan become even stronger. They still harbored animosity toward Ye Guan and the Guanyuan Universe, but since Cirou had insisted, they had no choice but to come and spar with Ye Guan.

"I don't know, but..." Commander Yuan Hao said, "She's not going to harm the True Universe!"

"Indeed." Wu Qi nodded.

Cirou would never betray them.

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Cirou led Ye Guan toward a distant mountain range, and the two were quiet along the way. Ye Guan made a sidelong glance at Cirou and asked, "Lady Cirou, when can I meet Cijing?"

"Once you've become a Great Sovereign," Cirou replied calmly.

Ye Guan was silent. His strength had improved significantly, but he had discovered the existence of a massive chasm between the Great Sovereign Realm and the Divine Sovereign Realm.

It was a chasm so big that Ye Guan wasn't confident that he could cross it quickly.

Cirou glanced at Ye Guan and asked, "Can I give you a piece of advice?"

Ye Guan raised an eyebrow, "What advice?"

Cirou calmly stated, "You know Cijing's personality. She's stubborn; she's cold on the outside but hot inside. However, there's more there is to her than that. I know her more than you, and I can say that she'll get hurt if you were to see her so soon."

Ye Guan was quiet, seemingly pondering over Cirou's words before saying, "Lady Cirou, you're incredibly wise. I would like us to talk about the future of our two universes."

Cirou stopped and looked at Ye Guan.

"Go on," she said.

Ye Guan sounded serious as he asked, "Do you really think that the True Universe can continue its hegemony over the vast expanse for long?"

Cirou shook her head without saying anything.

"That's right. It can't." Ye Guan nodded and said, "The True Universe still has to deal with its Universe Tribulation, and I'm sure it's riddled with internal strife. I believe that the True Universe's destruction is inevitable unless a change is made."

Cirou stared deeply at Ye Guan and asked, "What do you think we should do?"

Ye Guan stared at Cirou and said, "A complete change is necessary. If I were you, I'd start becoming more generous to the other universes and the All Worlds. You should strive to create a scenario where everyone has something to gain.

"Of course, this requires courage and the ability to be humble, which must be extremely difficult to do, considering how many years you've been the hegemon of the vast expanse."

Cirou was quiet. After a while, she muttered, "If—and I emphasize if—the True Universe is willing to compromise and do as you say, will you be willing to cooperate with us?"

"Why not? Ye Guan asked and added, "I'm willing if Cijing comes to discuss it with me."

"Oh..." Cirou looked away.

Ye Guan's eyes shimmered in contemplation as he stared into the distance. Even while training, he had been contemplating the next actions the Guanxuan Universe would take.

Should they destroy the True Universe? There was no way the Guanxuan Universe could destroy the True Universe without the intervention of Ye Guan's plain-skirt aunt.

What if they simply continued the war? How many generations would it take before a victor was decided?

"Why can't I discuss it with you?" Cirou asked while staring calmly at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan looked at her and asked, "Would you mind if I spoke the truth?"

"Yes," Cirou said; her gaze seemed unwittingly fixed on Ye Guan.

Ye Guan shrugged and said, "I won't say anything then."

"I lied." Cirou smiled and said, "Go ahead and speak the truth. I don't mind it at all."

Ye Guan nodded and said, "Cijing likes me, so she won't harm me. We can talk about anything under the sky. As for you..."

Cirou chuckled and asked, "What about me?"

Ye Guan sounded solemn as she said, "You're too calculative and scheming, Lady Cirou. I feel like I have to be always on guard even while talking with you."

Cirou's eyes quivered ever so slightly as the smile on her lips gradually disappeared.

"Moreover, you've never really looked highly upon me. What you truly value isn't me, Ye Guan, but the supreme elites behind me, like my plain-skirt aunt. Cijing is different; she likes me not because of my backing but because she actually likes me.

"In other words, she's not going to harm me, and I'm not going to harm her. We like each other, after all."

"Oh..." Cirou looked away and started walking away.

Her vision started to go blurry as she picked up the pace.

Chapter 384: I Am Using You!

Cirou walked ahead, with Ye Guan trailing behind in silence. They soon reached the edge of a towering forest. The trees in the forest were so tall that their canopies reached the clouds, casting a huge shadow on the ground.

The entire forest also exuded an ancient air. Evidently, the forest had been here for a long time.

When they entered the forest, the rays of the sun vanished and were replaced by darkness. Ye Guan looked around. The ancient trees intertwined like an intricate web throughout the forest.

Ye Guan asked, "Lady Cirou, where are we?"

Cirou remained silent, pressing forward.

"Lady Cirou?" Ye Guan asked once more, but Cirou chose to maintain her silence, prompting Ye Guan to resign himself to walking alongside her in silence as well.

After a while, Ye Guan couldn't resist asking again, "Lady Cirou, where are we headed?"

Cirou didn't respond, prompting Ye Guan to come to a halt.

Cirou stopped and said, "We're almost there."

With that, she resumed her journey.

After a moment of contemplation, Ye Guan followed once more. Soon, his gaze was drawn toward a massive ancient tree in the distance. The ancient tree was almost a hundred meters in length, making it appear majestic.

Ye Guan asked, "What is that, Lady Cirou?"

Cirou calmly replied, "Big Sister planted that tree. It's known as the True Tree."

"True Tree?" Ye Guan echoed, prompting a nod from Cirou. She guided Ye Guan to the base of the True Tree. A surge of emotions rushed over Cirou as she reminisced about bygone days; her eyes welled up in tears once more.

"This tree is miraculous," said Cirou. "Upon merging with a cultivator, it becomes a second dantian—a boundless dantian capable of containing an endless amount of profound energy..."

"A second dantian?!" Ye Guan exclaimed in stupefaction.

Cirou closed her eyes. She placed her right hand on the tree and chanted an ancient incantation.

The True Tree began to tremble as if it had come to life. Just then, a tiny spirit emerged from the True Tree and flew over to Cirou.

A tender voice echoed in Cirou's mind, "Cirou, you're finally here."

Cirou looked at the spirit and smiled faintly. "Yes."

Cirou and the spirit proceeded to talk telepathically.

"Are you here to merge with me?" asked the spirit.

Cirou shook her head. She made a sidelong glance at the curious Ye Guan before saying, "I want you to merge with him."

"Huh?" the spirit's eyes widened. She sounded puzzled as she asked, "You want me to merge with him?"

Cirou nodded.

The spirit exclaimed, "Cirou, Master said that should you come here again, I should merge with you and help you through any bottlenecks. How come you're saying that you want me to merge with him? Are you... are you giving me to him?"

Cirou revealed a faint smile. "Yes."

Glancing at Ye Guan, the spirit asked, "Do you like him?"

Cirou calmly replied, "No, I hate him."

The spirit was instantly perplexed.

Just then, Ye Guan said, "What are you guys talking about? Can I join the conversation? I promise not to tell anyone else!"

Cirou turned to Ye Guan and coldly spat, "We're talking about how to trick you."

Ye Guan was stunned.

The spirit eyed him curiously.

Cirou's mouth fluttered open, but Ye Guan couldn't hear her voice. Cirou had whispered something to the spirit.

The spirit seemed to hesitate as she looked at Ye Guan. Just as Ye Guan was about to speak, the spirit transformed into a ray of green light that melted into his forehead.

Boom!

The majestic True Tree vanished into thin air. Ye Guan's eyes widened, and a tremor ran through him. After what felt like an eternity, Ye Guan closed his eyes, and a powerful aura burst out of him, which stirred the entire forest.

Cirou stared quietly at Ye Guan.

After a while, Ye Guan saw the majestic True Tree in his sea of consciousness.

Ye Guan was stupefied, and he stared blankly at Cirou.

Cirou calmly said, "The True Tree has become your second dantian. With it, you won't have to worry about running out of profound energy in the middle of battle. You can keep fighting for as long as you wish!"

Ye Guan hesitated for a moment and then asked, "Is this tree very valuable?"

Cirou stared briefly at Ye Guan before looking away.

"You don't want to owe me a favor?" she asked contemptuously, "Sure. Give me a hundred million spiritual cores, and we'll call it even."

Ye Guan immediately took out a storage ring.

Cirou's gaze turned as cold as a thousand-year-old icy cavern upon seeing that.

Ye Guan noticed her icy gaze and put the storage ring away. He shook his head and said, "You don't have to lie to me. The True Tree has to be more valuable than a hundred million spiritual cores."

Cirou didn't respond and only stared at Ye Guan in silence.

After contemplating for a moment, Ye Guan proposed, "Cirou, I genuinely dislike owing favors, so how about this? If there's anything I can do for you, I'll do it."

"No need," Cirou said coldly.

Ye Guan shook his head and said, "In that case, I can only return the tree to you."

Ye Guan closed his eyes to uproot the True Tree from his sea of consciousness.

"Don't," Cirou interrupted and said, "That tree is going to be helpful to Cijing."

Ye Guan stared deeply at Cirou.

Cirou didn't avoid his gaze and calmly said, "Keep it. It'll really be useful."

Ye Guan doubted it and asked, "Really?"

"I don't lie," Cirou replied and looked away.

Ye Guan fell silent.

Cirou composed herself and sneered, "Do you really think that I'm helping you here? Well, for your information, no. I'm just using you. Why would I do something that'll put me at a disadvantage against you?"

Ye Guan cast a deep gaze upon Cirou.

"Lady Cirou, I'm leaving," he said. He then turned and started walking away.

Cirou suddenly said, "Wait!"

Ye Guan turned to look at Cirou, puzzled.

"You've become strong enough that the majority of the Great Destiny Sovereigns are no longer your match," Cirou started, "Those capable of threatening your life are especially strong Great Destiny Sovereigns and Cosmic Spirits."

Ye Guan nodded. "I understand."

"Go on," Cirou said with a nod.

Ye Guan glanced briefly at Cirou, but he didn't start walking away again.

"Are you wondering why I'm helping you?"

Ye Guan nodded.

"As I said earlier..." Cirou stared at Ye Guan and said, "I'm using you as well."

After a moment of silence, Ye Guan nodded slightly and vanished into the distance.

Cirou stared quietly at the horizon where Ye Guan had disappeared.

Swoosh!

A young woman suddenly appeared next to Cirou.

She was none other than Cishu.

Cishu stared at the distant horizon as well and muttered, "The Great Dao Origin and the True Tree. Cirou, you—"

"I'll find a way to tell him the truth about your situation when the time comes," Cirou interrupted Cishu.

