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Chapter 511: They Have To Give Me Face!

Everyone was shocked, and it was all because the attacker was none other than the Great Sword Sovereign. The Great Sword Sovereign moved extremely fast and reached the figure in black in a second. Then, she swung her sword toward the figure in black.

Bam!

The figure in black was blasted several tens of thousands of kilometers away.

Everyone was confused.

The Great Sword Sovereign stared at the figure in black with an icy expression; her eyes shone murderously as she roared, "Who asked you to ambush him?! Who?!"

The figure in black solemnly replied, "Great Sword Sovereign, our goal is to kill him!"

The Great Sword Sovereign walked up to the figure in black, and her eyes revealed a frigid killing intent. "I said I'll fight him alone."

Before the figure in black could say anything, the Great Sword Sovereign rushed forward, slashing out with her colossal sword.

The figure in black was horrified. He raised his hands, and an array of black lights surged out from within him.

Boom!

As the colossal sword came crashing down, the black light around the figure in black shattered, and he was blasted tens of thousands of meters away. Just as he came to a stop, the Great Sword Sovereign charged at him with her sword.

Bang!

The Great Sword Sovereign slashed out, and the figure in black exploded into a bloody mist. His soul was annihilated as well.

The onlookers were terrified.

The Great Sword Sovereign was truly domineering.

After killing the figure in black with a single sword strike, the Great Sword Sovereign swept her gaze coldly at the onlookers. "I'm going to fight him by myself. If anyone else interferes, I will treat them as my enemy, and I'm going to kill them."

With that said, she turned to Ye Guan and said, "I'll give you half an hour to heal."

Ye Guan glanced at the Great Sword Sovereign before nodding without hesitation. He then sat down cross-legged to absorb spiritual energy in the air as the Divine Tree of Nature patched him up.

The Great Sword Sovereign stood opposite Ye Guan, holding her colossal sword with an icy expression.

Silence descended upon the crowd. They didn't agree entirely with the Great Sword Sovereign's actions. Their goal was to kill Ye Guan, not to fight him one by one. In addition, the Great Sword Sovereign seemed to be struggling to kill Ye Guan.

However, no one dared to confront the Great Sword Sovereign.

After all, she was far stronger than the majority of them! The other Sovereigns also wouldn't antagonize her over such a small matter, as Ye Guan wouldn't be able to escape under their watch.

Half an hour passed in the blink of an eye, and Ye Guan finally stood up with his eyes still closed. The Mad Demon Bloodline and his third bloodline were still fighting inside him, and they were still growing even stronger.

The Mad Demon Bloodline hadn't been able to take the upper hand, as it needed Ye Guan to go completely mad for it to awaken completely.

Meanwhile, the third bloodline had no prerequisites, so it was growing stronger at a faster pace compared to the Mad Demon Bloodline.

Ye Guan took a deep breath. He didn't suppress the two bloodline powers within him, but it wasn't like he could actually suppress them. The only way he could assuage the impact of the two bloodlines on his soul and fleshly body was by fighting.

Ye Guan looked up at the Great Sword Sovereign in the distance and saw that she was looking at him as well. They didn't waste any words; both vanished into thin air at the same time.

Buzz!

Buzzing noises echoed throughout heaven and earth as the two exchanged multiple moves at once. Deafening explosions erupted, and dozens of shockwaves spread out, pushing back the nearby cultivators.

Ye Guan and the Great Sword Sovereign were sent flying.

Ye Guan had yet to stop when he saw a colossal sword descending toward him.

Ye Guan's figure became ethereal just then, executing Heavenrend with two Space Overlaps! A kaleidoscope of sword lights erupted, and they converged at one point, bursting open with force comparable to a tempestuous typhoon!

Bang!

The sword lights shattered; Ye Guan and the Great Sword Sovereign flew away upon impact! Their powerful sword intent billowed out of them as they retreated, and their sword intent was as sharp as swords, slicing through every inch of spacetime in their way.

The Time Reversers nearby dared not to approach them!

After coming to a stop, Ye Guan looked down at his numb right arm.

"How powerful" Ye Guan muttered as he stared at the Great Sword Sovereign in the distance. Her sword was awe-inspiring, and each strike carried a power capable of sundering the heavens. If it weren't for Ao Qianqian, Ye Guan would have lost long ago against the Great Sword Sovereign.

Ye Guan truly couldn't quite believe that even with the power of his two bloodlines, his fleshly body still couldn't withstand the Great Sword Sovereign's attacks unless Ao Qianqian was merged with him.

The Great Sword Sovereign cast a shocked gaze upon Ye Guan. Ye Guan's strength had increased by leaps and bounds. She couldn't help but marvel at how the awakening of Ye Guan's bloodline had brought about such a massive change.

The two exchanged glances with no words spoken

Swoosh!

Ye Guan's figure transformed into a streak of sword light that rushed across the battlefield.

The Great Sword Sovereign's eyes narrowed. Then, she quietly stepped forward and gripped her sword with both hands before slashing out.

Boom!

The overwhelming sword force within her burst out, sweeping toward Ye Guan like a raging river!

Ye Guan flew away, cutting a sorry figure in mid-air.

However, the Great Sword Sovereign charged forward once again. She swung her colossal sword at lightning speed, and it carried with it sharp winds akin to a violent storm, leaving Ye Guan with no chance to catch his breath.

Ye Guan felt immense pressure from the oncoming attack. The woman wielding a colossal sword was truly a terrifying supreme elite. Ao Qianqian was supporting him, but he still found her to be quite overwhelming.

However, Ye Guan noticed that his third bloodline was surging rapidly, and it was growing stronger as he fought the Great Sword Sovereign! The third bloodline also contained a mysterious power that seemed to be reforming his fleshly body.

Unfortunately, the battle was too intense for Ye Guan to pay attention to such minute details. He also couldn't afford to think too much into it, as the Great Sword Sovereign didn't want to give him any time to breathe.

Of course, Ye Guan wasn't going to think about it as well; he was focused on something else the sensation of an imminent breakthrough.

The fight between Ye Guan and the Great Sword Sovereign grew increasingly intense; each collision annihilated the spacetime around them.

The Great Sword Sovereign seemed to have become a lunatic as she haphazardly swung her colossal sword at Ye Guan. The powerful strikes made Ye Guan bounce as if he were a ball. The Great Sword Sovereign was like a massive storm at sea, and Ye Guan was like a kayak in the boundless ocean. Despite that, he remained steadfast.

He was growing even stronger as well!

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign frowned. "The tides are turning."

The Warlord Sovereign's expression was grave. Although the Great Sword Sovereign was overwhelming Ye Guan with the sheer power and speed of her attacks, her swordsmanship had already reached its peak. She had already reached her limits, and she could only surpass that limit with a breakthrough.

Could she make a breakthrough during this fight? It was highly unlikely.

After all, for a top-tier supreme elite like the Great Sword Sovereign to go even further beyond was akin to overturning the heavens, which was exceptionally difficult.

If the Great Sword Sovereign failed to make a breakthrough, Ye Guan would inevitably defeat her as the latter was growing stronger by the second.

The Warlord Sovereign suddenly asked, "Shall we make a move?"

They had a huge chance of slaying Ye Guan once they made a move.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign shook his head. "Let's wait a bit more. Ye Guan can't escape us, anyway."

If they were to interfere prematurely, it'd mean antagonizing the Great Sword Sovereign.

If she were alone, there'd be nothing to worry about. However, the Great Sword Sovereign had a powerful backer, so forming a vendetta with her wasn't a worthwhile endeavor at all.

The Warlord Sovereign nodded at the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign's remark and went silent. At this point, neither of them wanted to become enemies with the Great Sword Sovereign.

Just then, a terrifying burst of sword light erupted from afar, and a sword light struck Ye Guan in the chest. Ye Guan flew as if he were a kite with its strings cut. As soon as he stopped, blood dripped down the corner of his mouth.

The Great Sword Sovereign took to the air and slashed downward, aiming to split Ye Guan's head into two. Ye Guan's eyes narrowed, and he slashed out fiercely with his sword.

Boom!

The sword light shattered, and Ye Guan was blasted thousands of meters away.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign's face immediately darkened. The Great Sword Sovereign's momentum was slowing down. The tide was about to turn! Sure enough, Ye Guan charged forward and slashed out toward the Great Sword Sovereign.

Bang!

The two of them flew in opposite directions. Before the Great Sword Sovereign could stop, however, Ye Guan reappeared in front of her. A radiant sword light erupted, blinding everyone briefly.

When they opened their eyes once more, the Great Sword Sovereign had been blasted a few kilometers away.

The faces of the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the Time Reversers darkened at the sight.

The tables were about to turn!

As expected, Ye Guan took advantage of that opportunity. He attacked the Great Sword Sovereign like a madman, forcing the Great Sword Sovereign to retreat beneath his flurry of attacks.

The Great Sword Sovereign turned pale. Her colossal sword was no longer as fierce and as domineering as before, and she could only defend passively.

However, the Great Sword Sovereign's eyes emitted the same fierce light.

Just like that, Ye Guan forced the Great Sword Sovereign to defend passively for more than thirty minutes.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the Time Reversers revealed ugly looks upon discovering that Ye Guan's sword energy had become several times stronger than before.

Ye Guan was a monster of combat!

It had to be known that monsters of combat were capable of growing stronger after each battle and during a battle. A monster of combat was terrifying, as they were capable of bestowing surprises on their enemies in a long, drawn-out battle.

"This is bad!" the Baixiang Sovereign exclaimed. The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the Time Reversers stared unwittingly at Ye Guan and the Great Sword Sovereign. The latter was still being suppressed, but her sword energy was no longer as fierce and as rigid as before; it had become soft and flexible like water!

The Baixiang Sovereign stared intently at the Great Sword Sovereign. "She's about to make a breakthrough!"

A breakthrough?! The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the Time Reversers gasped.

The Great Sword Sovereign was already a Sovereign. If she ended up making a breakthrough, then Boom!

A gargantuan sword force blossomed from the Great Sword Sovereign, and everyone was shocked to discover that her sword force was going through a qualitative change. She was about to make a breakthrough!

"We're screwed!" Little Pagoda shouted, "Young Master! How about we ask for help? If you're afraid of going against your principles, it's okay. I'll ask for help. I'm not trying to brag here, but even the Five Swords will have to give me face."

Chapter 512: Next Life

Ye Guan ignored Little Pagoda and transformed into a ray of sword light, vanishing from where he was standing.

Schwing!

A sharp, tearing sound echoed throughout the battlefield.

Ye Guan had vanished, but the faces of the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the Time Reversers changed drastically because they could feel a terrifying aura from somewhere.

Ye Guan's sword attack was unprecedentedly stronger than the ones he had executed before!

Under everyone's shocked gazes, Ye Guan unleashed a sword move containing three Heavenrends with maximum stacks condensed into three Sword Overlapsall in one sword move!

This one sword move represented Ye Guan's limits. More accurately, it represented the limits of what he could achieve with Ao Qianqian inside of him.

An incomparably radiant light erupted, and the faces of everyone changed drastically.

The Great Sword Sovereign was in the middle of a breakthrough, and she wouldn't be able to withstand the oncoming sword attack. The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the Time Reversers couldn't help her at all; the attack was just too strong for them to do anything in time.

The Great Sword Sovereign's pupils constricted, and she went beyond pallid in the face of the oncoming sword attack. She knew that there was no way she could block the oncoming attack!

If she were allowed to make a breakthrough, the oncoming sword attack wouldn't be a threat to her at all. However, she was still in the middle of a breakthrough, so the sword attack was certainly capable of taking her life.

Unfortunately, Ye Guan had no plans of allowing her to make a breakthrough.

Just a few seconds more, and she'd be able to defy fate and reach new heights. It was a pity, but Ye Guan was not going to give her that chance.

In the face of certain death, the Great Sword Sovereign didn't choose to stand idly by. She flicked her wrist and was about to attack Ye Guan with her sword, but Ye Guan suddenly whipped around, redirecting his attack toward the distant starry sky.

Boom!

A vast expanse of stars were annihilated at once!

What's going on? The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the Time Reversers frowned, looking bewildered. What is Ye Guan trying to do here?

The Great Sword Sovereign was puzzled as well, and she watched as Ye Guan's face became as pale as a sheet of paper. Ye Guan's all-out attack just now had truly pushed him to his limits, and he felt utterly exhausted.

The Great Sword Sovereign glared at him. "What are you doing?"

Ye Guan wiped away the blood at the corner of his lips. "I'm letting you make a breakthrough."

The Great Sword Sovereign's glare became fierce. "Are you mocking me?"

An overwhelming sword force enveloped Ye Guan.

Ye Guan's expression remained calm as he replied, "You saved me once from an ambush earlier. I'm simply returning the favor. We don't owe each other anything anymore."

The Great Sword Sovereign was still glaring quietly at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan was extremely weak at the moment, and he could no longer stand up properly. He had truly exhausted all of his strength just to unleash that cataclysmic sword move earlier.

He was so exhausted that just about any Time Reverser here could easily kill him!

Ye Guan stared blandly at the Great Sword Sovereign.

The Great Sword Sovereign said, "You know that if you don't kill me now, you will no longer be a match for me once I make a breakthrough."

"I know that," Ye Guan said with a nod.

"Then why did you give up on that sword attack earlier?"

"As I said, you saved me once, so I was simply returning the favor."

"That's all?"

"What other reason would I have?"

"We're fighting a life-or-death battle here."

"Yes, we are, but I don't think you're wrong."

"What do you mean?"

"There's no right or wrong between us. We simply have different ideologies."

The Great Sword Sovereign was slightly stunned, and her eyes became filled with complicated emotions as she stared at Ye Guan. The Time Reversers were surprised as well upon hearing him.

No right or wrong, just different ideologies?

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign looked at Ye Guan with a complicated expression as well. "He he is truly outstanding. No wonder the True God chose him."

The Warlord Sovereign looked at Ye Guan without saying a word.

Ye Guan was at his weakest. Anyone could easily kill him, but no one was doing it.

Soon, the Great Sword Sovereign made a breakthrough, and her aura surged to an unprecedented level far surpassing the aura of the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the Warlord Sovereign.

Her lifespan had increased as well. It wasn't much, but she could live for several thousands of years more at the very least.

It had to be known that she was left with less than a hundred years to live before her breakthrough. Out of all the Time Reversers here, she had obtained the most profit.

Every Time Reverser here looked at her with envy, including the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the Warlord Sovereign. In their eyes, an additional thousands of years of lifespan was priceless. It was akin to hope and endless possibilities.

After all, who wouldn't want to transcend the Great Dao?

The other Sovereigns were truly envious.

The Great Sword Sovereign opened her eyes slowly, and the powerful sword intent that billowed out of her was both rigid and soft, restrained and sharp. Her sword intent had gone through a qualitative transformation.

The Great Sword Sovereign's gaze fell on Ye Guan just then.

Ye Guan lay down and said, "Go ahead!"

Ye Guan had truly reached his limits. He could no longer fight.

Am I going to die just like this? Ye Guan felt indignant, but there wasn't anything he could do about it. He placed his left hand over his chest and felt Ao Qianqian's presence.

"Qianqian I'm sorry," Ye Guan apologized softly.

He owed Ao Qianqian a lot in this lifetime. Ao Qianqian would either sustain heavy injuries or would be on the verge of death every time she merged with him. That was how her life had been since they signed that contract.

She had been suffering instead of enjoying her life.

"We're husband and wife, and we are one. No need to apologize."

Ye Guan smiled slightly. "You're right. If there's another life wait for me. I'm going to recognize you instantly."

"It's a deal."

Ye Guan opened his eyes slowly and looked up at the starry skies.

"This life has been too exhausting. If there's another life Forget it; it's fine even if there isn't another lifetime" Ye Guan closed his eyes once again. The two bloodlines inside of him seemed to have sensed something and calmed down.

Since the fight started, Ye Guan had never thought of calling for help.

The Great Sword Sovereign stared quietly at Ye Guan, and everyone's eyes were on her. A single flick of her wrist was enough to kill Ye Guan, so they waited patiently for her to make a move.

Finally, the Great Sword Sovereign walked up to Ye Guan. She bent down and hoisted him on her shoulder before transforming into a ray of sword light that disappeared into the Time River with Ye Guan.

The faces of the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the Time Reversers changed.

"Stop her!" roared the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign. The other Sovereigns rushed to the sky, making a beeline for the Great Sword Sovereign. However, a ray of sword light flew out of the Time River just then.

Boom!

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the other Sovereigns were blasted away. The Time Reversers came to a screeching halt at the sight, and they dared not chase after the Great Sword Sovereign.

Meanwhile, the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign's face turned ugly. He didn't expect that the Great Sword Sovereign would carry Ye Guan away, sparing his life rather than killing him!

What is she trying to do here? Is she crazy? The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign lampooned inwardly before setting aside his thoughts and shouting, "Chase her!"

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign took the lead, rushing to the skies with the Warlord Sovereign and the Baixiang Sovereign. The remaining Time Reversers charged into the Time River as well.

The Great Sword Sovereign traveled with Ye Guan for a long time before putting Ye Guan down.

Ye Guan looked at her with a gaze full of puzzlement. "Why are you doing this?"

The Great Sword Sovereign's gaze was calm as she said, "Go on."

"Why are you doing this?" Ye Guan asked once again.

"Just because," the Great Sword Sovereign replied.

Ye Guan fell silent.

"Still not leaving?"

"Why don't you help me instead?"

"Fat chance!" the Great Sword Sovereign exclaimed.

Ye Guan was at a loss for words.

The Great Sword Sovereign shook her head and said, "I prefer a world without order, so I won't help you. Your mercy has allowed me to make a breakthrough, extending my lifespan. As such, I no longer need to kill you. We're now even as well."

Ye Guan contemplated briefly before nodding. "I understand."

Then, Ye Guan turned around to leave.

"Wait!" the Great Sword Sovereign exclaimed.

Ye Guan turned back to look at her, slightly confused.

The Great Sword Sovereign stared at Ye Gun and said, "The Ancient Clan will be arriving shortly, and it is a very powerful clan."

"How powerful?" Ye Guan asked.

"You need more than just that woman in a black dress to resist them."

Ye Guan's expression darkened. Even Aunt Qingqing isn't strong enough to stop them? This is absurd. Why are they even targeting me like this?

Ye Guan couldn't help but feel that everything was getting more and more ridiculous.

The Clan Leader of the Past Clan was a lunatic, and she really wanted to kill Ye Guan.

"Aside from the Ancient Clan, there are other major ancient clans that may have been persuaded by the Clan Leader of the Past Clan, so you should be mentally prepared."

Ye Guan's expression soured, but he remained silent.

The Great Sword Sovereign suddenly asked, "What happened to her?"

At first, the Great Sword Sovereign thought that the woman in the black dress was lurking in the shadows to assist Ye Guan during a pinch. However, the woman in the black dress didn't show up at all, even as Ye Guan had laid down his life.

Ye Guan shook his head slightly without saying anything. He turned around to leave but turned around once more after taking a few steps.

"What is your name?" Ye Guan asked.

The Great Sword Sovereign looked at him for a while before replying, "Gu Nanrong!"

Ye Guan nodded. "Lady Nanrong, until we meet again."

Ye Guan turned around and finally left.

Gu Nanrong watched quietly as Ye Guan disappeared into the distance. Eventually, she turned around to leave, but she sensed something and turned to the distant Time River. Gu Nanrong's expression drastically at the scene that unfolded before her.

Chapter 513: Ancient Clan

Ye Guan held Xuanyuan as he traveled against the current of the Time River. Soon, Ye Guan was now traversing time that existed five hundred billion years ago. If it hadn't been for Ao Qianqian, this journey would've been impossible.

In fact, he was already feeling a bit exhausted.

Ye Guan slashed out just then, carving open a spacetime rift. Then, he transformed into a ray of sword light that vanished into the spacetime rift.

Ye Guan arrived in the middle of a seemingly endless mountain range. He looked around and sat down cross-legged. "Master Pagoda, can you help me conceal my aura?"

Ye Guan had to conceal his aura. Otherwise, it'd be difficult for him to escape death even if he activated all three of his bloodlines. Moreover, he wasn't sure about his third bloodline's power, as he had yet to grasp it completely.

Little Pagoda replied, "No, I can't..."

Ye Guan fell silent.

"My concealment technique is incredibly high-level, so the fact that the enemies can still track you down means that no concealment technique can possibly hide from their gazes," Little Pagoda explained.

Ye Guan nodded slightly. "I understand."

Sovereign Nan Zhu appeared beside Ye Guan and said, "You should go to the Grand Heavenly World."

Ye Guan's brows furrowed. "Grand Heavenly World?"

Sovereign Nan Zhu nodded. "Yes, and it's a world created by the Grand Heavenly Sovereign. He's ranked second on the Sovereign List, and he once activated a very formidable array known as the Grand Heavenly Domain Array.

"Those who enter that array will have their cultivation bases suppressed. The stronger they are, the heavier the suppression.

Ye Guan said, "Entering it will suppress everyone, which might actually work in my favor. Moreover, the mysterious figure who has been spying on me in secret might not be able to spy on me anymore because of that array."

Sovereign Nan Zhu nodded. "Exactly."

"Has the Grand Heavenly Sovereign already pledged alliance to our enemies?"

"I don't know, but we can only take a gamble."

Ye Guan nodded. "Agreed."

"To save time, let me help you navigate the Time River," Sovereign Nan Zhu said before leading Ye Guan into the Time River. As soon as they entered the Time River, many powerful auras descended upon them.

The enemies had caught up to them!

Ye Guan and Sovereign Nan Zhu's expressions changed.

Sovereign Nan Zhu hurriedly said, "Go and cultivate inside the tiny pagoda. I'll bring you to the Grand Heavenly World."

Ye Guan nodded and obliged.

Sovereign Nan Zhu glanced behind him before transforming into a streak of light that disappeared at the end of the Time River.

Ye Guan sat cross-legged inside the tiny pagoda. He took off his clothes and looked at his own body, realizing that his fleshly body had changed massively. He was covered with faint golden web-like patterns. Shockingly, the patterns had blood flowing within them as if they were blood vessels.

What's going on? Ye Guan was shocked.

The red-robed Sovereign appeared just then. He stared at Ye Guan and said, "This is the legendary transformation of the Mortal Bloodline into a Mortal Physique. Your blood is changing your physique."

Ye Guan asked, "Senior, what is a 'Mortal Physique'?"

The red-robed Sovereign explained, "Those with Mortal Physiques have defied their fate and transcended the Great Dao!"

Ye Guan frowned. "I have yet to transcend the Great Dao..."

"One of your ancestors must have done it."

Ye Guan fell silent.

Could it be Father? Impossible!

Ye Xuan was the King of Relying on Others, so there was no way he would have the Mortal Physique nor the Mortal Bloodline. Grandfather? Is he a self-made man? I think he's half a self-made man. Grandfather seems to be rather extraordinary, but if it isn't Father and Grandfather, then who is it?

Ye Guan's eyes widened just then—my plain-skirt aunt! Fuck! How did I forget her?

Ye Guan's plain-skirt aunt had transcended the Great Dao with her Mortal Physique, but they weren't direct relatives.

Ye Guan hurriedly asked, "Master Pagoda, is Plain-Skirt Aunt the source of my Mortal Bloodline?"

"Yes," Little Pagoda replied.

"But she's not directly related to me..."

"Is there something wrong with your brain? Who benefits the most when someone's bloodline changes? It'd be their close relatives. Who's a close relative of your plain-skirt Aunt? It's none other than your father! It's only natural for you to inherit your father's bloodline, as you are his son. Isn't that the case?"

"Why does Father not have the Mortal Bloodline, then?"

"Dunno, I'm just a pagoda."

Huh?

Ye Guan truly didn't expect that his third bloodline was come from his plain-skirt aunt, and he couldn't help but sigh upon sensing his third bloodline's immense power.