"I don't know." Cishu shook her head and said, "I'm sure hates me now..."

"That should be my line..." Cirou muttered.

"You—" Cishu started.

"Let's go!" However, Cirou interrupted her and said, "We still have many things to do, and we'll leave once everything is over."

Cishu went silent and turned around to leave with Cirou.

Boom!

A ray of sword light crashed in front of the two.

When the dazzling light vanished, the two women were stunned to see the figure bathing in sword light.

The figure belonged to none other than Ye Guan.

However, Ye Guan was quite astonished as well. Obviously, he didn't expect to see Cishu here.

Their eyes met, and Ye Guan looked away from her. His gaze fell on Cirou, and he sounded serious as he said, "Lady Cirou, I'd like to talk to you."

"Talk?" Cirou asked, sounding surprised.

"Yes, I want us to talk about the future of our universes," Ye Guan said.

"I thought you wanted no one else but Cijing to talk to you about that?" Cirou asked.

"No, I was just being impulsive earlier," Ye Guan responded.

Cirou was stunned by Ye Guan's response.

Ye Guan continued in a deep voice. "Lady Cirou, forgive me for being straightforward, but I do have some grudge against you, but it's not entirely my fault.

"You stabbed me in the back, but... I guess it doesn't really matter anymore after everything you've done for me. I thought hard and long about it, and I've decided that I shouldn't let my emotions control my decisions; I'm the King of the Guanxuan Universe, after all.

"Anyway, if you're sincerely willing to discuss the future of our two universes. I'm willing to talk business with you."

Cirou walked up to Ye Guan and stared into his eyes.

"So why did you say that you only wanted to talk to Cijing? Did you say that to provoke me?"

"Yes." Ye Guan nodded and admitted, "I apologize. That was a bit petty of me."

He actually knows how to apologize? Cirou burst out into a peal of hearty laughter.

"So what do you say, Lady Cirou?" Ye Guan asked.

"Sure, let's talk." Cirou smiled sweetly and asked, "Wait, are you not afraid that I might scheme against you?"

"I just have to be cautious," Ye Guan replied.

"Pfft!" Cirou burst out into laughter.

Ye Guan sighed to himself. Women's hearts are really as difficult to fathom as the boundless sea.

Cirou soon got a hold of herself and said, "Where shall we talk?"

"How about we talk in the Guanxuan Universe?" Ye Guan suggested.

"Sure, why not?" Cirou replied. She then looked at Cishu beside her and asked, "Can I bring Cishu with me?"

"As you wish," Ye Guan said with a nod.

Cishu stared at Ye Guan without saying anything.

Soon, the three arrived in the Guanxuan Universe.

A huge rectangular table was inside the assembly hall of the Xuzhen Holy Hall.

Cirou and Cishu sat on the left side, while Ye Guan, Nalan Jia, Mu Niannian, Li Banzhi, and the upper echelons of the Guanxuan Universe sat on the right side of the rectangular table.

Everyone had gathered upon hearing that they would discuss the future of the Guanxuan Universe. The upper echelons of the Guanxuan Universe were surprised to see Cirou and Cishu.

Nalan Jia stared alternately between the two women and Ye Guan.

However, she didn't say anything in the end.

Just then, Cirou placed a scroll in front of everyone and said, "My plan is inside this scroll, and we're already implementing it in the True Universe. Go ahead and take a look at it."

Everyone scanned the scroll with their divine senses, and their expressions instantly turned grim. Ye Guan was shocked as well because Cirou's plan was bolder than any of his ideas.

Mu Niannian looked up at Cirou and asked, "Lady Cirou, are you serious about this?"

Cirou nodded wordlessly.

Mu Niannian stared dumbstruck at Cirou. Cirou's plan could cause massive internal strife in the True Universe, which could lead to its destruction. However, if the plan went swimmingly, the True Universe would become more powerful.

Cirou's plan was basically reforming the established order.

The plan was great for the Guanxuan Universe as well, but it was risky. The True Universe might eventually absorb the Guanxuan Universe if it failed to keep up with the former. The other universes and the All Worlds had to face the same risk, too.

Every single individual in the assembly hall fell into deep contemplation at Cirou's plan.

Cirou didn't say anything as well and allowed everyone to think about it.

"Lady Cirou," Mu Niannian suddenly said, "If you don't mind, may I ask for the reason behind the sudden change of heart?"

Cirou smiled. "The True Universe wants to befriend the Guanxuan Universe."

Mu Niannian stared at Cirou and said, "The True Universe is far stronger than us, so why bother befriending us?"

"Surely, you jest. Cirou shook her head and said, "How can we defeat you when you have the Four Swords?"

Mu Niannian nodded slightly at the remark and pointed out. "I see, so that means there are two reasons behind your decision to stay in the tiny pagoda. You wanted to witness our true strength and to find a new path that the True Universe could take for its survival."

"You've guessed it," Cirou praised, "Lady Niannian is truly clever."

Mu Niannian glanced at the scroll on the table before saying, "Lady Cirou, your conditions are great, but if the Guanxuan Universe agrees to them, I believe that in a few hundred years, there will be no more Guanxuan Universe in the vast expanse, only the True Universe. Of course, your plan is great for both of our universes at the moment, but I would like to talk to you about some things in detail..."

Hearing that, Cirou transmitted her reply through profound energy to Mu Niannian.

Mu Niannian's pupils suddenly constricted. She glanced at Cishu next to Cirou and went silent. After a while, she said, "All right, there's no need for further discussions. The Guanyuan Universe is willing to fully cooperate with you!"

Mu Niannian's swift decision astonished everyone in the assembly hall.

Chapter 385: Invincible If I Call My Aunt

Everyone was visibly surprised by Mu Niannian's decision.

Just what did Cirou say to her?

Mu Niannian smiled lightly in the face of everyone's confusion but chose not to explain. She glanced deeply at Cishu next to Cirou before looking away.

Ye Guan and the others chose to trust Mu Niannian, so they refrained from asking any questions.

Cirou suddenly stood up and looked at Ye Guan.

"We'd like to have a private chat with you."

Mu Niannian and the others stood up and left the assembly hall.

Nalan Jia seemed downtrodden as she swept her gaze across Cirou and Cishu. She was about to leave when Ye Guan unexpectedly grabbed her hand and said, "Stay here. We're a couple, so we should face everything together."

Nalan Jia's mood was instantly uplifted. She smiled playfully and asked, "Do you really think that I'm that petty? Since these two ladies want to talk to you alone, they must have something important to say. Go ahead and talk to them."

Nalan Jia didn't even wait for Ye Guan's reply as she turned around and left.

Cirou and Cishu were left with Ye Guan in the assembly hall.

Cirou smiled at Ye Guan without saying anything.

Cishu stared wordlessly at Ye Guan, but she wasn't smiling like Cirou.

Ye Guan felt a little uneasy under their gazes.

"Lady Cirou, if there's something on your mind, please talk to me about it."

Cirou shook her head and said, "It's the two of you who should talk to each other!"

She then walked away and sat in front of a distant table to pick up the documents the Guanyuan Universe had brought over to the assembly hall. However, she was clearly distracted as she would surreptitiously gaze at Ye Guan and Cishu from time to time.

Ye Guan stared quietly at Cishu. Talk? Talk about what?

He had nothing to say to Cishu, and she wasn't Ba Wan as well.

Still, Ye Guan knew that he had to show her some respect, so he eased up and grinned "Lady Cishu, what do you want to talk to about with me?"

Cishu! Cishu was taken aback by how Ye Guan had addressed her. A bitter feeling gripped her heart as she stared at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan's politeness toward her made her feel as if the two of them were strangers.

Cishu sighed inwardly.

"Lady Cishu, will Ba Wan..." Ye Guan trailed off.

Cishu looked at Ye Guan, and Ye Guan continued. "Will Ba Wan return one day?"

Ye Guan clenched his fists, feeling hopeful, uneasy, and fearful at the same time.

"Does Young Master Ye wish for her to return?" Cishu asked.

Ye Guan nodded.

"My apologies, but she won't return," Cishu said calmly.

A tremor ran through Ye Guan, and he looked down, downtrodden.

Cishu chuckled and added, "However, it's not exactly impossible for her to return."

Ye Guan stared wide-eyed at Cishu.

"Make me happy, and she'll return," Cishu replied.

Ye Guan furrowed his brows and asked, "What do you mean?"

"I can temporarily seal my memories and replace them with Ba Wan's memories," Cishu explained, "If I do that, Ba Wan will return."

"Really?" Ye Guan asked solemnly.

"Yes, of course." Cishu nodded and said, "But it all depends on my happiness level."

"How do I make you happy?" asked Ye Guan.

Cishu shrugged. "How should I know?"

Ye Guan was speechless. What nonsense is this? How am I supposed to make you happy? Am I supposed to write a raunchy book for you to enjoy?

Ye Guan was aware of the three sisters' peculiarity, and it was the fact that they enjoyed consuming raunchy books—the raunchier, the better!

Looking at Ye Guan's expression, the smile on Cishu's face grew even brighter. She said, "I'm going to Milky Way soon, and I'm planning on going to a certain place. I want you to accompany me."

Milky Way? Ye Guan was about to refuse when Cishu added, "I can let you see your Ba Wan before we leave."

Ye Guan asked, "Really?"

Cishu nodded and said, "I usually don't lie."

Ye Guan pondered over it before saying, "Okay."

"All right, let's go." Cishu grabbed Ye Guan's hand and disappeared.

Left all alone, Cirou sighed and said, "I've been doing an unprofitable business..."

She looked down at her right hand and stared at the crimson lightning tribulation imprint on her palm.

Cirou smiled faintly and muttered, "Time is running out."

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Cishu brought Ye Guan to a vast grassland. Herds of cattle, sheep, and horses filled the grasslands, creating a surreal scene. The gentle breeze, the warm sunlight, the blue skies, and the pristine white clouds all combined to create a picturesque scene.

Ye Guan looked around before turning to Cishu beside him.

Cishu suddenly plopped down on the ground and sprawled out. Ye Guan's eyes flickered in a strange light. The way Cishu lay on the ground made her look enticing.

Cishu was dressed in a white chiffon dress that made her look like a fairy. Her eyes were sealed shut, and she breathed in deeply as if savoring every single breath. Her expression was no longer cold, and she looked like she was having fun here.

Cishu's suddenly shot wide open. Her gaze landed on Ye Guan, and she patted the patch of grass next to her.