His plain-skirt aunt had truly defied the heavens with a Mortal Physique and transcended the Great Dao. She had to have lived life a splendid life. It was a pity that Ye Guan knew very little about her past; her rise to power was barely recorded.

Little Pagoda suddenly said, "What you need right now is time. Your Mortal Bloodline needs time to reform your physique into a Mortal Physique."

Ye Guan asked, "What's the point of having a Mortal Physique?"

"I don't know," Little Pagoda replied.

Ye Guan looked at the red-robed Sovereign and asked, "Senior, what's good about having a Mortal Physique?"

The red-robed Sovereign shook his head a little and said, "I don't know. I've only read about the Mortal Physique in books. I've never seen one for myself until now, so I don't really know much about it."

Ye Guan's expression fell. I guess I have to experiment on my own.

"You can use your Mortal Bloodline to help Lady Qianqian," said Little Pagoda.

"How?" Ye Guan asked.

Little Pagoda explained, "The Ancient Heavenly Dragon Clan values bloodlines, so you can use your three bloodlines to enhance her bloodline."

Ye Guan slapped his thigh. "That's right!"

He had truly forgotten about that until Little Pagoda had mentioned it. Little Pagoda was right; his bloodline could indeed help Ao Qianqian!

Ye Guan immediately said, "Qianqian, let's consummate our marriage!"

Ao Qianqian was at a loss for words.

"There's no need for that because you two are already one. You two are sharing the same fleshly body as well as the same sea of consciousness. In other words, she can use your bloodline to nibble away—"

"Shut up!" Ye Guan interjected, "Master Pagoda, go and take a rest!"

With that, Ye Guan ignored Little Pagoda.

Little Pagoda: "..."

Ao Qianqian: "..."

Of course, Ye Guan couldn't really do anything with Ao Qianqian right now, so he could only do Little Pagoda's suggestion, allowing Ao Qianqian to nibble away at his three bloodline powers at a sustainable rate.

Ye Guan's bloodlines were truly horrifying, as Ao Qianqian's Ancient Heavenly Dragon Bloodline received a terrifying boost the moment Ao Qianqian used it to enhance her own bloodline.

Ao Qianqian was already extremely powerful, and she had the inheritance of the Ancestral Dragon. Her strength had also improved by leaps and bounds as she fought side by side with Ye Guan.

Ao Qianqian's aura surged wildly as she nibbled away at Ye Guan's bloodlines.

Meanwhile, Ye Guan waited quietly for his Mortal Bloodline to reform his physique completely.

The red-robed Sovereign cast a complex gaze upon Ye Guan. He had to admit that the revelation had astonished him. He didn't expect that Ye Guan would have a bloodline that seemed to only exist in legends.

In addition, he had gotten a good look at Ye Guan's outstanding prowess, and he was unmatched in both combat and mindset.

The only thing he needed was time!

The white-robed woman from the Past Clan knew that as well, which was why she didn't want to give Ye Guan any time to develop.

The red-robed Sovereign looked up. It was a high-stakes gamble, but it was going to be worth it if he won the gamble.

Sovereign Nan Zhu's voice echoed just then. "Red-robed Sovereign, come out and help me!"

The red-robed Sovereign left the tiny pagoda, and his expression became heavy.

A huge group of supreme elites were chasing after them in the distance.

To make matters worse, three Sovereigns were at the helm of the group!

Sovereign Nan Zhu hurriedly said, "We're about to reach the Grand Heavenly World. Help me buy some time."

The red-robed Sovereign wasted no words and raised his hand. Streaks of red light burst out of him, transforming into blood blades that slashed out toward the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the others.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign's eyes flashed coldly. He charged forward and swung his fist. A kaleidoscope of fist imprints erupted, sweeping toward the red-robed Sovereign like a tide.

Boom!

The Time River trembled!

The Baixiang Sovereign and the Warlord Sovereign moved at the same time.

Boom!

The blood blades immediately shattered, but the red-robed Sovereign and Sovereign Nan Zhu had already disappeared into the distance.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign's face turned ugly as he remarked, "That's Sovereign Nan Zhu and the red-robed Sovereign. They actually decided to stand on Ye Guan's side?"

The Baixiang Sovereign and the Warlord Sovereign's expressions turned sour. They truly didn't expect that those two Sovereigns would take Ye Guan's side.

The Baixiang Sovereign suddenly said, "They must be heading to the Grand Heavenly World!"

Grand Heavenly World?

The Sovereigns looked at each other and immediately rushed in the direction of the Grand Heavenly World.

If Ye Guan managed to enter the Grand Heavenly World, they would be at a huge disadvantage, as the Grand Heavenly World was a special world. They were powerful, but they dared not barge recklessly into the Grand Heavenly World.

The Grand Heavenly Sovereign was the second most powerful Sovereign in the Sovereign List! Sovereigns varied in strength, and the Grand Heavenly Sovereign was extremely powerful among all of them.

Unfortunately, it was too late. Sovereign Nan Zhu and the red-robed Sovereign had already entered the Grand Heavenly World. The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the other Sovereigns revealed ugly expressions.

Just then, the terrifying roars of beasts echoed behind them. They turned around and saw gargantuan beasts rushing toward them. The beasts resembled dragons, and they were truly gargantuan—spanning

thousands of meters wide. They each had two tails, and they were covered with long, black spikes as sharp as treasured swords.

The beasts emitted horrifying auras, and their expressions were twisted into a scary grimace. The nearby spacetime quivered violently, unable to withstand the power of so many gargantuan beasts.

To make matters worse, mysterious figures clad in black armor were standing on the back of the beasts.

The beasts were Dark Dragons, and they were a type of dragon second only to Ancestral Dragons.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the other Sovereign frowned at once.

The Ancient Clan, which was one of the legendary Four Ancient Clans was here, and they had dispatched their most formidable armed forces—the Dark Dragon Guards!

Chapter 514: A Ruthless Woman

Sovereign Nan Zhu and the red-robed Sovereign's expressions changed immediately the moment they entered the Grand Heavenly World. They exchanged horrified glances as a powerful force bored down on them from all directions, suppressing their cultivation bases.

Ye Guan came out of the little pagoda, and he felt the same mysterious force suppressing his cultivation realm. He frowned. Indeed, there was a powerful array in the entire world, and it was terrifying enough to suppress all three of them.

Sovereign Nan Zhu looked around before saying, "Let's find a place to hide."

Ye Guan nodded, and the three of them disappeared. Moments later, they arrived inside a seemingly endless mountain range.

Ye Guan asked, "Senior, how strong is the Grand Heavenly Sovereign?"

Sovereign Nan Zhu replied, "He's very powerful. He's ranked second on the Sovereign List."

"Who's ranked first?"

Sovereign Nan Zhu and the red-robed Sovereign's expressions changed at Ye Guan's question, and the sight made Ye Guan feel even more curious.

Sovereign Nan Zhu said, "She's a bit special."

"Special?" Ye Guan asked.

The red-robed Sovereign nodded. "Yes, she rose in power from out of nowhere. I remember it was about two billion years ago; she entered the Time River and traversed against its current, defeating top-tier supreme elites until she eventually became a Sovereign herself."

The red-robed Sovereign seemed to have remembered something. "Are you from the Guanyuan Universe?"

"Yes," Ye Guan replied with a nod.

The red-robed Sovereign said, "She's from the Guanyuan Universe as well."

Ye Guan was shocked. "She's from the Guanyuan Universe?"

"Yes. In fact, she's extremely ruthless. She once got into a conflict with a major clan, and do you know what she did in the end?"

Ye Guan shook his head.

"She massacred the entire clan. She didn't spare even the ant hills there. She flushed the ants with boiling water," the red-robed Sovereign added.

Ye Guan was astonished.

The red-robed Sovereign shook his head and laughed. "It is a bit exaggerated, I know, but it is undeniable that she was ruthless and violent. Her methods are extremely brutal as well. Hence, everyone calls her the Bandit Sovereign. Even the Four Ancient Clans are afraid of provoking her."

The Bandit Sovereign? Ye Guan smiled to himself, finding the name rather intriguing.

The red-robed Sovereign said, "Hopefully, she won't stand on the Past Clan's side. If not, we'll be in big trouble."

Sovereign Nan Zhu nodded. "Indeed."

The expressions of the two Sovereigns became solemn as they reminisced about the Bandit Sovereign's mind.

Ye Guan was about to say something when an oppressive pressure bored down on them, suppressing the three of them at once.

"The Grand Heavenly Sovereign!" Sovereign Nan Zhu exclaimed.

Rumble!

Sovereign Nan Zhu's words had yet to finish echoing in the air when a spacetime rift was torn open next to them. Soon, a thin and frail-looking old man walked out of the rift. The old man was wearing a simple, coarse robe and hemp shoes.

The old man looked at Ye Guan and asked, "Are you Ye Guan?"

Ye Guan nodded slightly.

The old man's eyes narrowed. Sovereign Nan Zhu and the red-robed Sovereign instantly became extremely cautious; they got ready to face a formidable enemy.

Ye Guan stared quietly at the old man.

After a while, the old man said, "Leave this world."

Then, the old man turned around to leave.

Ye Guan called out, "Senior."

The old man turned around and asked, "What?"

"The Great Daoist Brush Master has strands of Ancestral Origin," Ye Guan said.

Strands of Ancestral Origin?

Sovereign Nan Zhu and the red-robed Sovereign cast a surprised gaze at Ye Guan.

Of course, a tinge of greed filled their eyes as well, and it couldn't be helped—strands of Ancestral Origin were just too tempting for people like them.

The old man stared at Ye Guan. "Strands of ancestral Origin?"

Ye Guan nodded.

"Are you trying to strike a deal with me?"

"Yes."

"It's impossible."

"Why?"

"The Ancient Clan's Dark Dragon Guards are already outside."

The Dark Dragon Guards?!

The two Sovereigns frowned.

The red-robed Sovereign even exclaimed, "Are they crazy?! They're actually going all-out against just a few of us?"

Sovereign Nan Zhu's face was equally grim. The fact that the Ancient Clan had brought the Dark Dragon Guards here was a clear indication that they didn't wish to give Ye Guan any chances of survival.

Ye Guan had no idea what the Dark Dragon Guards were, but they had to be a formidable force, judging from the expressions of the two Sovereigns. Deducing that, Ye Guan stared at the old man and asked, "Senior, I don't think you're afraid of the Dark Dragon Guards. Am I right?"

"I'm afraid of them," the old man replied.

Ye Guan's expression froze.

Instead of turning around and leaving, the old man stared quietly at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan noticed that and said, "I'll give you more."

"How many?"

"Two strands."

"The Dark Dragon Guards are incredibly powerful."

"Three strands of Ancestral Origins!"

Three?!

Sovereign Nan Zhu and the red-robed Sovereign were moved by the offer, and their hearts burned with desire.

The old man wanted to say something, but Ye Guan beat him to the chase, saying, "Let's establish a friendly connection with each other, all right?"

The old man went silent. He wanted to ask for more, but he also knew that he couldn't be too greedy. Greed would breed resentment, and he knew that it wouldn't be wise of him to breed resentment with Ye Guan.

The old man soon made up his mind and said, "Deal."

He extended his right hand to Ye Guan for a handshake.

Ye Guan glanced at the old man and said, "Credit."

The old man immediately frowned. "Are you kidding me?"

"Senior, the strands of Ancestral Origin are with the Great Daoist Brush Master."

The old man stared quietly at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan pondered briefly before saying, "Sir, my Yang Family is famous for our outright and righteous reputation, so how can I possibly deceive you? Well, if you don't trust me, I'm sure you trust the Great Daoist Brush Master at the very least."

The Great Daoist Brush Master... The old man was silent. The Great Daoist Brush Master was so powerful that there was no way someone like him would deceive the old man.

Nonetheless, the old man was still a bit worried. Credit? Does that even work here?

Rumble!

A terrifying pressure descended, and the entire Grand Heavenly World became illusory. It couldn't handle the oncoming powerful auras.

The old man's face darkened at the sight. The Ancient Clan was going to force their way in rather than ask him for permission to come in. This was a blatant disrespect to him—the Grand Heavenly Sovereign!