Ye Guan hesitated.

Cishu chuckled and asked, "Are you worried that I'm going to eat you?"

Ye Guan remained standing while staring at Cishu.

"Come here, and I'm going to let you see Ba Wan later," Cishu said.

Ye Guan abandoned all reservations upon hearing that and immediately sprawled out next to Cishu.

Cishu stared at the blue skies and muttered, "I really love this place. The boundless grassland here seems like it encompasses everything."

Ye Guan looked up at the blue sky and realized that he felt completely at ease at the moment.

Just then, he recalled something and asked, "Lady Cishu, do you hate your big sister?"

Cishu was silent.

"Cirou mentioned that the three of you once quarreled with your big sister. Is it true?"

Cishu nodded and replied, "Yes, we had a disagreement many years ago, and Big Sister left after that argument. We've never seen her since then." N♡vєlBjn: Unleashing Imagination, One Read at a Time.

Ye Guan asked, "Can you tell me more about it?"

Cishu turned to look at Ye Guan and asked, "You want to know it?"

Ye Guan nodded.

Cishu smiled and started. "Big Sister had made a decision that we vehemently opposed, so we argued quite fiercely and for a long time. We ended up saying many hurtful words to each other. I mean, I'm sure you know, but in the heat of an argument, people can say anything just to get an advantage over the other."

Cishu stared at the distant horizon, and tears welled up in her eyes as she continued. "Looking back, she must have been sad at the time. Otherwise, she wouldn't have chosen to avoid us for so many years."

Ye Guan was curious. "What was the argument all about?"

Cishu shook her head slightly without speaking.

Ye Guan changed the question and asked, "Are you still angry at her?"

"We all regretted it. We wanted to help our big sister and face the Universe Tribulation together, but we were too weak, so we started cultivating like crazy.

"Unfortunately, we couldn't quite catch up to Big Sister, no matter how hard we tried. In other words, we haven't been able to qualify to share the burden of the Universe Tribulation with her."

Ye Guan frowned and grumbled, "So you decided to shift that burden onto me?"

Cishu smiled sweetly and said, "Yes, exactly!"

She didn't bother lying and instantly admitted to it.

Ye Guan's face became as dark as the bottom of a pot.

Cishu saw that and chuckled before saying, "We were enemies, so Isn't it normal for me to scheme against you?"

"Yes, it is normal," Ye Guan replied with a nod. "And we're still enemies!"

"Look at me!" Cishu exclaimed and grabbed Ye Guan's hand.

Ye Guan was stupefied. He stared into Cishu's eyes, and his heart suddenly began to speed up. He was about to look away, but Cishu grabbed his chin and forced him to look into her eyes.

The two were so close to each other that they could feel the warmth of their breaths.

A tremor ran through Ye Guan as he asked, "W-what are you doing?"

"Was the fact that we slept together a bad thing for you?" Cishu asked while staring into Ye Guan's eyes.

Ye Guan was at a loss for words.

"I didn't force you to do it back then." Cishu added, "In fact, you were quite eager to do it!"

Cishu blushed lightly as her words echoed throughout the grassland.

Ye Guan sighed softly and said, "Lady Cishu, I'm not the type to take advantage of others. Yes, I was quite eager back then, but the crux of the matter is the fact that it was all a part of your scheme."

"My scheme?" Cishu asked, "What is my scheme?"

Ye Guan had no idea what to say. Yeah, what's her scheme? What is it?!

Cishu suddenly snuggled up into Ye Guan's arm. Ye Guan froze upon the sudden impact of softness on his arm. He wanted to push Cishu away, but before he could make a move, Cishu started talking.

"Let me take advantage of you for a while, and you can have your way with Ba Wan for as many times as you want later. It's a fair deal, right?"

Ye Guan was rendered speechless by Cishu's logic.

"Who do you prefer between Ba Wan and Cijing?"

Ye Guan's reply came a bit late. "I like them both."

Cishu looked up at Ye Guan and smirked. "Both of them?"

Ye Guan nodded, "Yes."

Cishu laughed and asked, "Don't you think you're being too fickle?"

Ye Guan pondered briefly before saying, "I think I've inherited this trait of mine from my father and grandfather. Yes, that's definitely the case, so you should blame the two of them for being too fickle."

"I feel like one day you'll get a beating for what you're doing here," Cishu said.

Ye Guan smiled and said, "I think I'm fickle as well, but I really like both Ba Wan and Cijing. Giving up isn't a choice as well, as it wouldn't be too nice to give up either one of them or even both of them."

Ye Guan turned to Cishu and asked, "If I can only choose one person, who do you think I should choose?"

Cishu looked away and calmly said, "That's your business, so you should decide for yourself."

"I want to have a son!" Ye Guan said solemnly.

Cishu was stunned. The light in her eyes flickered with a tinge of panic as she stared at Ye Guan. Had he discovered something?

"I'll let my son inherit the Guanyuan Universe so I can finally enjoy my life," Ye Guan added.

"Pfft!" Cishu burst out into laughter. "And you dare to complain about your father?"

Ye Guan sighed and closed his eyes. "I've had a really exhausting life so far, and it's mostly because of my identity. I'm the King of the Guanyuan Universe, so I have to protect it and everyone living in it."

Ye Guan opened his eyes and stared at the blue skies before continuing. I think I'm starting to like this place. The grassland here seems like it encompasses everything, and I don't have to do anything here. Zero responsibilities, enemies, and schemes..."

A strange light fled across Cishu's eyes as she looked away from Ye Guan.

"Everyone has been telling me about what I should do and what I shouldn't do, but no one has ever asked me about what I want to do..." Ye Guan closed his eyes once more and muttered, "Cijìng made me realize what I truly want. From now on, those daring enough to bully me because I'm weak and those daring enough to harm the people precious to me will find out what it means to be the king of relying on others!"

I just have to call my aunt, and I will be invincible!

Chapter 386: Father and Son

The blue skies above the expansive grassland were filled with clouds that stretched for miles, and there were two figures lying next to each other beneath the blue skies.

Ye Guan smiled and said, "If I could go back in time, I would have chosen not to acknowledge my family immediately after recognizing my true identity. If I had done that, yes, I would have had to live a difficult, lonesome life, but I wouldn't have been under so much pressure like right now."

Ye Guan shook his head and said, "I'm also convinced that the Eternal Sovereign isn't going to be my final enemy. Once he's dead, I'm sure I'll have to confront enemies more powerful than him. It really is exhausting."

"If you were to reincarnate and given the chance to choose a family, would you choose to reincarnate in an invincible family?" Cishu asked with a smile. smiled,

Ye Guan stared deeply at Cishu and asked back, "You recovered the majority, if not all, of your memories on that fateful day in that hot spring, right?"

Cishu didn't say anything in response.

"Without my powerful relatives, would you have allowed me to take you on that fateful day?" Ye Guan asked.

Cishu remained silent.

Ye Guan closed his eyes and sighed before saying, "Lady Cishu, you don't have to pretend in front of me. I know very well who likes me and who is trying to make use of me. Still, I believe that Ba Wan truly liked me.

"As for you...you're not Ba Wan. You're Cishu."

Cishu finally opened her mouth to speak. "I finally understand why you like Cijing and Ba Wan so much. It's all because they've always treated you as Ye Guan rather than the King of the Guanxuan Universe."

Ye Guan smiled lightly and said, "I think I'm becoming a bit too spoiled. People can only dream of being in my shoes, yet here I am complaining about my life. Yeah, I think I'm a bit too ungrateful."

Ye Guan took a deep breath before continuing. "Embarking on the path of cultivation leaves no room for retreat, only forward until reaching the peak. My goal is to reach the summit of cultivation. One day, I'll reach the same heights that my father and aunt have reached."

Ye Guan remained optimistic despite his challenging life and the immense pressure weighing down on him. He was well aware of his situation, which was why he had the tendency to vent his frustrations and grumble.

He then would continue to work hard after he was done venting.

If Ye Guan were asked why he was working so hard, then he would respond that it was all for the sake of his responsibility. Every single individual had their own responsibilities, and each one of them was working hard in their own way.

Ye Guan knew to be grateful and appreciative of his situation, knowing that there were people out there living a worse life than him. Ye Guan shook his head and smiled. "It's not like I never thought about just giving up and becoming a true nouveau riche."

"Why did you not do it, then?" Cishu asked curiously.

"It's not like I haven't totally done it. I can still slack off, but would life be really called life if I were to just slack off all the time? I also want to become even stronger than Cijing so I can protect her and help her deal with her matters rather than the other way around."

Cishu asked, "Do you like Cijing a lot?"

Ye Guan nodded.

"Oh..." Cishu looked down without saying anything.

Ye Guan stared intently at Cishu and said, "Lady Cishu, I don't know how to make you happy, but I-I really want to see Ba Wan. Can you let me meet her?"

Cishu was quiet.

Ye Guan pleaded, "Please."

Cishu was silent for a while before smiling wryly. "Do you really want to meet Ba Wan?"

Ye Guan nodded.

Cishu said, "Then make me a meal!"

Ye Guan froze and went silent.

Cishu smiled and asked, "You can't do it?"

"I can," Ye Guan replied. His gaze landed on a flock of sheep in the distance.

After a while, Ye Guan found himself busy barbecuing some lamb. Soon, a golden brown chunk of lamb was sitting in front of him. Cultivators didn't have to eat to live, but quite a few cultivators had chosen not to forgo eating.

Ye Guan seasoned it before portioning it to Cishu.

Cishu looked at him before taking a bite. She chewed it briefly before swallowing. Her eyes flashed brightly, and she proceeded to wolf down the piece of meat as if she had been starving for a long time.

Ye Guan was all smiles. Cishu's manner of eating reminded him of Ba Wan. In addition, Ba Wan's lips were always greasy with oil. He stood up and walked up to Cishu.

He then proceeded to use the hem of his clothes to wipe her lips and said gently, "Eat slowly. No one's going to steal your food."

Cishu put down the meat in her hands and looked at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan unconsciously took two steps backward, seemingly disturbed by Cishu's gaze.

He finally remembered that the young woman before him was Cishu, not Ba Wan.

Ye Guan felt awkward.

Cishu grinned and asked, "Do you want to meet Ba Wan?"

Ye Guan nodded.

"Close your eyes," Cishu said.

Ye Guan blinked, seemingly confused.

Cishu calmly asked, "I thought you wanted to meet Ba Wan?"

Ye Guan hesitated before closing his eyes. A moment later, he noticed that something was amiss and tried to open his eyes. However, he caught a whiff of a gentle fragrance and felt something soft landing on his lips.

Ye Guan's eyes shot wide open in stupefaction. What's going on here? Why is she kissing me?

Ye Guan tried to push her away, but a powerful and heavy pressure struck him.

Is she forcing herself on me?!

Ye Guan tried to resist, but he quickly realized that resistance was futile. In the end, he decided to give up. Since he couldn't push her away, then he might as well enjoy it. Cishu's lips were like the clouds, soft and ephemeral.

A pinkish air enveloped the two, and it lasted for quite a while.

After a while, Cishu let go of Ye Guan.

A furious blush was on her cheeks, and her eyes were glazed over, seemingly out of bliss.

Ye Guan was in a similar state, but he quickly composed himself and stared at Cishu.

"You—" Ye Guan started.

"Farewell," Cishu interrupted Ye Guan before he could speak, and her figure became illusory, gradually becoming translucent as the seconds went by.

"W-what about... Ba Wan?" Ye Guan asked blankly.

The tears Cishu had been holding in finally dripped down her cheeks.

She smiled at Ye Guan and said, "You really are an idiot."

She faded into nothingness, rendering Ye Guan speechless. What was that? Ye Guan felt like he had been played like a fiddle.

Ye Guan shook his head and left.

Upon returning to the Guanxuan Universe, Mu Niannian appeared in front of Ye Guan.

"Aunt Mu!" Ye Guan greeted.

Mu Niannian nodded and said, "Cirou told me not to tell you this, but I think I should tell you."

Ye Guan's curiosity was piqued. "What did she say?"

Mu Niannian looked at Ye Guan and asked, "Do you know why I immediately agreed to Cirou's conditions?"

"I don't know," Ye Guan said with a shake of his head, "But I trust you."

Mu Niannian smiled and said, "It's because Lady Cishu is pregnant."

Cishu is pregnant?! Ye Guan felt as if he had been struck by lightning. He stood rooted and stared wide-eyed at Mu Niannian.

"A-Aunt Mu..." he stammered.

"It's yours!" Mu Niannian said.

Ye Guan shook his head and muttered, "No, that's impossible..."

Mu Niannian sighed softly, "That child really is yours."

Ye Guan was in disbelief. "But..."

"And she's that lass Ba Wan," Mu Niannian added.

Ye Guan's pupils constricted, and he asked, "Aunt Mu, what are you talking about?"

Mu Niannian sighed and said, "Foolish child, Cishu is more aloof than you think, and back then, she didn't give your father even a single glance, so do you really think that she would seduce you? That's impossible, and what happened between you two all happened because she was Ba Wan, not Cishu.

"She didn't want to lose her memories of you, which is why she decisively fought the Adjudication Sword Master for you. It's true that she likes you, and it's true that she has sacrificed herself for you. Her motives still hold true, but she had no idea that she was pregnant until Cirou had saved her."

Ye Guan was stunned.

"Cirou had promised not to hurt you and that she would try her best to resolve the enmity between the True Universe and the Guanxuan Universe. That's the reason she's still on Cirou's side. Cirou had told me that they're going to go to Milky Way and meet the True God for the first time in a while, and I'm worried..." Mu Niannian trailed off.

"I'm worried that they'll do something stupid."

Boom!

A deafening noise echoed as Ye Guan disappeared into a ray of sword light.

Mu Niannian sighed with a complicated expression. Pregnant...

With Cishu's pregnancy, there was a high chance that the Yang Family's story would become real in Ye Guan's generation.

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Ye Guan appeared in the True Universe. No one stopped him, and he quickly made his way to True God Hall.

As soon as he entered, Left Councilor Feng Qi appeared in front of him.

Ye Guan looked at Left Councilor Feng Qi and said, "I want to meet Cirou and Cishu."

Left Councilor Feng Qi shook his head, "They went to go somewhere!"

"Is it the Milky Way?" asked Ye Guan with narrowed eyes.

Left Councilor Feng Qi nodded. "Yes."

Ye Guan turned around to leave.

Left Councilor Feng Qi cried out, "Young Master Ye, hold on!"

Ye Guan came to a halt and stared at Left Councilor Feng Qi.

"Bring them back, please," Left Councilor Feng Qi said.

Ye Guan's eyes narrowed, and he asked, "What do you mean?"

Left Councilor Feng Qi shook his head, "Cirou gave me explicit instructions for the future of the True Universe, and it was really strange. I felt like she was going to do something drastic, which is why she did such a thing."

Ye Guan's pupils quivered ever so slightly.

Left Councilor Feng Qi stared deeply at Ye Guan and said, "I don't know what it is, but they're definitely going to do something. Additionally, she also left a will. Do you know what she wrote in it?"

Ye Guan shook his head.

Left Councilor Feng Qi's gaze flickered in a strange light as she said, "Three years later, the Divine Lord of the Divine Spirits will appear. Our True Universe must support the Divine Lord to the best of our abilities."

The Divine Lord... Ye Guan closed his eyes. He finally understood Cirou's objective.

She wanted Ye Guan's son to inherit the True Universe! Once that happened, and if the Guanxuan Universe and the True Universe were to fight each other by then, wouldn't that mean that the father and son would fight to kill each other?

By then, Ye Guan's father and grandfather wouldn't necessarily stand on his side.

To make matters worse, Senior An might leave him as well for his son.

Ye Guan was furious. He really couldn't let his guard down around Cirou; she was going to be the death of him!

Ye Guan took a deep breath before turning around to leave.

Left Councilor Feng Qi continued. "Young Master Ye, Cirou wants me to tell you that even though she used you, she never had any intentions of hurting you..."

Ye Guan was silent for a while before he transformed into a sword light and vanished.

Left Councilor Feng Qi could only sigh.

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Ye Guan returned to the Guanyuan Universe.

Mu Niannian stared deeply at Ye Guan and asked, "Are you going to the Milky Way?"

Ye Guan nodded. He was really anxious, as he had no idea what Cirou and Cishu were about to do.

Mu Niannian nodded and said, "It's time to visit the Milky Way, then. The Milky Way Sect is also part of your family's influence. Your elder sister has no intentions of inheriting the Milky Way Sect, and Yang Lianshuang also wants to retire.

"You should reclaim the Milky Way Sect once you get there."

Ye Guan was silent. He had zero interest in the Milky Way Sect. He just wanted to find Cishu and Cirou.

Mu Niannian said, "Go and bid farewell to Little Jia and the others!"

Ye Guan hesitated.

"They're your family, so you should talk to them yourself," Mu Niannian added before turning around to leave.

Ye Guan contemplated briefly before going to Nalan Jia's room.

Nalan Jia wrapped her arms around Ye Guan's waist and said, "Welcome back."

Ye Guan returned the gesture in kind and said, "Little Jia, I'm going to the Milky Way."

"Oh..." Nalan Jia muttered.

Ye Guan hesitated for quite a while. Eventually, he took a deep breath and said, "Little Jia, I want to tell you everything."

He eventually decided to tell her everything without lying.

He didn't want to lie to Nalan Jia.

"I—" Ye Guan started.

However, Nalan Jia shook her head and said, "You don't have to tell me that."

Ye Guan said, "I have to—"

Nalan Jia lifted two fingers and placed them on his lips to shush him.

"I just want you to come back as soon as possible," Nalan Jia said with a smile. She then retrieved a storage ring and placed it in Ye Guan's hands.

"I will manage the Guanxuan Academy and the Immortal Treasures Pavilion, so you don't have to worry about them. Be careful once you're in the Milky Way. They went there to meet the True God.

"If she decides to bully you and you can't resist her, you should call for help. Don't force yourself to fight her. I... I actually don't want you to become invincible. I just want you to live well."

Chapter 387: Getting Out

I just want you to live well...Ye Guan was moved, and he gave Nalan Jia a tight hug.

Nalan Jia suddenly looked up at Ye Guan and said, "I hope you're not going to attract more women once you're there."

Ye Guan froze and went silent.

"Even though you're not really the type to flirt with random women, you're still attractive in any woman's eyes. There are some women who are unable to move on once they've fallen for someone, and they might not be able to find a husband for their entire life the moment you reject them. There are also women who'll resent you for rejecting them."

"More importantly..." Nalan Jia looked down as tears welled up in her eyes. "I...get jealous too, you know?"

Ye Guan hugged Nalan Jia tightly and kissed her silky hair.

After a while, he seemed to have made up his mind.

"Let's have a child!" he exclaimed.

Nalan Jia was instantly shy, and her tears vanished in the blink of an eye. Ye Guan stared with eyes full of tenderness at Nalan Jia before him, and he bent down slowly to plant a kiss on her luscious lips.

The pair performed thirty-six positions on that fateful day.

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Three days later, Ye Guan finally left Nalan Jia's room. His fleshly body had become extremely strong, but he still had to lean on the wall for support as he left Nalan Jia's room.

There were some things that had to be done in moderation.

Ye Guan wanted to visit Ye Qing, but Ye Qing had moved to True Guan City.

The True Universe moved quickly, attracting cultivators from the All Worlds and the Guanxuan Universe to move into the city in droves. Quite a few sects from the True Universe itself even chose to move to True Guan City.

The True Universe's plan received many objections and criticism, but Left Councilor Feng Qi shushed them all.

The upper echelons of the True Universe were firm in their decision, so the riffraff beneath couldn't do anything other than make a move in the darkness. Fortunately, the Guanxuan Universe had decided to fully cooperate with the True Universe.

Of course, the dissidents couldn't be quelled so easily. There was a thick tension between the younger generations of the two universes, and they frequently fought each other. Fortunately, a major competition to be held annually was announced on True Guan City, and the younger generation decided to prove themselves in that competition.

Ye Qing wasn't alone, as quite a few monstrous talents of the Guanxuan Universe had decided to pay True Guan City a visit. Of course, they all had one goal in mind—to dominate the True Guan List.

The talents of the Immortal Treasures Pavilion had also decided to settle on True Guan City to seize benefits for the pavilion. Overall, True Guan City was extremely attractive in the eyes of any power or individual in the vast expanse, which created a mass migration event as everyone flocked to move to True Guan City.

Ye Guan was in awe of how quickly the trends had changed. Cirou was truly incredible.

The animosity between the True Universe and everyone else was starting to mellow down. In addition, the All Worlds and the other universes were willing to work together with the True Universe for the sake of achieving peace.