The old man looked at Ye Guan and said, "They outnumber us, and we can't possibly defeat them, so I can only buy you time to escape. Go and run!"

Ye Guan was silent, seemingly hesitating.

The old man added, "There's nothing you can do here but escape!"

Ye Guan looked up at the sky and saw a massive group of gargantuan beasts descending upon them. The gargantuan beasts were dragons emitting terrifying auras.

Escape? Where can I even escape?

Ao Qianqian suddenly said, "I can deal with those Dark Dragons!"

Ye Guan's eyes lit up.

Ao Qianqian was the Ancestral Dragon's successor, which meant that she had the Ancestral Dragon's bloodline. Ye Guan also knew that beasts placed great importance on bloodlines. In other words, Ao Qianqian's plan was worthy of a try!

Having made up his mind, Ye Guan turned to the old man and said, "Senior, I'll give you five strands of Ancestral Origin, so please help me to hold back those Time Reversers with Sovereign Nan Zhu and the red-robed Sovereign. You don't have to do it for too long; I just need an hour!"

The old man frowned. "You want me to face the Dark Dragon Guards?"

"Yes!"

"Are you sure?"

"Yes!"

The old man clenched his fists. Five strands of Ancestral Origin! It was a truly tempting offer. Unfortunately, it was on credit. Would the Great Daoist Brush Master go back on his word? No way! The Great Daoist Brush Master definitely valued his reputation, so there was no way he'd go back on his word.

The old man made up his mind and said, "I'll help you stall them for half an hour—only thirty minutes. The next time you meet the Great Daoist Brush Master, you will—"

"Yes, yes, I will," Ye Guan interrupted, "I'll make sure that he'll give you five strands of Ancestral Origin. You may not trust my reputation and my character, but you should trust the Great Daoist Brush Master."

The old man stared deeply at Ye Guan before saying, "I trust your character. I'm just trying to make sure that I'll get what I deserve. After all, I'm about to work hard for it."

The old man then looked up and said, "Sovereign Nan Zhu and Red-robed Sovereign, I will activate an array later to suppress those three Sovereigns and the Time Reversers. You two should help me stall them."

Sovereign Nan Zhu and the red-robed Sovereign nodded. "Okay."

Ye Guan looked at both of them and said seriously, "Seniors, please rest assured. You two will receive strands of Ancestral Origin as well."

At this point, he had to paint a really nice picture for them. Otherwise, none of them would go all-out for him. As for whether the picture was real or not... Well, the Great Daoist Brush Master was going to pay the bill.

The red-robed Sovereign and Sovereign Nan Zhu were overjoyed upon hearing Ye Guan's remark.

They wanted to receive strands of Ancestral Origin as well, but they dared not to ask for it directly. It was a good thing that Ye Guan had mentioned it, and they were truly delighted upon hearing Ye Guan's promise.

"Let's go!" the old man exclaimed. Then, he transformed into a ray of light and vanished. Moments later, a powerful and terrifying force sprang up, enveloping the entire Grand Heavenly World.

The red-robed Sovereign and Sovereign Nan Zhu vanished as well, rushing toward the Sovereigns in the sky.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign frowned. He didn't expect that Ye Guan and his group would dare to resist them, despite their overwhelming numbers.

Who gave them the guts to resist? Are they perhaps up to something?

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign couldn't help but feel uneasy, and he warned, "Be careful, everyone!"

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign glanced at the supreme elites of the Ancient Clan.

The Time Reversers of his group dared not underestimate Ye Guan, but the Ancient Clan supreme elites were a different story. They had no idea about Ye Guan's true strength. If they dared to underestimate Ye Guan, they'd suffer greatly from their folly.

Unfortunately, the supreme elites of the Ancient Clan ignored the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign's words. Their gazes seemed fixed on Ye Guan.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign wanted to say something, but the red-robed Sovereign and Sovereign Nan Zhu were already charging toward them. To make matters worse, the powerful and mysterious force of the Grand Heavenly Domain Array swept over them like a tidal wave.

Roughly a hundred Dark Dragon Guards were in the air, and Ye Guan stared calmly at them.

Just then, the Commander of the Dark Dragon Guards roared, "Kill him!"

The Dark Dragon Guards roared in unison, and a terrifying dragon might rushed toward Ye Guan.

Swoosh!

Ye Guan's eyes shone in a radiant golden light just then, and the illusory figure of a dragon appeared above him.

Chapter 515: It Is You!

Just as the dragon might was about to overwhelm Ye Guan, golden light burst out of him, and the illusory figure of a colossal dragon manifested above him. The illusory figure swiftly became tangible before the Dark Dragons.

Ao Qianqian returned to her true form and unleashed a wave of ominous aura. Her powerful dragon might instantly subdued the Dark Dragons around her. Paralyzed from the dragon might, the eyes of the Dark Dragons filled with terror.

The weaker ones even quivered like aspen trees.

The Commander of the Dark Dragon Guards exclaimed, "T-t-that's the fabled aura of the Ancestral Dragon! How come you're giving off the Ancestral Dragon's aura?!"

The Commander of the Dark Dragon Guards was on the verge of losing his composure.

Dark Dragons were the mightiest among many of the other dragons, so those capable of suppressing them through bloodline alone were exceedingly rare. The Ancestral Dragon—the progenitor of all dragons—was one of the few capable of suppressing Dark Dragons.

It was akin to a father disciplining his son!

Ao Qianqian roared, and a dreadful bloodline aura swept across the Dark Dragons, bringing about a primal fear from the depths of their souls. The Dark Dragons submitted to Ao Qianqian, and they cowered on the floor, trembling.

The Commander of the Dark Dragon Guards bellowed, "Rise!"

However, not a single Dark Dragon stood up; they dared not to stand up before the successor of the Ancestral Dragon.

Ye Guan was both shocked and bewildered at the astonishing sight. He didn't expect that Ao Qianqian's bloodline was actually strong enough to suppress the dark dragons until they dared not put up a resistance.

Ye Guan initially wanted to slaughter them while they were unmoving, but an idea jumped into his head. He opened his palm, and the tiny pagoda appeared.

Ye Guan then instructed, "Master Pagoda, gather them for me!"

The tiny pagoda quivered, and a burst of golden light swept across the Dark Dragons. In the next moment, the Dark Dragons disappeared into the tiny pagoda.

"How dare you!" roared the Commander of the Dark Dragon Guards. Then, he morphed into a streak of black light that shot toward Ye Guan. The supreme elites of the Ancient Clan glared at Ye Guan and charged at him as well.

The combined might of so many supreme elites created a tempestuous storm capable of scaring just about anyone. However, Ye Guan was unfazed. He turned his wrist, and Xuanyuan appeared.

Hum!

Xuanyuan let out a resonant hum and quivered violently.

Ao Qianqian then transformed into a streak of golden light that melted into Ye Guan.

Boom!

A deafening explosion echoed, and it was followed by Ye Guan's aura surging crazily. With Xuanyuan in hand, Ye Guan charged boldly into the fray. Without the Dark Dragons, the strength of the Ancient Clan supreme elites plummeted. Ye Guan effortlessly repelled over a dozen of them with a single slash of his sword.

The Mad Demon Bloodline and the Mortal Bloodline churned, raising Ye Guan's strength to new heights as he found madly amidst the group of enemies before him.

Rumble!

Roaring echoes filled the battlefield as numerous Ancient Clan supreme elites met their demise beneath Ye Guan's sword.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the other Time Reversers revealed grim expressions at the sight. D-did he just steal those dragons away from us? Are you people from the Ancient Clan a bunch of clowns sent here by monkeys?

Some Time Reversers were displeased.

Ye Guan had taken away the Dark Dragons. If Ye Guan somehow managed to tame them... The Time Reversers dared not to think about it, as the mere thought of it infuriated them.

The Ancient Clan had come here to kill Ye Guan, but they ended up helping Ye Guan, which increased the difficulty of their task.

Ye Guan swung Xuanyuan without stopping, and he discovered that fighting was truly the best nourishment of his two bloodlines; the stronger his bloodlines were, the stronger he would become, so Ye Guan was truly excited to fight.

"Leave," said the Grand Heavenly Sovereign.

Leave? Ye Guan snapped back to reality. Ah, yeah! I have to leave!

The battle was exhilarating, but the red-robed Sovereign and Sovereign Nan Zhu couldn't hold out for much longer. If those two were to end up getting into a pinch, Ye Guan would be in serious trouble.

Ye Guan bellowed, "Seniors, let's go!"

Ye Guan's voice had yet to finish echoing in the air, but he was already moving, carving open a path with his sword. Ye Guan went straight for Sovereign Nan Zhu and the red-robed Sovereign. Then, a golden light enveloped the Sovereigns as they disappeared into the tiny pagoda.

Swoosh!

Ye Guan transformed into a streak of sword light and soared to the sky.

The Grand Heavenly Sovereign entered the tiny pagoda as well.

"Where do you think you're going?!" the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign roared as Ye Guan rushed into the Time River.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign vanished and reappeared next to Ye Guan, but Ye Guan was prepared; he turned and slashed out toward the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign.

Boom!

A radiant explosion of sword lights blasted the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign hundreds of meters away. Meanwhile, Ye Guan transformed into a streak of sword light and finally entered the Time River.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign stared into the distant Time River in astonishment. He hadn't expected Ye Guan to be so terrifying. The rest of the Time Reversers soon arrived, and their expressions were dark as Ye Guan disappeared into the distance.

The atmosphere above the Time Reversers was heavy.

Ye Guan had become overwhelmingly strong.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign stared deeply at the Time River and said, "We can't afford to give him too much time, or he'll eventually become unstoppable."

Boom!

A spacetime rift manifested in the distance, and a figure flew out of the rift. The figure was none other than Ye Guan, who had left just moments ago.

It took Ye Guan hundreds of meters before successfully coming to a halt.

What happened? All eyes turned to Ye Guan.

Soon, a man in white emerged from the spacetime rift.

"Sovereign Wu Shi!" someone exclaimed.

Sovereign Wu Shi—ranked third on the Sovereign List.

Ye Guan glanced at his slightly numb arm before turning toward Sovereign Wu Shi in the distance.

Swoosh!

The Grand Heavenly Sovereign appeared next to Ye Guan.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the other Sovereigns revealed wary looks.

The Grand Heavenly Sovereign was ranked higher than Sovereign Wu Shi, after all.

Sovereign Wu Shi stared at the Grand Heavenly Sovereign. "I've always found it hard to accept how the Past Clan placed me in third place but placed you in second place."

The Grand Heavenly Sovereign chuckled. "Hard to accept? Well, let's settle it then!"

"That's my line!" Sovereign Wu Shi exclaimed, transforming into a beam of white light that charged at the Grand Heavenly Sovereign.

The Grand Heavenly Sovereign turned to Ye Guan and exclaimed, "I sense a powerful presence heading our way. Hurry up, leave!"

The Grand Heavenly Sovereign turned around, and a terrifying aura surged toward Sovereign Wu Shi, sweeping the latter away. Soon, a magnificent battle between the two Sovereigns commenced.

The entire Grand Heavenly World quivered, and numerous chasms appeared all over the world. Clearly, it couldn't withstand the power of the two top Sovereigns.

Ye Guan decisively turned around and carved open a rift in spacetime. He entered the rift and left. Ye Guan knew that the Time Reversers wouldn't bother fighting the Grand Heavenly Sovereign if he left, so he decided to leave, lessening the burden on the Grand Heavenly Sovereign's shoulders.

As expected, the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and his group gave chase.

Ye Guan flew relatively effortlessly against the Time River's flow, and it was all because of Ao Qianqian. The Time Reversers, especially the Ancient Clan members, chased Ye Guan as if they had gone mad.

The Ancient Clan had carefully nurtured the Dark Dragons that Ye Guan had snatched away. These Time Reversers were certain that the clan would brand them as traitors if they failed to return the Dark Dragons. There was also the impact on the clan's overall prowess.

Therefore, the supreme elites of the Ancient Clan prioritized the recovery of the Dark Dragons.