Of course, the Eternal World was an exception.

Ye Guan hadn't forgotten about the Eternal Sovereign.

Actually, the Guanxuan Universe was keeping tabs on the Eternal Sovereign.

The Eternal Sovereign was currently busy with his recruitment efforts, and Ye Guan wasn't really in the mood to deal with him. His top priority was to bring Cishu, Cirou, and Ji Xuan[1] back.

Ye Guan was about to leave for the Milky Way when a young woman appeared before him.

Ye Guan froze upon seeing her.

She was none other than Nangong Xue!

Nangong Xue smiled at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan walked up to her and smiled before asking, "How are you?"

"I'm doing fine here. I actually like it here," replied Nangong Xue with a slight nod.

"Great!" Ye Guan grinned.

Nangong Xue hesitated before asking, "I heard you're going to the Milky Way?"

"Yes, I'm going there." Ye Guan nodded.

Nangong Xue stared deeply at Ye Guan without saying anything.

Ye Guan stepped forward and leaned down to plant a kiss on her lips.

Nangong Xue stiffened in stupefaction.

"I want you to wait for my return," Ye Guan whispered into her ear. Then, he turned around and disappeared into a ray of sword light without even waiting for Nangong Xue's reply.

Nangong Xue eventually came to her senses. She smiled sweetly and turned to the distant horizon.

"I'll wait for you no matter how long it takes!" she shouted.

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Ye Guan soon found himself at the Ancient Heavenly Dragon Clan.

He had decided to deal with Ao Qianqian properly to leave no room for regrets.

Clan Leader Ao Sheng was speechless to see Ye Guan. He's here again?!

Ye Guan smiled and requested, "Senior, I would like to see Qianqian!"

Clan Leader Ao Sheng shook his head and replied, "You're too late."

Ye Guan froze and went silent.

Clan Leader Ao Sheng said, "Qianqian has decided to visit the Milky Way."

Ye Guan was surprised, "She's in the Milky Way?"

"Yes." Clan Leader Ao Sheng nodded and said, "She said she wants to clear her mind there."

Ye Guan had no idea what to say.

Clan Leader Ao Sheng looked at Ye Guan and asked, "Are you going to the Milky Way?"

Ye Guan nodded.

Clan Leader Ao Sheng said, "Bring her back!"

"I will," Ye Guan said with determination before turning around to leave.

Clan Leader Ao Sheng called out, "Little Guan!"

Ye Guan turned to look at Clan Leader Ao Sheng.

"She really likes you, and I know her well. She has a stubborn personality, so she's not going to like anyone else, especially after the contract between the two of you... this time, I want you to be more decisive. Don't hesitate, regardless of your decision."

Ye Guan nodded and said, "This time, I'll definitely bring her back."

"Is that so?" Clan Leader Ao Sheng raised his brows. "Then, what are you waiting for? Get lost!"

Ye Guan laughed heartily before transforming into a ray of sword light that disappeared into the distant horizon.

Clan Leader Ao Sheng shook his head with a smile while staring at the horizon.

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Ye Guan visited Nanling Yiyi.

Upon hearing that he was going to the Milky Way, Nanling Yiyi merely blinked.

"What's up with that look?" asked Ye Guan with a chuckle.

Nanling Yiyi smiled and asked back, "What? Are you not coming back?"

Ye Guan grinned and held Nanling Yiyi's hand.

"Wait for my return," he whispered.

Nanling Yiyi instantly blushed. "O-Okay..."

Afraid that he might be misunderstood, Ye Guan brought Nanling Yiyi closer to him and kissed her softly on the lips. Afterward, he disappeared into the horizon, leaving behind a dazzling sword trail in her wake.

"Don't worry, Junior Disciple Ye. I'm sure we'll meet again soon," she muttered with a smile before walking away.

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Ye Guan waited silently in the starry sky.

"Grandson, we're here!" someone exclaimed.

Ye Guan's face instantly darkened.

Erya and Little White soon appeared in front of him. How could he go to the Milky Way without the two of them? If he had decided to go there without them, it would have been a mistake that Ye Guan would have regretted making.

Erya and Little White were thrilled and extremely excited, especially Erya.

Her smile was so wide that it reached her ears.

Mu Niannian was with them.

Mu Niannian looked at Ye Guan and smiled before saying, "Let me remind you that you're going to the Milky Way for a mission rather than for leisure. Aside from bringing back your cute girlfriends with you, I want you to reclaim the Milky Way Sect.

"Your aunt, Yang Lianshuang, is exhausted. You should persuade her to relocate here, but of course, she'll still make her decision based on your abilities."

My aunt? Ye Guan grinned and said, "All right, I'll do my best."

Mu Niannian nodded, and then she spoke seriously, "Also, from what I know, the True God is very likely in the Milky Way. If she shows hostility toward you, don't even try to act tough. I want you to immediately ask for help, do you understand?"

Ye Guan nodded. "Understood."

Mu Niannian glared sternly at Ye Guan and said, "Don't just say it; remember it, got it?"

Mu Niannian couldn't help but warn him repeatedly out of worry. The brat was just too different from his father. He was smart, yes, but sometimes, he could be extremely stubborn.

Ye Guan smiled sheepishly and said, "Yes, I got it..."

Mu Niannian nodded and said, "The Milky Way's way of doing things is different here, so I advise you to look for your Aunt Lianshuang and ask her to help you become familiar with the way of the Milky Way as soon as possible."

Mu Niannian then stared alternately between Erya and Little White.

She was smiling, but she didn't say anything.

However, Ye Guan instantly understood the meaning behind her smile.

Mu Niannian didn't want him to hang out with Erya and Little White.

Actually, Ye Guan was quite scared of them as well.

"Don't worry about the Eternal Civilization," Mu Niannian said, "Your Aunt An and I will keep tabs on the Eternal Sovereign—no, the True Universe will do the same as we've established an alliance."

Ye Guan nodded. "Okay."

Ye Guan truly had no qualms about leaving the Guanyuan Universe to his aunts. In addition, the True Universe had already become their allies.

"All right, go ahead," said Mu Niannian with a smile.

Ye Guan nodded. His gaze then landed on Erya and Little White.

Erya laughed and said, "Since we're going to the Milky Way, we have to take you to that place. Hehehe..."

Ye Guan had no idea what to say.

Mu Niannian stared at Ye Guan's departing figure and shook her head. She reckoned that Ye Guan's arrival at the Milky Way would cause quite a stir, especially with Erya and Little White alongside him.

After all, those two were overlords of the Milky Way.

Soon, Mu Niannian turned around and left the starry sky.

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A middle-aged man was standing quietly somewhere in the vast expanse.

The middle-aged man was none other than the Eternal Sovereign. A woman wearing daoist robes and a hunchbacked old man were standing behind the Eternal Sovereign, while there were twelve mysterious cultivators in white standing behind them.

Ten coffins were floating three hundred meters ahead of them; every single coffin was bound tightly by crimson chains.

The Eternal Sovereign's hands were behind him as he stared at one of the coffins.

"Sovereign Zang, have you thought it through?"

"Are you sure you can do what you've promised me?" asked someone in the coffin.

"Of course, but I have to kill the plain-skirt lady first," said the Eternal Sovereign with a smile. "Once she's dead, I can then keep my promise to you."

"All right," replied Sovereign Zang.

The Eternal Sovereign smiled. He had lost the majority of his people, but he had managed to recruit quite a few people. Most importantly, each of them was far stronger than his deceased men!

An elder appeared next to the Eternal Sovereign.

"Ye Guan is headed to the Milky Way," said the elder.

The Eternal Sovereign closed his eyes and remarked, "It seems that he has decided to ask that woman for help. Does he really think that woman can protect him from me? What a joke! But this is great... I can kill many birds with one stone.

"It's about time we make a move. Let's conquer every star field in this vast expanse, starting from the Milky Way Star Field!"

Chapter 388: Milky Way

Ye Guan, Erya, and Little White flew next to each other across the vast expanse. It had been three days since they left the Guanxuan Universe, so Ye Guan couldn't help but ask, "Erya, when will we reach the Milky Way?"

Erya's brows were slightly furrowed as she stared into the distance.

Ye Guan's face darkened, and he asked, "We're not lost, right?"

Erya blinked, but she didn't say anything in response. Ye Guan's expression stiffened.

All of a sudden, Erya turned to look at Little White.

Little White turned to the distance, and then she waved her tiny paw haphazardly.

Ye Guan looked at Erya and asked, "What did she say?"

"Use GPS," Erya said calmly.

"GPS? What is that?" Ye Guan asked with furrowed brows.

Erya thought briefly and said, "It points out the way, and we follow it."

Ye Guan's expression brightened, and he asked, "Who are we following?"

"The GPS!" Erya exclaimed.

"Who is the GPS?" Ye Guan asked.

"The GPS guides us in the way we should go," Erya replied.

"Is the GPS even a person? It doesn't sound like it," Ye Guan asked.

"I don't know..." Erya replied after much thought.

Ye Guan went numb. It seemed asking Erya would be a futile effort.

"Okay, then let's just go and use the GPS," Ye Guan said.

Erya shook her head and said, "We can't."

Ye Guan was puzzled. "Why can't we?"

Erya swept her gaze across the vast expanse and said, "There's no signal here."

Signal? Ye Guan frowned in confusion.

"But we can give it a try," Erya added just as Ye Guan was about to start asking questions.

Erya took out a square object from her pocket.

"What is that?" Ye Guan asked.

"You can call it a communication device. We got it from Milky Way, and you can use it for a lot of things, hehe," Erya explained with a grin. Erya's grin made it clear to Ye Guan that the square object was an extraordinary divine item.

Erya fumbled with the communication device, and then she raised it up high. After a while, the square object suddenly emitted a bright light.

Erya's eyes brightened as well as she exclaimed, "We're connected to Big Dipper now!"

Big Dipper? Ye Guan frowned once more.

Erya fumbled with the communication device once more before pointing to the right.

"It's there! We have to go there! Let's go!" Erya exclaimed.

Ye Guan nodded. With that, the three continued on their journey. Three hours later, the three arrived at a particularly quiet expanse of space. Erya grinned and stared at the distance. "We're about to reach the teleportation hub to the Milky Way."

She then picked up pace, and the two followed closely behind her.

They soon found themselves before a teleportation array.

An old man suddenly appeared in front of the three. He bowed respectfully to Erya and said, "This one's name is Shisan—greetings to Chief Erya!"

Erya nodded. "Rise."

Shisan smiled wryly at Erya's haughty tone of voice.

Ye Guan shook his head with a smile.

"Activate the teleportation array; we're going to the Blue Planet in the Milky Way Star Field."

"Blue Planet?" Shisan hesitated for a moment before saying, "Chief Erya, there's something fishy going on at the Blue Planet."

Erya frowned slightly and asked, "What's wrong?"

"There's definitely something wrong, but I'm not aware of the details," Shisan replied.

"It's fine," Erya said calmly, "The three of us are here to deal with it."

Shisan didn't dare to say anything in response. He was well aware of Erya and Little White's reputation on the Milky Way's Blue Planet. Whenever Erya said that she would deal with issues, she would end up creating more issues for others to handle.

It had gotten so out of hand that both Erya and Little White had received the sobriquet—Blue Planet Troublemakers!

Under Shisan's command, the teleportation array was soon activated. As they approached the array, Ye Guan suddenly turned to Shisan and asked, "Do you not recognize me?"

Shisan looked at Ye Guan and respectfully replied, "May I ask who you are, sir?"

Ye Guan frowned.

Erya said, "No one in the Milky Way knows who you are."

Ye Guan nodded without saying anything.

He followed Erya and Little White into the teleportation array.

The teleportation array activated, whisking them away.

Erya grinned inside the spacetime tunnel and shouted, "I'm back!"

Ye Guan shook his head with a smile. He knew that Erya's tendency to cause trouble was the reason she got dragged to the Guanxuan Universe. Of course, the same went for Little White. She was a bit of a troublemaker as well.

Erya stared at Ye Guan and boldly declared, "I'm going to take you with me on a journey to enjoy all sorts of delicacies. Of course, that includes a lot of spicy food! We're going to have a great time!"

"Sure," Ye Guan replied with a smile.

Erya revealed an enigmatic smile and said, "I'll eventually take you with us to the Boundless Club, and the three of us can each choose a girl to play with!"

Little White hurriedly pointed at herself, expressing that she wanted to have fun as well.

"You'll have as much fun as you want!" Erya declared boldly.

Little White grinned and hugged Erya before pelting her with kisses.

"What is this Boundless Club?" asked Ye Guan.

Erya explained, "It's a place for eating, drinking, and having fun. Moreover, it's owned by an old acquaintance of ours, the Boundless Master. He's like a brother to your dad. According to seniority, you should address him as Uncle."

Uncle Boundless? Ye Guan was stunned.

"He's great!" Erya said, "I'll have you know, but every time we go to his place to play, he never asks us for money. He also gives us the best."

Ye Guan was silent. He had this nagging feeling that the Boundless Club wasn't a decent place.

"Pro tip..." Erya trailed off and continued in a low voice. "You have to give tips once you're there. No, it's not just in that place. Whenever you go to places like the Boundless Club, you have to be generous with the tips."

"Tips?" Ye Guan asked, seemingly confused.

"Tipping can give you access to other services such as hidden services." Erya's expression was serious as she stared intently at Ye Guan. "You must not tell Sister An or Brother Yang that we're bringing you there to have fun, do you understand?"

Ye Guan nodded. "Yes!"

"Great!" Erya grinned. "That's my grandson!"

Ye Gua smiled wryly.

Erya and Little White were thrilled. Erya seemed especially excited, and she even started humming a tune.

The joyous mood seemed infectious as Ye Guan started smiling as well. He stared at the end of the spacetime tunnel, and he looked like he couldn't wait to see the Milky Way with his own eyes.

Erya suddenly said, "We're almost there."

Ye Guan nodded. He had already seen the white light at the end of the tunnel.

Soon, the three entered the white light, and their faces changed drastically.

A mysterious force was suppressing their cultivation bases!

What's going on?! Ye Guan turned to Erya and found that she was confused as well.

Boom!

A feeling of weightlessness engulfed Ye Guan, and he found himself falling straight down. Ye Guan's expression turned ugly. He opened his palm, and a formidable sword intent burst out of him, but it was immediately suppressed by the same mysterious force.

To make matters worse, the mysterious force had gotten stronger. It suppressed his cultivation to the Earth Immortal Realm! Ye Guan was stupefied. He was about to resist with all his might, but the mysterious force seemed to have sensed his attempt.

Boom!

A rumbling noise echoed, and Ye Guan's attempt to resist ended up being futile. Of course, he didn't give up resisting, but it was no use. Soon, he landed on the ground, and Ye Guan felt as if someone had punched him right in the chin.

His vision started to swim and darken.

I'm screwed! Ye Guan screamed inwardly before passing out.

After a while, Ye Guan heard some noise. He frowned and opened his eyes, but he was forced to close his eyes once more at the sharp pain coming from his head. Moreover, his head felt heavy, as if it were filled with water.

Just then, Ye Guan's eyes shot wide open, and he abruptly sat down. He looked down at himself and was horrified upon realizing that he couldn't sense his cultivation base at all!

It was like Ye Guan had never embarked on the journey of cultivation in the first place—like he had been a mortal all this while! Fortunately, he didn't seem to have sustained any injuries aside from a concussion.

Ye Guan tried to detect his cultivation base multiple times to no avail. To make matters worse, his fleshly body had been suppressed as well.

What happened to my fleshly body?! Ye Guan was beyond horrified. He reckoned that he was under some kind of a seal and a restriction that forbade him from mustering the strength of his fleshly body.

Who's the bastard who did this?! Ye Guan cursed inwardly. Ye Guan was both shocked and horrified by the revelations, and it was all because his overall prowess was equivalent to a Great Destiny Sovereign.

Despite that, someone had somehow managed to suppress both his cultivation base and fleshly body. Ye Guan couldn't even imagine the true strength of such a supreme being.

Ye Guan had many burning questions, but one thing was for sure—the Milky Star Field had an extremely powerful supreme being!

Alarm bells started ringing in Ye Guan's mind. He looked around and was stupefied once more.

What are those? Where am I?

Towering skyscrapers blotting out the distant horizon stood before him, and there were also strange vehicles speeding across the roads flanked by strange-looking lamps. Ye Guan was staring at the scenery of a strange, unknown world.

Ye Guan had no idea what to say.

The world before him was completely foreign to him—the people, the buildings, the culture, and even the air were completely different compared to the Guanyuan Universe!

Ye Guan's eyes widened upon recalling something. He looked around, but Erya and Little White were nowhere to be found. Ye Guan's face darkened. Did something happen to them?

Ye Guan thought about it, but it was unlikely as Erya was an extremely powerful demonic beast, while Little White was a Spirit Progenitor. Ye Guan reckoned that they were still supreme elites even without their cultivation bases. Moreover, they were familiar with the Milky Way, so navigating couldn't be an issue for them.

Ye Guan took a moment to compose himself. The top priority was to remove the seal on his cultivation. Ye Guan noticed that people were casting strange gazes at him. He soon understood that it was due to his unique attire.

After a moment of silence, Ye Guan came up with a plan.

He needed to go to the Boundless Club. The Boundless Club was the only place he knew in this strange world, so he reckoned that he would have to find the owner of the Boundless Club to recover his cultivation base.

Ye Guan sat down and rested for a while.

Eventually, he got up and approached a passing woman.

"Miss, excuse me," he said.

The woman's eyes lit up when she saw Ye Guan. Ye Guan was dressed in cosplay, but the point was that he was very handsome. His facial features were both sharp and refined, while his skin seemed silky smooth in addition to being as white as snow.

The woman smiled sweetly at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan asked, "Miss, can I ask where the Boundless Club is?"

The Boundless Club? The woman froze, and all the good impression she had of Ye Guan evaporated into nothingness. She glared at Ye Guan and coldly spat, "You... hooligan!"

She then turned around and left without even looking back. In fact, she was even cursing Ye Guan as she walked away.

Ye Guan was stupefied. Hooligan? I was just asking for directions!

Ye Guan had no idea what to say. He looked up at the night sky and frowned. Which bastard placed a restriction over this place?

Ye Guan sighed and took a step forward when—

Boom!

—Ye Guan suddenly went flying as a wave of excruciating pain inundated his back.

Who attacked me? Ye Guan thought before falling unconscious once more.

"H-he was jaywalking!" someone shouted from inside the strange-looking vehicle.

"J-Jiue'er! I hit someone!" a woman shouted in a panic.

"Is he dead?"

"I'm not sure—Ah! He's talking!"

"What is he saying?"

"How dare... you?"

"..."

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An unknown amount of time passed before Ye Guan slowly opened his eyes.

"You're finally awake?"

As soon as he woke up, a happy voice entered his ears.

Ye Guan looked over and saw a young woman standing beside him.

She was about twenty years old and was carrying a stack of books. Wearing tight jeans with a white fuzzy sweater, she was quite tall, about 175 centimeters in height. Her figure was stunning, and her attire accentuated her slender legs.

The young woman was also pretty and had on some light makeup.

Her big, clear eyes were staring at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan was surprised, and he asked, "You are?"

The young woman blinked and asked, "You don't remember?"

Ye Guan nodded. He truly couldn't remember anything. All he knew was that someone had ambushed him.

The young woman hesitated before saying apologetically, "Sorry, I hit you."

Ye Guan was confused. "You hit me?"

The young woman nodded, "You were crossing at a red light!"

Ye Guan frowned in confusion. "Red light? What is that?"

The young woman looked at Ye Guan and blinked. Eventually, her eyes widened in horror, and she stammered, "Y-y-you..."

She then turned and ran out.

Ye Guan was utterly confused. He looked around and found himself sitting on a bed.

There was another bed to his right, and there was an old man on the bed.

Where am I?

Ye Guan was confused.

Meanwhile, a white-robed old man in another room fell into deep thought. After a while, he said, "His head was injured, so there must be an issue with his head."

The young woman was shocked; she instantly looked downcast and slightly regretful.

"Will he recover?" she asked.

"Yes, but..." the white-robed old man responded and said, "It will require time. If he's lucky, he'll recover quickly. Otherwise, we can only hope for the best."

The young woman sighed and turned around to leave.

When she returned to the room where Ye Guan was located, she saw Ye Guan staring out into space in a daze.

She hesitated before walking up to Ye Guan.

"Do...do you still remember who you are?" she asked.

Ye Guan looked at her and replied, "Of course!"

"What's your name?" asked the young woman.

Ye Guan replied, "Ye Guan."

The young woman asked, "Where do you live?"