The Commander of the Dark Dragon Guards glared murderously at Ye Guan, and his eyes shimmered with killing intent that was so thick it was tangible.

Ye Guan suddenly asked, "Qianqian, how are those Dark Dragons?"

Ao Qianqian responded, "They dare not move."

"Dare not move?"

"Yes, they're afraid of the Ancestral Dragon's aura. They're cowering on the ground," Ao Qianqian explained.

Ye Guan smiled wryly. He had over a hundred Dark Dragons, but he couldn't use them yet. He decided to try and tame them once he had time.

Ye Guan sensed something just then. He turned and discovered the approach of a powerful aura just behind the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the other Time Reversers.

Horried, Ye Guan picked up the pace. Damn! This is insane! More reinforcements? Is it the Sovereign ranked first on the Sovereign List?!

Ye Guan's expression darkened. He was way weaker than the Sovereign ranked third on the Sovereign List, so if the strongest Sovereign were to reinforce his enemies...

Ye Guan forced himself to pick up the pace; his speed accelerated by a notch.

Just then, Ye Guan noticed something and looked down. The Mortal Bloodline was still reforming his physique, and the reformation was faster than he initially thought.

Unfortunately, he couldn't afford to stop and fight the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign with his group, as there was no way he'd be able to defeat them if they were to gang up on him.

Lost in deep contemplation, Ye Guan snapped back to reality upon sensing something. He looked up and saw a spear flying toward him. Ye Guan's pupils constricted, and he swung his sword forward.

Boom!

A burst of sword light erupted, and Ye Guan was sent flying away.

Before he could right himself in mid-air, the same spear flew toward him once again.

Ye Guan's eyes narrowed, and he unleashed a sword move—Heavenrend!

Buzz!

A resonant sword buzz echoed as Ye Guan's attack sent the spear flying away.

Unfortunately, the interrupted gave the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the others enough time to surround Ye Guan.

Ye Guan swept his gaze across the crowd and was about to activate his bloodlines when something happened in the distance. A terrifying aura billowed out, prompting the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the other Sovereigns to turn around and look.

Their faces changed drastically as a powerful force blasted the supreme elites away.

A woman rushed to Ye Guan's side immediately afterward. Then, she grabbed his arm and her figure turned blurry as she disappeared into the Time River with Ye Guan.

As the scenery peeled away, Ye Guan stared wide-eyed at the woman. "It's you?!"

Chapter 516: Aunt!

Under the watchful eyes of the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the others, Ye Guan and the woman vanished into the Time River.

The expressions of the Time Reversers turned exceedingly grim. Those from the Ancient Clan looked like they had lost their souls. After all, the Ancient Clan had dispatched them in the hopes of capturing Ye Guan. However, in addition to failing their mission, Ye Guan had also snatched their dragons away.

The Ancient Clan's reputation was sure to suffer a heavy blow!

Meanwhile, the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and the Time Reversers cast uneasy glances at the Ancient Clan's supreme elites. Just then, a troubling thought crossed their minds: What if Ye Guan somehow managed to tame those Dark Dragons?

The atmosphere grim at the possibility.

Was the Ancient Clan a traitor working for Ye Guan?

The Commander of the Dark Dragon Guards sensed everyone's strange gazes and spoke, "Don't worry, those Dark Dragons were meticulously nurtured by our clan. They'd rather die than submit to others."

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign sounded solemn as he asked, "Commander Gu You, what are your plans?"

Commander Gu You replied, "I've informed the clan leader, and he's en route with reinforcements."

The Clan Leader of the Ancient Clan?

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign's expression changed.

Commander Gu You inquired, "Heavenly Yuan Sovereign, who was that woman just now? Are you familiar with her?"

"Yes," the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign said, sounding grave. "And she's a formidable woman..."

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Meanwhile, Ye Guan finally came to a halt.

A woman dressed in a black dress stood not too far away from Ye Guan, and she was none other than Ye Qingqing; she had on her signature calm and composed visage.

Ye Guan looked at Ye Qingqing in surprise. He didn't expect that Ye Qingqing would show up to rescue him.

Ye Qingqing met Ye Guan's gaze but remained silent.

The atmosphere between them was a bit awkward compared to their first meeting.

Ye Guan shattered the ice, saying, "Thank you."

Regardless of the circumstances, Ye Qingqing had saved him more than once.

Even though Ye Qingqing had only saved him because of his father, Ye Guan knew that repaying benefactors with gratitude was the norm.

Ye Qingqing stared wordlessly at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan pondered briefly before saying, "Aunt Qingqing, thank you for coming to my aid multiple times. If it hadn't been for you, I would have fallen into the hands of the Time Reversers long ago. Regardless of the reason behind your help, I still truly appreciate it. I want to repay you, but I have nothing to offer and—"

"You don't want me to intervene again, do you?" Ye Qingqing interrupted.

Ye Guan stared at Ye Qingqing and nodded.

Ye Qingqing was annoyed. "If it weren't for your—"

Ye Qingqing realized something and stopped mid-sentence.

"If it weren't for my father, you would spare me even a glance, right?" Ye Guan continued Ye Qingqing's words.

Ye Qingqing snorted coldly, but she didn't say anything in response.

Silence descended upon the two once more until Ye Guan shattered it.

"Aunt Qingqing, I've grown up."

"What do you mean?"

Ye Guan smiled, "I mean, I can take on many responsibilities now. I can carve my own path. You really don't have to do things you don't like just because of my father. I believe my father wouldn't want you to do that as well.

"Moreover, if I were to meet my end in the Time River, it would be my own business... So, go ahead and look for my father or my sister. I'm going to be fine, really!"

Was Ye Guan hoping that someone would help him? Of course! He wanted help, after all. He'd be overjoyed if someone were willing to assist him. After all, even the tiniest of help would be helpful for him, as he had too many enemies at the moment.

However, Ye Guan didn't want others to help him out of pity.

He wanted to live with dignity!

Ye Guan looked at Ye Qingqing and said, "Aunt Qingqing, I bear no ill will toward you, not now or ever. I respect you, and I'm grateful for your assistance along the way. Thank you so much."

With that, Ye Guan bowed deeply and walked away.

Ye Qingqing gripped her sword tightly as she stared at Ye Guan walking into the distance.

Little Pagoda suddenly said, "If you're not going to accept any help—"

"Then, I'll die," Ye Guan interrupted. He looked up and stared at the infinite Time River. "Wherever death awaits, that's where I'll rest."

Ye Guan transformed into a streak of sword light, vanishing into the distance.

For some reason, Little Pagoda felt an unprecedented sense of unease. He sensed that Ye Guan had genuinely resolved himself to embrace death at any given moment. Ye Guan had truly let go of his burdens and had convinced himself that he was nothing but Ye Guan—an ordinary human being.

Death? He was ready for it.

Staring at the fading streak of sword light in the distance, Ye Qingqing suddenly found herself overcome with a wave of irritation. She became especially annoyed when she was reminded of the day Ye Guan had chosen to sacrifice himself for her.

At the time, Ye Guan had truly considered her to be a part of the family.

What about her?

Ye Qingqing pondered over it, and she became even more irritated. Just then, Jing Xue appeared next to Ye Qingqing. Jing Xue glanced at the distant Time River and frowned.

Ye Qingqing turned around to depart when Jing Xue suddenly said, "Lady Qingqing, I just received news about the mobilization of the Ancient Clan's Clan Leader. He has decided to lead his clansmen to kill Ye Guan."

Ye Qingqing remained indifferent. "How does that concern me? Did you not hear what he said? He doesn't want my help."

Jing Xue looked at Ye Qingqing and calmly retorted, "Everyone would love a helping hand in times of distress, and he needs it the most right now. After all, a myriad of Time Reversers are chasing after him."

Ye Qingqing shook her head and turned away. She frowned as her gaze landed on the distant Time River. What was the reason she had decided to help Ye Guan? At first, it was undoubtedly because of Ye Xuan!

Ye Qingqing suddenly understood everything.

Ye Guan's reason behind his refusal to accept Ye Qingqing's help was that sentence she had dropped not too long ago. It was that statement that led Ye Guan to believe that she had never regarded him as a family member.

Ye Guan needed assistance, not charity. Of course, Ye Guan still knew how to be grateful to his benefactors. However, he still had some self-respect, which meant he'd never accept help from a stranger.

Ye Qingqing had become a stranger in Ye Guan's eyes!

Ye Qingqing could still remember how Ye Guan seemed afraid of him whenever she frowned even in the slightest. Then, he'd go and console her to assuage her irritation. However, everything had changed; Ye Guan was no longer afraid of her.

He was still respectful to her, but there was a sense of estrangement between them.

Unfortunately, it seemed that their relationship could no longer go back to what it was before she dropped that sentence. Ye Qingqing sighed and turned around. Then, she disappeared into the distance. Jing Xue followed closely behind Ye Qingqing but said nothing.

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Ye Guan was still flying against the flow of the Time River; Ao Qianqian's help and his own prowess allowed Ye Guan to glide effortlessly against the current of time. Ye Guan stared into the distance with a determined gaze.

I have to become stronger! Ye Guan had no other thought in mind except for that.

Ye Guan asked, "Master Pagoda, how long do I need to become invincible?"

Little Pagoda chuckled and teased, "Getting impatient?"

"Yes," replied Ye Guan with a light smile.

Little Pagoda replied, "Actually, your Aunt Qingqing isn't all that bad. She has a carefree and straightforward nature, so she speaks her mind without any reservation. I really think that you don't have to worry; her help to you is not charity at all."

Ye Guan shook his head. "Master Pagoda, I'm not being petty here. I've just realized one thing: it's better to have your own umbrella than stay beneath someone else's roof for shelter. That is why I want to become even stronger..."

Ye Guan's gaze became resolute. His burning desire to grow even stronger reached unprecedented levels, and he had become truly interested in becoming invincible.

Ye Guan laughed just then. It was a strangely liberating feeling. He had been working hard for a long time, but his determination had just reached even greater heights. Now, there was no turning back!

I'd rather embrace death than fail to become invincible! Ye Guan roared inwardly. Then, he turned around and carved open a spacetime rift. He wasted no time and transformed into a ray of sword light to enter the spacetime rift.

Soon, Ye Guan found himself in a star field. He looked around briefly before entering the tiny pagoda.

Over a hundred trembling Dark Dragons were on the ground, trembling in fear.

Ao Qianqian appeared next to Ye Guan, and the latter held her hand.

Ao Qianqian smiled sweetly at Ye Guan.

"Can we tame these dragons?" Ye Guan asked.

Ao Qianqian glanced at the dragons and said, "They fear me, but I can sense lingering hostility in their gazes."

Hostility? Ye Guan's brows furrowed. Moments later, he asked, "Which one among these dragons is the strongest?"

Ao Qianqian pointed at a Dark Dragon with golden scales. "That one."

Ye Guan directed his gaze to the Dark Dragon with golden scales, noting its imposing size compared to the others. Ye Guan decisively walked up to the dragon with Ao Qianqian's hand in his hand.

The Dark Dragon with golden scales cowered and dared not to look up.

Ye Guan extended his palm, and a drop of his blood trickled from his fingertip to hover in front of the dragon. The dragon's eyes revealed unmistakable greed, but it refrained from touching Ye Guan's fresh blood.

Ao Qianqian was next to Ye Guan, after all.

Ye Guan stared deeply at the Dark Dragon with golden scales and remarked, "Submit, and I will give you a ton of benefits."

Submit?! The Dark Dragon with golden scales lifted its head, and a fierce light shimmered in its eyes.

"Kill it!" Ye Guan shouted.

Ao Qianqian raised her hand, and a powerful aura burst out of her.

Boom!

Bloodline suppression! The Dark Dragon with golden scales cowered immediately with fear evident in its eyes. Afraid of getting executed by Ao Qianqian, the Dark Dragon with golden scales hastily declared, "I willingly submit."

Ye Guan turned to Ao Qianqian.

Ao Qianqian suggested, "I will bind it in a master-servant contract. Once done, I'll have control over its soul, and I can decide its fate with a mere thought."

"All right!" Ye Guan said, nodding.

The contract between Ao Qianqian and the Dark Dragon with golden scales was soon made. Ye Guan instructed the Dark Dragon with golden scales to bring the remaining dragon under its control. Ye Guan had no intentions of forcing each dragon to submit, as conquering the mightiest one would be enough.

Ao Qianqian suddenly squeezed Ye Guan's hand and asked, "Do you know how we can increase our synchronization rate?"

Ye Guan cast a perplexed gaze at Ao Qianqian. "We still haven't reached the maximum synchronization rate?"

Ao Qianqian nodded, blushing slightly.

Ye Guan froze upon realizing what Ao Qianqian was trying to say. In the next moment, he grinned and looked behind him, exclaiming, "Master Pagoda, go and have some fun outside for a while!"

Chapter 517: Little Pagoda Is Taking the Blame Again

Ye Guan was just joking. There was no way he could make a move on her, considering their current situation. Regardless, Ye Guan was touched by Ao Qianqiang's gesture. Her suggestion was just her way of helping him become even stronger. Otherwise, she wouldn't have made such an embarrassing suggestion.

Ye Guan smiled lightly and gave Ao Qianqian's hand a firm squeeze. "No rush."

Ao Qianqian shot him an embarrassed and angry look. "You're the one in a rush."

Ye Guan chuckled and said nothing.

"If we do that, our synchronization rate will reach a hundred percent, and our strength will improve by leaps and bounds," said Ao Qianqian with a serious face.

"Yes, but this isn't the right time."

Ao Qianqian hesitated, but she ended up nodding slightly.

Ye Guan turned to face the Dark Dragons and remarked, "These dragons are incredibly powerful, and we must bring them all under our control."

"It shouldn't be a problem."

Ye Guan nodded and muttered. "I wonder how the Guanyuan Universe and the True Universe are faring right now."

Ye Guan had lost all contact with both universes since the Time Reversers began chasing after him. Cirou and the others were strong, but he still couldn't shake off his concerns.

The Time Reversers were extremely powerful, after all. More importantly, Ye Guan still had no idea just how many top-tier supreme elites would end up chasing after him. He couldn't help but sigh.

Frankly, he was really having a hard time surviving this mess.

Sensing Ye Guan's tumultuous emotions, Ao Qianqian squeezed Ye Guan's and whispered, "I'll always be by your side."

Ye Guan's heart fluttered, and he turned to look at Ao Qianqian next to him. Then, he unconsciously leaned over for a kiss.

It was a smooth, tender, and gentle kiss.

Caught off guard by Ye Guan's sudden kiss, Ao Qianqian quivered slightly, but she made no attempt to resist. After what felt like an eternity, their lips finally parted. A rosy flush graced Ao Qianqian's face, making her look even more beautiful.

An indescribable fire erupted within Ye Guan, and a certain bloodline within him became restless. Ye Guan shook his head and smiled wryly. He gave Ao Qianqian one more gentle kiss and said, "I'm heading out."

Ao Qianqian nodded, blushing furiously.

Ye Guan grinned and exited the tiny pagoda.

Left all alone, Ao Qianqian noticed something amiss. She turned around and found the Dark Dragons staring intently at her. Ao Qianqian raised a brow, seemingly irritated. "What are you staring at?"

The Dark Dragons dared not to speak.

After leaving the tiny pagoda, Ye Guan glanced behind him and saw that the Time Reversers had yet to catch up to him. He looked down at himself and noted that roughly seventy percent of his fleshly body was now covered in intricate patterns.

Ye Guan was excited. He'd soon have a Mortal Physique. It was a pity that the Mortal Bloodline would only activate during battles for the sake of reforming his physique through fights. It was quiet and withdrawn like the Mad Demon Bloodline.

Ye Guan truly wanted to fight, but he had too many enemies to deal with. If he were to fight them head-on, there'd be a high chance that he might end up dying.

Just then, Ye Guan recalled something and closed his eyes. He opened his palm, and Xuanyuan appeared instantly. Ye Guan's manageable limit was three Space Overlaps containing the same amount of Heavenrends but with ten thousand stacks.

Ye Guan's strongest technique at the moment was Space Overlap, and it was so strong that it allowed him to contend against top-tier Sovereigns. What if he could raise his Space Overlap limit from three to four?

Ye Guan's eyes narrowed. A Space Overlap on top of another Space Overlap meant an exponential increase in power rather than just a hundred percent increase. If he could condense four Space Overlaps into one sword move, Ye Guan reckoned that he would be able to take down a Sovereign. Unfortunately, he dared not take the risk, even if Ao Qianqian was one with him.

Why? It would be too much for his fleshly body to withstand. Yes, the generated power would be so overwhelming that he wouldn't be able to endure the burden, even with Ao Qianqian's help.

However, the story was different when it came to the Mortal Physique!

Ye Guan's brow furrowed. Actually, he was doubtful. Could his fleshly body truly withstand the might of four Space Overlaps once it had become a Mortal Physique, all thanks to the Mortal Bloodline's reformation?

Just as Ye Guan was engrossed in his own thoughts, a spacetime rift manifested in the distance. A group of supreme elites emerged, and they were led by none other than the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign.

So they're finally here... Ye Guan remained silent. Clearly, the lurkers keeping tabs on his location were far more powerful than he initially thought. Otherwise, they wouldn't have been able to locate him consistently.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign frowned. "You've been waiting for us here?"

"Yes."

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign scrutinized Ye Guan and asked, "What kind of tricks are you trying to pull?"

Ye Guan smiled wryly. "What tricks can I possibly pull when there are so many of you?"

"Are you thinking of taking us all on by yourself?" asked the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign.

Ye Guan shook his head and replied, "Rumors about your unparalleled strength have piqued my interest. I've been waiting for you, as I want us to exchange some moves."

A challenge!

Surprisingly, the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign refused. "I won't accept your challenge."

"Why not?"

"Because I don't want to give you any chances!" The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign smirked and roared, "Attack!"

At the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign's command, the supreme elites rushed toward Ye Guan. A coordinated assault from all directions! The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign wasn't naïve to accept Ye Guan's duel request. Why fight in a duel when they could gang up on him?

The three Sovereigns led the charge, and the star field seemed to become illusory as they attacked. Ye Guan's eyes narrowed into slits, and his figure suddenly became ethereal.

A myriad of sword lights erupted from within him—three Space Overlaps!

Boom!

The three Sovereigns were blasted away, and Ye Guan himself was pushed back by a few hundred meters. Before Ye Guan could stabilize himself, a spacetime rift was torn open behind him, and his hair stood on end.

Damn it! Ye Guan's heart sank. Someone had ambushed him from behind!

Boom!

Ao Qianqian activated the Ancient Heavenly Dragon Armor, protecting Ye Guan.

Boom!

A fist imprint erupted behind Ye Guan, propelling him hundreds of meters away. As he came to a stop, the Ancient Heavenly Dragon Armor disintegrated. Even more horrifying was that his fleshly body actually cracked open, spilling blood everywhere.

Ye Guan's expression turned grave. He turned and saw a black-robed middle-aged man in the distance. The black-robed middle-aged man stood with hands behind his back, and he was emitting an incredibly menacing aura that distorted the spacetime around him.

The black-robed middle-aged man was none other than Guzhen, the Clan Leader of the Ancient Clan! Guzhen waved his sleeve, and multiple spacetime rifts manifested behind him.

Soon, supreme elites walked out of those spacetime rifts, and their sheer number meant that Guzhen had brought with him the supreme elites of his entire clan.

The Ancient Clan's supreme elites were here!

The Time Reversers sighed in relief.

They wouldn't be confident in capturing Ye Guan if it weren't for the Ancient Clan. Ye Guan had been waiting for them here, so they believed that the former had some kind of strategy.

Unfortunately, any strategy was futile against absolute power.

After all, Guzhen was here along with his clan's supreme elites.

Guzhen stared indifferently at Ye Guan.

The Ancient Clan elites had their sights set on Ye Guan, leaving the latter with no room to escape. Guzhen stepped forward just then and swung his fist, unleashing a terrifying surge of fist intent toward Ye Guan.

Ye Guan's eyes flashed fiercely. He assumed a stance and slashed out, unleashing a sword move containing the power of four Heavenrends with maximum stacks!

Boom!

The sword lights shattered like glass as soon as they appeared, and Ye Guan was blasted away. However, Guzhen wasn't done just yet. He rushed forward with a thunderous punch, and an unstoppable fist imprint headed straight for Ye Guan.

Ye Guan's pupils constricted, and a sense of foreboding washed over him. Just as he was about to awaken his bloodlines and go mad, a ray of sword light rushed into the fray from the side.

Boom!

The sword light forced Guzhen to defend himself, forcing him to retreat at least a hundred meters away.

She's still here? Ye Guan cast an astonished gaze at the woman in front of him. "Aunt Qingqing?"

Ye Qingqing glanced at Ye Guan and said, "The disciple of the Great Daoist Brush Master is waiting for you up ahead. She'll take you to a safe place. Hurry up and go."

"Are you going to buy time for me?" asked Ye Guan.

Ye Qingqing remained silent and stared at Guzhen.

A powerful sword intent swirled around her sword, and it grew even stronger as the seconds went on.

However, Ye Guan remained unmoving.

Ye Qingqing frowned and pointed out. "You're not helping me by staying here."

Ye Guan shook his head.

Ye Qingqing turned around and stared at Ye Guan.

"Do you not want to be indebted to me?" asked Ye Qingqing.

Ye Guan was silent.

"Think about the Guanyuan Universe—think about your friends and family."

Ye Guan shook his head.

A trace of annoyance fled across Ye Qingqing's eyes as she said, "My tongue simply slipped at the time. Are you really nursing a grudge against me because of that mistake?"

"I'm not holding a grudge against you."

"Do you even believe what you're saying right now?"

"I don't..."

Ye Qingqing sneered, but she didn't say anything.

Ye Guan pondered briefly before saying, "Aunt Qingqing, I was really happy when you decided to help me. I've always considered you as family, and I thought our feelings were mutual. I liked you, I respected you, and I revered you."

"However, your words at the time made me realize that you've never really considered me as family. Your help was just charity, and it was all because of my father as well, but..." Ye Guan shook his head and continued. "I still like and respect you."

"I didn't say that!" Ye Qingqing retorted after a moment of silence.

"You said it at the time, and I still remember it," Ye Guan reminded.

Ye Qingqing raised brows. "When did I say something like that? Little Pagoda! Did I say something like that?"

Little Pagoda: Damn it! Don't involve me in your aunt and nephew spat!

Chapter 518: If You Weren't My Father's Sister

Little Pagoda was dumbfounded. He dared not to speak, much less reply.

Ye Guan was at a loss for words as well. Aunt Qingqing is really trying to turn the tables on me.

"Isn't it normal for people to make mistakes in the heat of passion?" Ye Qingqing asked.

Ye Guan was silent.

"I'll make your father apologize to you later," Ye Qingqing said.

Ye Guan and Ye Xuan: What?

Ye Qingqing stared nonchalantly at Ye Guan. "Is that acceptable?"

Ye Guan shook his head with a smile. He wasn't genuinely upset. Ye Qingqing's tongue was just too sharp for him to handle. Of course, Ye Guan understood that Ye Qingqing's tongue was only sharp for a select few people.

Ye Guan truly had no intentions of changing Ye Qingqing's attitude, as that was a feat that was more challenging than defeating her.

"Aunt Qingqing, let's team up and escape," Ye Guan suggested with a smile.

However, Ye Qingqing shook her head slightly. She turned to look at Guzhen in the distance, who had chosen to refrain from making a move. Why? He was waiting as well—waiting for reinforcements capable of contending with Ye Qingqing!

Guzhen had received information about Ye Qingqing, so he was aware of the latter's power. Of course, Guzhen would still make a move if Ye Guan attempted to escape.

Ye Guan walked up to Ye Qingqing and said, "They're waiting for reinforcement."

Ye Qingqing nodded.

Ye Guan asked, "Do we have reinforcements?"

"Yes."

Ye Guan hurriedly asked, "Who?"

"Erya and Little White!"