Ye Guan was silent. Where do I live? The Guanxuan Universe, of course, but should I say that?

Seeing that Ye Guan hadn't replied immediately, the young woman couldn't help but ask, "Have you forgotten where you live?"

Ye Guan sighed before saying, "I want to tell you the truth, but you might not believe me."

"Try me!" the young woman said.

Ye Guan stared intently at the young woman before saying, "I'm from the Guanxuan Universe, and I am the king of that galaxy. However, the Milky Way is my home, and I'm here to inherit it."

The young woman stared blankly at Ye Guan. Eventually, she sighed, feeling extremely rueful. She should have been more careful. If she had been more careful in her driving, the young man before her wouldn't have suffered such a severe injury.

Meanwhile, the old man lying on the bed to Ye Guan's right cried out, "Send him to the mental hospital!"

Ye Guan turned to look at the old man.

The old man stared at Ye Guan as if he found the latter pitiful.

Ye Guan was speechless.

The young woman decided to ask once more, "Do you remember where you live? If you can give me the contact details of any of your family members, I will contact them for you!"

Contact details? Ye Guan was silent. I don't even know what you're talking about, and I also don't know how to contact Erya or Little White!

Ye Guan felt helpless. He could only shake his head and sigh.

"I don't know," he replied.

The young woman fell silent. Clearly, Ye Guan had truly hit his head pretty hard. If not, then how could it be possible that he had forgotten even the contact details of any of his family members? What was she supposed to do now?

The young woman felt distressed. Should I just leave?

The young man entertained the idea briefly, but she quickly dismissed it. Her consciousness didn't allow her to do so because Ye Guan's injury was quite serious. If no one were to take care of him, he would surely have issues in the hospital.

Ye Guan asked, "Miss, can you lend me some money?"

The young woman looked at Ye Guan and asked, "Money?"

Ye Guan nodded. He felt that he needed some money, as he had become an ordinary person. He needed money for sustenance as well, as the strength of his fleshly body had been suppressed to the extent that he would go hungry like an ordinary person.

This is absurd! Ye Guan lampooned inwardly. Which bastard had put a seal on an entire planet?!

The young woman briefly at Ye Guan's request before asking, "How much?"

"One billion," Ye Guan replied.

The young woman's eyes widened in surprise. "One billion?"

"Yes." Ye Guan nodded and replied, "I'll repay you ten times that amount later."

The young woman fell silent, and she stared at Ye Guan as if she was staring at a lunatic.

Ye Guan stared intently at the young woman and said seriously, "I mean it. I'm not like my dad. I don't lie."

The young woman didn't say anything, leaving Ye Guan speechless.

Eventually, the young woman said, "You should focus on recovering. There's no rush. The doctor said that you'll eventually recover. I-I have lessons to attend, so I'll just come back and visit you tomorrow."

With that, the young woman turned on her heel and walked away.

However, Ye Guan grabbed her hand.

The young woman froze and slowly turned around.

Ye Guan hesitated briefly before saying, "I'm hungry."

The young woman was startled, and she hurriedly said, "Give me a minute."

Ye Guan let go of her, and the young woman went somewhere.

Ye Guan sighed. He tried to sense his cultivation base, but he couldn't sense it. He even attempted to activate the Dao Imprint, but nothing happened. It seemed like the Dao Imprint had disappeared into nothingness.

Ye Guan slowly closed his eyes as he assessed his options.

Was this a restriction placed by the Great Daoist Brush Master?

He suspected the Great Daoist Brush Master because the former had a penchant for sealing just about anything. But upon second thought, it didn't make sense. My Aunt Qing'er is suppressing the Great Daoist Brush Master!

Wait, Aunt Qing'er?! Ye Guan's eyes shot wide open. Was this seal made by Aunt Qing'er? Why would Aunt Qing'er put a seal on an entire planet?

Ye Guan couldn't quite grasp it.

Just then, the young woman finally returned with a lunchbox in hand. She placed the lunchbox in front of Ye Guan and apologized, "Sorry, I forgot that you haven't eaten yet."

"Thank you," Ye Guan said. He didn't stand on ceremony and immediately started eating.

The young woman smiled and sat on the stool next to Ye Guan's bed, observing him with curiosity in her eyes. Right now, the man before her seemed like he had no mental issues. He was also quite handsome and polite.

Soon, Ye Guan finished his meal. He wiped his mouth clean and turned to the young woman.

"Thank you," he said with sincerity.

"You're welcome," replied the young woman. She took the lunchbox away and said, "I have to go now. I'll see you again tomorrow."

Ye Guan nodded. "Sure."

The young woman smiled and turned around to leave. When she reached the doorway, she suddenly turned to Ye Guan and said, "I forgot to tell you, but my name is Mu Wanyu."

After saying that, the young woman turned around and left.

Ye Guan sighed softly on his bed. He decided to close his eyes and think some more.

"Hey!" shouted the old man next to Ye Guan.

Ye Guan turned to look at the old man.

The old man smiled and asked, "You said you're the King of the Guanxuan Universe?"

Ye Guan closed his eyes and replied, "You will not understand even if I told you."

The old man chuckled and said, "I understand, I understand. Are you perhaps a Military King?"

Ye Guan frowned and asked back, "Military King?"

"Yes!" The old man exclaimed and hurriedly explained, "Military kings have achieved extraordinary feats on the borders but got tired of killing, so they return to the city to live a normal life. They show off, date young women, and act like they're cool."

Ye Guan stared quietly at the old man.

The old man furrowed his brows and asked, "I'm wrong? Then, are you the Dragon King? Do you have a hundred thousand soldiers under your command, and do you have a daughter? Did your daughter do

something embarrassing? With just one phone call, you can command a hundred thousand soldiers to rush back from the border—"

Ye Guan closed his eyes. He didn't feel like entertaining the old man's nonsense.

"I'm still wrong?" the old man asked before continuing, "Are you perhaps a reincarnator? You're actually a top cultivator from another world, and you reincarnated here for some reason. However, you became a son-in-law being looked down on by people.

"Finally, you've decided to reveal your identity and show everyone your true powers, but you somehow got into an accident, which brings us to where you are right now... did I get it right?"

Ye Guan decisively ignored the old man.

The old man's frown deepened. "Am I wrong? How come? Their plots are more or less the same."

"Old man," Ye Guan interrupted and said, "Let me ask you a question."

The old man looked at Ye Guan and asked, "What is it?"

Ye Guan asked, "Where is the Boundless Club?"

"What?!!" The old man shot up and glared at Ye Guan. "I'm a righteous and upright individual; why would I go to a place like that?"

Ye Guan frowned slightly and asked, "What's wrong with it?"

The old man looked at Ye Guan with a strange expression. "You haven't been there?"

Ye Guan shook his head.

"Well, it is a very fun place," the old man snickered.

"I want to go there to find someone," Ye Guan replied.

"Hehe," The old man snickered once more and said, "I know. Every single one of its patrons always goes there searching for someone. A man's loneliness... I've been there, and I've done that, so I understand!"

Ye Guan frowned slightly. What nonsensical place did the Boundless Master create?

Regardless, Ye Guan decided not to dwell on it and started resting.

Ye Guan recovered quite quickly. By the second day, he could already walk. However, he faced a dilemma because Mu Wanyu didn't come the next morning. How was he going to eat without her?

Ye Guan sighed on the sick bed. He had truly never thought that he would go hungry one day. Still, Ye Guan knew that he couldn't stay hungry.

Ye Guan turned to look at the old man beside him.

The old man's meal was pretty good.

The old man smiled at Ye Guan and asked, "Hungry?"

Ye Guan nodded. "Senior—"

"Give me a moment!" the old man exclaimed. He picked up something and fiddled with it. Ye Guan was puzzled, but soon, a man carrying a lunchbox walked in. He placed the lunchbox in his hand in front of Ye Guan.

Ye Guan made a sidelong glance at the old man and said sincerely, "Thank you."

His appreciation for the old man instantly skyrocketed.

The old man chuckled and replied, "It's just a meal!"

While eating, Ye Guan asked, "How should I address you, Senior?"

The old man smiled. "It's just a meal, so you don't have to stand on ceremony!"

Ye Guan nodded. He chatted for quite a while with the old man, and he eventually got a rough understanding of where he was at the moment. He was in Baiyun City of Huaxia' Qian Province. Huaxia was a massive place with twelve provinces. Unfortunately, the old man had never heard of the so-called Milky Way Sect, which left Ye Guan confused!

The Milky Way Sect was in the Milky Way, and the Blue Planet was in the Milky Way Star Field, so how come the old man had never heard of the Milky Way Sect?

While Ye Guan was stewing in his confusion, a young woman rushed in. She was none other than Mu Wanyu. She was holding a lunchbox, and she walked briskly to Ye Guan with an apologetic expression.

"Sorry, I'm late. I had some issues to handle."

"No problem," Ye Guan said. He then placed the empty lunchbox aside and said, "Miss Mu, I want to leave."

He found it too boring to just lie down here. Even if he wasn't injured, he felt like he would eventually become ill with how much time he was spending doing nothing but lying down. He wanted to leave early in the morning, but he was stopped because the bill hadn't been paid yet. In the end, he had no choice but to wait for Miss Mu.

Mu Wanyu hesitated and muttered, "Your injuries..."

Ye Guan smiled and replied, "I can walk properly now."

Mu Wanyu hesitated for a moment and then said, "Why don't you stay a couple more days?"

"I want to leave," Ye Guan said.

Mu Wanyu couldn't do anything other than help him settle the hospital bill.

Soon, Mu Wanyu and Ye Guan were finally out of the hospital.

The two were standing in front of the hospital entrance. Mu Wanyu cast a worried gaze at Ye Guan and asked, "Do you remember where you live?"

Ye Guan seemed hesitant as he replied, "Miss Mu, I want to ask you for directions to a particular place, but please don't think too much about it."

Mu Wanyu's curiosity was piqued. "What place?"

Ye Guan said seriously, "The Boundless Club."

Mu Wanyu frowned slightly. She had wanted to berate him, but she was neither his family nor friend, and she also didn't find it appropriate to judge others. In the end, she could only say hesitantly, "Y-you... shouldn't do any vigorous activities yet..."

Ye Guan had no idea what to say.

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Mu Wanyu was somewhat speechless as well. It hasn't been that long since he recovered, but he already wants to go to the Boundless Club. What is he thinking?