"Shit!" Ye Guan cursed unknowingly, and his expression as his heart plummeted into the abyss.

The good news was that they would have reinforcements. The bad news was that their reinforcements were Erya and Little White!

Erya was incredibly strong, so she could certainly fight many opponents on her own.

In addition, Ye Guan had yet to see her transforming into her true form, and he reckoned that Erya was invincible while in her true form.

Meanwhile, Little White was the ultimate support character. In addition to assisting Ye Guan, she could also supply him with unlimited divine items. Unfortunately, Erya and Little White weren't exactly the most dependable duo.

Ye Guan reckoned that the two had ended up getting distracted and had wandered off somewhere. Otherwise, there would be no explanation as to why it was taking them such a long time to reinforce Ye Guan!

"Let's go and escape together," Ye Qingqing suggested, knowing that Ye Guan wouldn't let her stay here and buy time for him.

Ye Guan promptly nodded. "All right!"

Ye Qingqing took a step forward, and a mighty sword force swept out from her. A mysterious force enveloped the nearby supreme elites.

Sword Domain!

A grim light flashed in Guzhen's eyes, and he unknowingly clenched his hands behind his back. Meanwhile, the Time Reversers tensed up and released their own auras to counter Ye Qingqing's sword domain and sword force.

Ye Qingqing suddenly moved, swinging her sword with a roar.

A massive wave of sword light burst forth from the tip of her sword.

The Time Reversers' expressions changed drastically, and they all sprang into action.

Rumble!

The sword light forced the supreme elites to retreat, and even Guzhen had to retreat several hundred meters away.

While they were retreating, Ye Qingqing grabbed Ye Guan's arm and transformed into a streak of sword light that shot into the sky. She twisted her wrist, and a spacetime rift was carved open. Just as they were about to enter the spacetime created, an ominous aura swept toward them from behind.

Guzhen!

Ye Qingqing turned to Ye Guan and said, "Go in first, and just go straight ahead. There's someone waiting for you up ahead."

Smack!

Ye Qingqing smacked Ye Guan's back without waiting for the latter's reply.

Boom!

Ye Guan flew into the Time River.

Ye Qingqing turned around with her sword in hand and charged at Guzhen.

Boom!

Guzhen took the brunt of Ye Qingqing's sword attack, and he flew hundreds of meters away. The Time Reversers were about to chase after Ye Guan, but Guzhen roared, "Kill her first!"

Guzhen realized that they had to kill Ye Qingqing first. Otherwise, she'd keep on intervening, preventing them from making quick work of Ye Guan.

The Time Reversers hesitated briefly at Guzhen's command before turning around and rushing toward Ye Qingqing. They were a bit resentful of Ye Qingqing as well, and they couldn't wait to vent their frustration.

Kaboom!

A colossal sword light burst erupted, and Ye Qingqing flew thousands of meters away. When she came to a halt, a myriad of attacks from a variety of techniques swept toward her like a tide, threatening to overwhelm her.

A glint of determination fleeted across Ye Qingqing's eyes. She gripped her sword tightly and performed a wide swing, creating a myriad of sword lights in the blink of an eye.

Boom!

The sword lights collided against a dozen or so Time Reversers, reducing them into nothingness. However, Ye Qingqing had no choice but to retreat in the face of the tsunami-like wave of attacks.

However, the Time Reversers had no plans of allowing her to take a breather.

Bam boom!

A series of deafening explosions reverberated as a myriad sword lights shattered every time Ye Qingqing swung her sword, killing more than a dozen Time Reversers at every wave.

However, Ye Qingqing still couldn't stabilize herself, and the tumultuous waves of energy from spacetime collapses weren't helping her at all. Moreover, the realm where they were fighting had long become illusory, bordering on collapse.

Ye Qingqing finally managed to come to a halt, and blood trickled down from the corner of her mouth. Before she could catch her breath, the Time Reversers charged at her once again.

Exhausted and outnumbered, Ye Qingqing's gaze remained unwavering and devoid of fear, despite the overwhelming odds. Ye Qingqing deployed her sword domain, and a kaleidoscope of sword lights erupted.

The expressions of the Time Reversers fell, but they could no longer retreat.

They had no choice but to fight with all their might to try and shatter Ye Qingqing's sword domain by brute force.

Boom!

A series of deafening explosions erupted once more, followed by heart-wrenching shrill cries. Spacetime collapsed incessantly, creating powerful shockwaves that swept those who were injured away.

Ye Qingqing was no exception, and blood dripped incessantly from the corner of her lips. Her beautiful face had become as pallid as a sheet of paper as well.

Ye Qingqing had just painstakingly stabilized herself in mid-air, but Guzhen was already flying toward her with a fist emitting a dazzling fist light. Then, he decisively swung his fist toward Ye Qingqing's face.

Guzhen wasn't going to give her any opportunity to survive!

Ye Qingqing was just too strong. She had killed dozens of them in the proverbial blink of an eye, so Guzhen knew that he had to take advantage of the opportunity to kill her while it was available.

Ye Qingqing's eyes flashed fiercely in determination. Ignoring the extreme pain, she swung her sword forcefully toward the oncoming fist light.

She chose to confront Guzhen head-on!

Boom!

Sword light shattered into innumerable light fragments, and Guzhen was blasted away as a result. However, Ye Qingqing flew backward as well. To make matters worse, the supreme elites of the Ancient Clan and the Time Reversers were chasing after her.

Ye Qingqing clenched her fists. She still wanted to fight, but a sense of powerlessness overwhelmed her.

Was this the end?

Ye Qingqing closed her eyes, and a mixture of unwillingness and regret filled her heart. Ye Qingqing had already become strong enough to grasp the Dao, and she could go even further. Regardless, she had no regrets.

Just then, a young man appeared behind her.

The young man was none other than Ye Guan, and he had come back upon realizing that Guzhen wasn't chasing after him. He instantly saw through Guzhen's intention and realized that their plan was to dispose of Ye Qingqing first before killing him.

Thus, Ye Guan decisively turned around and returned. Ye Guan grabbed Ye Qingqing's arm, and his figure blurred as he pulled her away. At the same time, Ye Guan swung his sword with determination, unleashing a powerful sword wave.

Unfortunately, Ye Guan's attack was too weak to halt their advance. The sword wave shattered, and a powerful pressure bored down on him.

Ye Guan decisively hopped onto his sword and flew away.

Sovereign Nan Zhu appeared next to Ye Guan and carved open a spacetime rift. The three then entered the spacetime rift and flew across the Time River as quickly as possible.

"Where do you think you're going?!" Guzhen bellowed and swung his fist, sending a fist imprint toward Ye Guan. Ye Guan was about to make a move when Jing Xue's voice came from inside Ye Qingqing's storage ring. "Young Master Ye, please leave first."

Moments later, four towering statues manifested. They wielded colossal sabers that they swung toward the Time Reversers. Meanwhile, Ye Guan transformed into a streak of sword light that rushed deeper into the Time River.

Boom!

Powerful explosions echoed behind them, and the towering statues were soon reduced to ashes. However, Ye Guan had already disappeared into the Time River.

Guzhen's expression became ugly as he roared, "Chase him!"

At his command, everyone took to the sky and entered the Time River.

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After entering the Time River, Ye Guan handed the tiny pagoda to Sovereign Nanzhu instructing him to travel along the Time River in search of the person who was supposed to be waiting for Ye Guan.

Afterward, Ye Guan helped Ye Qingqing into the tiny pagoda and retrieved the Divine Tree of Nature. He placed the Divine Tree of Nature in Ye Qingqing's sea of consciousness, allowing the Divine Tree of Nature to heal her.

Ye Qingqing's expression soon improved.

Staring at Ye Guan, Ye Qingqing asked, "Why did you come back?"

"Why did you save me?" Ye Guan asked back.

Silence descended upon the two.

After a while, Ye Qingqing calmly asked, "Not angry at me anymore?"

"If you weren't my father's sister, I wouldn't even be bothered with you."

Ye Qingqing's brow raised, and she cast a stern look upon Ye Guan.

Ye Guan chuckled and went silent.

"Just wait until I recover, hmph!" Ye Qingqing grumbled.

Ye Guan's expression froze.

Just then, Sovereign Nan Zhu appeared inside the tiny pagoda.

"He's here!" said Sovereign Nan Zhu.

Ye Guan's expression turned serious.

Chapter 519: Unleash Your Wild Side

The backup was here!

Ye Guan looked at Ye Qingqing and said, "Aunt, stay here and focus on recuperating. I'll go out and see who our backup is."

"All right," Ye Qingqing said, nodding. "Be careful out there."

Ye Guan nodded and turned around to leave the tiny pagoda.

Ye Qingqing closed her eyes slowly, allowing the Divine Tree of Nature to heal her.

Ye Qingqing's wounds healed at a rate visible to the naked eye.

When Ye Guan came out of the tiny pagoda, he saw a middle-aged man standing not too far away from him. Ye Guan was stunned. The middle-aged man was none other than the Boundless Master!

The Boundless Master chuckled. "Surprised to see me?"

Ye Guan nodded. "Yes."

"Let's talk while strolling," the Boundless Master said. Then, he turned around and waved his sleeve. A spacetime rift opened and engulfed them, instantly bringing them away somewhere in space.

The two walked slowly, and the Boundless Master shattered the silence, saying, "The Great Daoist Brush Master came to see me at Blue Planet."

Ye Guan nodded, recalling the Great Daoist Brush Master's words about how he had to leave to find someone. He had to have been referring to the Boundless Master at the time.

"Senior, weren't you unwilling..." Ye Guan trailed off.

"That was indeed the case, but I realized..." the Boundless Master trailed off, smiling. He looked at the distant end of the Time River and said, "A great man should aspire to save the vast expanse and the myriad beings."

However, Ye Guan was unconvinced. "Did the Great Daoist Brush Master offer you some benefits?"

The Boundless Master's expression froze.

Ye Guan realized that his assumption was correct.

The Boundless Master chuckled. "Well, yes, he did indeed offer me some benefits. Anyway, we're talking about my aspiration here. Hey, what's with that look on your face? Unlike your dad, I never lie."

Ye Guan shook his head with a smile.

The Boundless Master's face suddenly became serious. "We're in a dire situation. The elites from the True Universe and the Guanxuan Universe are busy fighting them, which means that we cannot count on them for help."

Ye Guan replied, "My aunt told me that Little White and Erya managed to escape their encirclement and that they're coming to assist us."

The Boundless Master looked at him blandly and said, "We can't count on them, either. The best thing they can do for you is not to create more trouble for you to handle."

Ye Guan sighed. He really had no confidence in Little White and Erya. Those two were unreliable, as they were really carefree. Perhaps they had yet to grasp the severity of the situation, or they simply thought that regardless of what was about to happen, Ye Guan would end up surviving it.

Ye Guan sighed once again, wondering where those two brats had gone and if they had already forgotten to help him.

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Beneath a seemingly boundless ocean was a subterranean cavern. Erya walked slowly down the cavern with a stick of candied hawthorn in hand. As usual, Little White was sitting on her shoulder with her own stick of candied hawthorn.

After a while, Little White's eyes suddenly lit up, and she waved her paw rapidly. Erya came to a halt and looked up. A palace was standing roughly a thousand meters away from them.

The palace was massive, and its gates resembled a beast's maw waiting for its prey.

Little White gestured with her little paw towards it.

Boom!

A terrifying aura emerged from the palace. Soon, a faint light flew toward the two, and it hovered steadily before them. The faint light's identity was soon revealed; it was a purple gourd!

Little White examined it briefly before hugging it and putting it away. Erya nodded and left with Little White.

The two soon found themselves in a starry sky. Little White sensed something just then, and she pointed to the right, waving her tiny paw toward it.

Erya hesitated before saying, "I think we still have to go and rescue Ye Guan."

Little White blinked and waved her paw rapidly, trying to express something.

"He should be fine, right?" Erya asked, sounding hesitant.

Little White blinked quietly. She wasn't sure of it either. Logically speaking, however, Ye Guan ought to be fine.

"Let's flip a coin to decide. Heads, we'll go rescue him; tails, we'll go retrieve that treasure before rescuing him," Erya replied.