Ye Guan instantly deduced from Mu Wanyu's expression that she had misunderstood, so he hurriedly explained, "Miss Mu, I'm going there to find someone not to have fun."

However, Ye Guan's remark seemed to have exacerbated Mu Wanyu's confusion.

"You're going there to find someone?"

"Yes." Ye Guan nodded and said, "To be honest, I lost a portion of my memories, but I still remember that place. Someone I know is over there, and his name is the Boundless Master. Have you heard of him?"

The Boundless Master? Mu Wanyu frowned and fell into deep contemplation before shaking her head.

Ye Guan was silent. Is the Boundless Master a low-key individual?

"You won't be able to enter the Boundless Club," Mu Wanyu said.

Ye Guan was confused. "Why not?"

Mu Wanyu smiled and said, "The Boundless Club is the most prestigious club in Huaxia, and only its members can enter it."

Ye Guan frowned.

Mu Wanyu looked at him. She hesitated for a little while before she took out two Huaxian dollars and extended them to him, saying, "Here, take these. These are yours."

Ye Guan looked down in confusion at the paper bills.

Mu Wanyu smiled and urged, "Take them."

"Can I use them to become a member of the Boundless Club?" asked Ye Guan.

"Pfft!" Mu Wanyu burst out into laughter and asked, "What are you talking about? Two dollars are only enough for a few meals. At the Boundless Club, even a mere fruit platter costs a few thousand dollars!"

Ye Guan sighed.

Mu Wanyu placed the money in his hands and said, "Take care."

With that, she turned around to leave.

Ye Guan sighed to himself once again. He had truly never even imagined that he would one day fall to such dire straits. To think that I'll one day run out of money... this is just too ridiculous; I don't know what to say. If I told any of the people back home about how I ran out of money, I'm pretty sure none of them would believe me.

After all, he had over a billion spiritual cores in his storage ring.

He had given Nalan Jia a huge portion of his finances before he had embarked on his journey to the Milky Way, but she insisted on returning the money to him.

Unfortunately, his storage ring had become a useless piece of metal, as spiritual energy was necessary for him to open it.

Ye Guan examined his surroundings and found that the spiritual energy here was so thin that it was practically non-existent.

What exactly was this place?

He was completely unfamiliar with what was going on here as well. He reckoned that finding a place to eat would be a problem, not to mention finding his way to the Boundless Club.

He sat on the floor silently, pondering his next move.

He had to admit that he was having a hard time adjusting to his plight.

Ye Guan suddenly looked up and saw a pretty face.

Mu Wanyu had returned and asked, "Not sure where to go?"

Ye Guan nodded.

"Follow me, then," Mu Wanyu said. She had been watching him, and she felt bad about leaving him when she saw him staring blankly at the ground. She was still feeling rather guilty of hitting him. If she hadn't crashed into him, he wouldn't have sustained the injuries that led to his memory loss.

Ye Guan quickly replied, "Okay!"

He knew that there was no point in putting up a front.

"All right," Mu Wanyu said, "Let's go, then."

He got up and followed Mu Wanyu.

Mu Wanyu explained quite a few things to Ye Guan after realizing that his memory loss was more severe than she initially thought. Ye Guan listened attentively. To adapt to this place, he had to be more familiar with it.

Soon, they found themselves inside a residential complex known as the Purple County. She brought him into an elevator, and they went up to the eighth floor. They then entered an apartment that wasn't too big, but it had a living room with two bedrooms.

The place was clean and homely as well.

"There are two rooms. One of them is mine, and the other belongs to my housemate, so..." Mu Wanyu pointed at the sofa and continued. "You'll have to sleep on the couch."

Ye Guan nodded and said, "Okay!"

He was already satisfied with the fact that he now had a roof over his head as well as meals to chase his hunger away.

Mu Wanyu put the book in her arms to the side. She then poured Ye Guan a glass of water.

Ye Guan accepted the glass of water and expressed his gratitude.

Mu Wanyu smiled and sat across from Ye Guan.

"You said your name is Ye Guan?" she asked.

Ye Guan nodded and replied, "Yes."

Mu Wanyu smiled quietly at Ye Guan. There were two reasons behind her daring decision to bring a stranger home. First of all, she felt guilty, and the second reason was that she had been observing him closely and found that his gaze toward her had remained pure and without ill intent all throughout.

He had never avoided meeting her gaze as well, which meant that he truly held no malice, making him markedly different from the other men she had encountered so far.

Just then, Ye Guan said, "Miss Mu, how much money must I make to become a member of the Boundless Club?"

"I don't know." Mu Wanyu shook her head and said, "I've never really been to a place like that, so I can't give you an estimate."

Ye Guan nodded slightly and asked again, "How about the Milky Way Clan? Do you know anything about it?"

"The Milky Way Clan?" Mu Wanyu was taken aback. "You know it?"

Ye Guan was thrilled, and he parroted. "You know it?"

"Of course, but..." Mu Wanyu trailed off and said, "I'm more curious about how you know them."

"Why's that?"

"The Milky Way Clan is located in outer space, so most people don't know about their existence."

Ye Guan was shocked. "The Milky Way Clan isn't in Huaxia?"

"Yes." Mu Wanyu nodded and said, "They're located in a star field in outer space."

"How can I get there?" Ye Guan asked. If he couldn't get to the Boundless Club, then he had to go to the Milky Way Clan!

Mu Wanyu sighed and said, "I think it'd be better if you went to the Boundless Club."

Ye Guan was baffled.

"Do you know how hard it is to get to the Milky Way Clan?" Mu Wanyu asked.

Ye Guan shook his head.

"First of all, you have to become a student of the Milky Way Academy. Do you know how difficult that is? Let me give you an example—there are millions of students here in Baiyun City, but every year, only two or three students are admitted into the Milky Way Academy.

"Once they're enrolled, only about ten students in the cohort are allowed to go to the Milky Way Clan...

"Actually, one must be really excellent to get admitted into the Milky Way Academy, as you can learn about ancient spells at the academy! To be honest, becoming a student of the Milky Way Academy is my goal at the moment."

It seems that it's more difficult to enter the Milky Way Academy rather than the Boundless Club. Ye Guan was silent, and he sighed. I guess I'll just earn enough money to enter the Boundless Club.

He couldn't help but wonder about what happened to Erya and Little White. They'll come and look for me, right? Right...?

Mu Wanyu fetched a blanket for Ye Guan. "It's cold out here, so use this."

Ye Guan respectfully replied, "Thank you, Miss Mu."

"You're welcome. It's partly my fault that you're like this. I'm glad that you're not blaming me for what had happened," Mu Wanyu said.

"It had nothing to do with you, so it's okay," Ye Guan replied.

"Rest well!" Mu Wanyu grinned before turning around to leave. However, she seemed to have recalled something, prompting her to turn around and say, "My housemate has a bad temper. If you bump into her, just tell her that you're my friend."

"All right," Ye Guan said with a nod.

Mu Wanyu then walked into her own room and locked the door. She knew that she still had to be cautious. After all, Ye Guan was a stranger. In addition, it was always good to err on the side of caution.

Mu Wanyu sprawled on her bed. She originally wanted to take a shower, but she decided not to do so, as there was a stranger outside. She took out her phone and called someone.

"Jiu'er... I brought a man home."

—Is he handsome?

"He's very handsome!"

—How handsome is he?

"He's the most handsome guy I've ever met..."

—Give me his number!

"But I think there's something wrong with his head; it must have been when I hit him."

—There's something wrong with his head? What do you mean?

"He said he's the king of some universe..."

—Ah, fuck. What a shame.

Ye Guan lay on the couch in the massive living room. He closed his eyes slowly and thought for a very long time before coming to the conclusion that he only had one choice—earn enough money to enter the Boundless Club!

However, how was he going to earn money here? He stayed silent for a long time before he decided that he would rob someone. Since time immemorial, robberies had always been one of the fastest ways to earn money!

The only issue was... who would he rob?

He got up and walked up to the door to Mu Wanyu's bedroom. He knocked lightly, and the door swung open. Mu Wanyu was already dressed in her pajamas that covered every part of her body, making sure that there was nothing for anyone to see.

Mu Wanyu stared at Ye Guan with a wooden hammer in her right hand, which she made sure to hide behind her. Ye Guan didn't seem like a bad person, but she still wanted to be cautious.

"What place has the most money here?" Ye Guan asked.

Mu Wanyu blinked in confusion before saying tentatively, "The bank?"

"Is it heavily guarded?"

"What? What are you going to do?"

"I'm just asking... don't worry."

"Don't do anything silly. One should live an upright life. If you need money, go and earn it. You shouldn't even think of doing bad things. Well, I've thought about doing some bad things before, but what you're thinking is illegal, do you understand?"

"You're right, Miss Mu." Ye Guan sighed. "Why don't you tell me how to earn money?"

"Do you have any diplomas?" Mu Wanyu asked.

Ye Guan shook his head.

"Any skills?"

Ye Guan shook his head again. He had virtually no skills to speak of here.

Mu Wanyu went silent at Ye Guan's reply. After a while, she asked, "Can you endure hardships?"

"I'm really good at that!" Ye Guan exclaimed!

"Then you can work on a construction site and do some bricklaying!"

"Bricklaying?"

"Yes, it's tough labor, and it's extremely exhausting as well, so..." Mu Wanyu trailed off and stared at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan was quiet, seemingly pondering over Mu Wanyu's words.

Bricklaying? I guess I have to do it, then. I don't really have any choice.

Ye Guan couldn't allow himself to become a freeloader. He decided not to think of himself as the King of the Guanxuan Universe. He knew that he had to face the cold and harsh reality before him, so he had to make sure to adapt to his circumstances.

Ye Guan swept all of his worries aside and emptied his mind. He looked at Mu Wanyu with clear eyes and said, "Miss Mu, I apologize for disturbing you. Thank you for your help, and I wish you a good night's sleep."

With that, Ye Guan turned around to leave.

Mu Wanyu watched as Ye Guan walked away. After a while, she turned around and sat down on her bed. She looked down at the wooden hammer in her right hand and shook her head with a smile before putting it aside.

She then turned off the lights and went to sleep.

Ye Guan slowly closed his eyes as well. Time to sleep!

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A white-robed man and a lady wearing a plain skirt were at a lakeside somewhere.

"He's here," said the plain-skirt lady.

"I know!" replied the white-robed man.

"He's having a hard time. Should we help him?" the plain-skirt lady asked.

The white-robed man grinned and replied, "How can one become a god without experiencing the world of mortals?"