Little White nodded. They could simply blame the count if anything were to go wrong. If An Nanjing wanted to blame them, they'd hand over the coin to her and tell her that the coin had told them to postpone Ye Guan's rescue.

Erya took out a silver coin and flicked it upward with her thumb. The coin flew up before landing steadily in her palm. They both looked at the coin and saw its head.

Heads! They looked at each other and blinked...

"How about we flip it again? Best of three?" Erya asked.

Little White had no idea what to say.

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Ye Guan was walking down with the Boundless Master against the flow of the Time River. Eventually, he decided to return to the tiny pagoda to check up on Ye Qingqing.

Ye Guan sat quietly next to Ye Qingqing. Her wounds had healed considerably, and her cheeks had become rosy.

Ye Guan couldn't help but feel a bit scared upon recalling the fact that Ye Qingqing had almost died just to save him. If he hadn't turned back, Ye Qingqing would have died.

Ye Qingqing's eyes shot wide open.

Ye Guan hurriedly asked, "How do you feel?"

Ye Qingqing glanced at Ye Guan and said, "Your Divine Tree of Nature is really impressive. I'm recovering really fast with it."

"That's great..."

"Who came? Was it the Boundless Master?"

"Yes."

Ye Qingqing nodded quietly.

"Aunt, I want to talk to you about something."

"What is it?" Ye Qingqing asked.

"Next time, please don't risk your life just to save me. My father isn't going to let me off if something happens to you!"

"You don't want anything to happen to me because you're afraid of your father's punishment. Is that it?"

Ye Guan was dumbfounded by her response. Her way of thinking was truly unpredictable, but he hurriedly added, "Of course, I personally don't want anything to happen to you, either."

Ye Qingqing stared silently at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan smiled wryly. He truly had no idea how to handle Ye Qingqing whenever she was irritated or angry.

After a while, Ye Qingqing said calmly, "At first, I came to help you because of your father, but it was no longer the case later on."

Ye Guan nodded slightly. "No matter what, I do not wish for anything to happen to you. Also, I hope that we'll face any obstacles together. Death isn't a big deal, but I won't be able to live peacefully, even in the afterlife if you end up dying because of me."

"I haven't thought that far."

"Regardless, we'll face everything together—"

"Stop nagging, all right? I'll do whatever I feel like doing, do you understand?"

"O-okay..." Ye Guan agreed hesitantly. He still ended up relenting, as he knew of his aunt's stubborn personality. If he were to argue with her, they'd argue for a long time.

Ye Qingqing asked, "What is the Great Daoist Brush Master planning on doing?"

Ye Guan replied in a low voice, "The Boundless Master said that he'd take us to a special place; he didn't specify where exactly. He only said that it's all according to the Great Daoist Brush Master's plan."

"Okay," Ye Qingqing said with a slight nod.

Ye Guan seemed to have thought of something and suddenly tore open his clothes, revealing his muscular body.

Ye Qingqing frowned and asked, "Are you trying to unleash your wild side?"

"Huh?" Ye Guan was dumbfounded. What do you mean? Unleash my wild side?

Ye Qingqing glared coldly at Ye Guan. "I'll have you know, but I'm your aunt, so—"

"I just wanted to show you these strange patterns on me. H-how did you even end up thinking of that? Goodness..." Ye Guan was stupefied, and he suddenly felt terrified of Ye Qingqing.

Meanwhile, Ye Qingqing's face flushed red upon realizing that she had misunderstood, but she quickly composed herself and glared coldly at Ye Guan.

"Couldn't you have said something before stripping?"

Ye Guan's face darkened. How would I know what you were going to think?

"It's your fault!" Ye Qingqing insisted.

Ye Guan dared not speak, afraid that Ye Qingqing would reach another terrifying misunderstanding if he were to speak.

Ye Qingqing glared at Ye Guan for a while before examining his torso with a frown, but moments later, she exclaimed, "Mortal Physique!"

"Yes," Ye Guan said, nodding. "When my bloodline awakened, it began reforming my fleshly body. Aunt, do you know anything about this so-called Mortal Physique?"

"A little," Ye Qingqing replied.

"Tell me more."

"Only those with Mortal Bloodlines possess Mortal Physiques. So far, there has only been one person with a Mortal Physique."

"Plain-Skirt Aunt?"

"Yes."

"What is so special about the Mortal Physique?"

"I don't know."

Ye Guan frowned.

Ye Qingqing explained, "It's a physique that was once unique to that woman. Aside from you, I haven't seen anyone else with a Mortal Physique apart from her. It is unfortunate, but I think she doesn't think too highly of such a physique."

"As a result, she hasn't really done any research about it, which means she may not know that much about it as well."

Ye Guan fell silent.

Ye Qingqing stared at Ye Guan and asked, "Why are you in such a rush? Your Mortal Physique will soon be completed. Just wait a bit longer, and you'll soon find out."

Ye Guan nodded. There was nothing much he could do right now aside from waiting, but he still couldn't help but feel really curious. If only his plain-skirt aunt had had such a physique until now, then it had to be a special and formidable physique.

Ye Guan became giddy with anticipation. Once his fleshly body was fully reformed, he'd have a great time defeating those supreme elites. Ye Guan felt more and more excited at the thought of dominating the Time Reversers.

Ye Qingqing glanced sideways at Ye Guan and asked, "How come you're so excited at the idea of obtaining a 'mortal' physique? What's there to be excited about that?"

Ye Guan smiled and wisely chose not to retort nor provoke her.

Ye Qingqing was hot-tempered, and she was more than willing to resort to violence once angered.

"Little bastard, we're here," said the Boundless Master from outside the tiny pagoda.

Little bastard? Ye Guan immediately frowned.

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When Ye Guan left the tiny pagoda, he saw the Boundless Master standing in front of him. The Boundless Master looked to the right. Ye Guan followed his gaze and saw a spacetime rift that had been torn apart.

Evidently, the Boundless Master had torn it up.

"Let's go!" said the Boundless Master. He disappeared into thin air, whisking away Ye Guan with him. Soon, they appeared above a seemingly boundless sea that stretched infinitely into the horizon.

Ye Guan asked, "Where are we?"

The Boundless Master shook his head and admitted, "I don't know."

"Where is the Great Daoist Brush Master?"

"Someone is holding him back."

"Is it the Clan Leader of the Past Clan?"

The Boundless Master nodded.

Ye Guan fell silent. It seemed like the Great Daoist Brush Master was in trouble.

The Boundless Master said, "He can't help you openly; he can only plan things out for you."

"I see..." Ye Guan muttered, nodding.

The Boundless Master disappeared together with Ye Guan, and they reappeared in the deep sea. They dove for a few kilometers more until they found themselves in the middle of an abyss.

Ye Guan tried to use his divine sense to examine what was within the abyss, but his divine sense was blocked by an invisible force as soon as it neared the abyss. Ye Guan frowned and turned to look at the Boundless Master.

The Boundless Master shook his head. "I don't know what's going on either; he just told me to bring you here."

Ye Guan asked, "Shall we go in together to have a look?"

The Boundless Master shook his head once more. "You'd best check by yourself."

Ye Guan was stunned.

"I still have many things to do," said the Boundless Master in a solemn tone of voice, "Take care."

With that, the Boundless Master turned around and left.

Ye Guan remained frozen in place. What's going on?

The Boundless Master didn't hesitate to leave, rendering Ye Guan speechless.

This underwater abyss must be dangerous! Should I go in right away? There's no way I'm going in right away!

Ye Guan decided to wait until Ye Qingqing had recovered completely. After all, she was recuperating in the tiny pagoda, which meant her wounds would heal quickly because of the time difference.

Ye Guan observed the abyss deeply and found that it stretched for thousands of meters and was completely pitch-black inside. It was extremely terrifying.

Ye Guan tried to probe it again with his divine sense, but a mysterious force blocked his divine sense as soon as it got close enough to the abyss, just like earlier.

Ye Guan frowned and went silent.

Half an hour later, Ye Qingqing appeared next to Ye Guan. She frowned as soon as she clapped her eyes on the underwater abyss.

Ye Guan asked, "Aunt, have you discovered anything?"

"There's a dangerous aura lurking inside," Ye Qingqing replied.

A dangerous aura? Ye Guan's expression changed, feeling somewhat puzzled. It doesn't seem likely that the Great Daoist Brush Master would deceive me,

"Come on, let's go and take a look," Ye Qingqing suggested.

Ye Guan nodded.

The two of them hopped onto their swords and transformed into streaks of light, flying directly into the abyss. The moment they entered the abyss, Ye Guan's expression became solemn as he felt a terrifying pressure churning from the depths.

Ye Qingqing reassured, "Don't worry."

"Okay," Ye Guan said with a nod. The pressure became even stronger the farther they descended, but it had become intermittent for some reason.

Ao Qianqian suddenly warned, "Be careful..."

Ye Guan nodded quietly.

An unknown amount of time later, the two had to slow down as the pressure acting on them had become exceedingly heavy.

Ye Guan's face had become darker, but he continued nonetheless.

A minute later, Ye Guan and Ye Qingqing came to a halt.

An ink-like colossal beast was walking around in circles at the bottom of the abyss.

The colossal beast was a turtle, and it had a carapace that spanned tens of thousands of meters in length and width. Ye Guan didn't even have to deduce to know that its carapace had to be incredibly tough.

However, Ye Guan was slightly puzzled. Is this a pet that the Great Daoist Brush Master had arranged for me?

Just then, a tremor ran across the turtle, and the ocean nearby abruptly boiled. It raised its head slowly and looked at both Ye Guan and Ye Qingqing. Its gaze lingered on Ye Qingqing for a moment before turning to stare at Ye Guan.

The turtle's brows furrowed upon seeing Ye Guan.

Ye Guan bowed slightly and greeted, "Greetings, Senior!"

"Who sent you here?" the turtle asked, "Was it the Great Daoist Brush Master?"

"Yes."

"What can I do for you?"

Ye Guan realized it just then—the turtle was the reinforcement that the Great Daoist Brush Master had arranged for him!

"I want you to ensure my safety," Ye Guan said before hurriedly adding, "For a hundred years!"

A hundred years? The turtle frowned. "That's all?"

"Senior, I have some enemies and their strength is not to be underestimated."

The turtle replied indifferently, "Is that so?"

"Yes," Ye Guan said.

The turtle sneered, "Oh? Did the Great Daoist Brush Master not tell you who I am before he sent you here?"

Ye Guan shook his head. "No."

The turtle said proudly, "I am the Primordial Turtle Ancestor!"

"Wow!" Ye Guan exclaimed with eyes wide open in disbelief. "Senior, you're the legendary Primordial Turtle Ancestor?"

Ye Qingqing glanced at Ye Guan and used Profound Sound Transmission to ask, "Do you know him?"

"No," Ye Guan replied.

The corners of Ye Qingqing's lips twitched.

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor was quite pleased to see the disbelief on Ye Guan's face. "There's no need for me to protect you for a hundred years. Just tell me who your enemies are, and I'll deal with them for you."

Ye Guan nodded and replied, "They've been chasing after me, senior. I think they'll soon arrive here."

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor replied, "That's perfect."

Ye Guan stared at the Primordial Turtle Ancestor with admiration in his eyes. "Senior, you're unparalleled even throughout the Time River's deep history, right?"

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor thought about it for a while before saying, "I wouldn't dare to claim that I'm invincible, but you're right; I hardly have any worthy opponents."

Ye Guan fell silent. What nonsense! You basically just admitted to being invincible!

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor suddenly felt puzzled and said, "I didn't expect that the Great Daoist Brush Master would ask me to help him with something so easy. It's a bit unlike him."

"Why do you say that, Senior?" Ye Guan asked, "Did you owe him a huge favor?"

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor nodded and explained, "I lost a bet to him, so I ended up owing him a favor. He said he'd ask me to help him with something in the future."

Ye Guan remarked, "I see."

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor looked at Ye Qingqing and said, "This girl standing next to you is pretty strong."

Ye Guan smiled slightly. "Yes, and she's my aunt."

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor nodded. "As for you... you're quite weak."

Ye Guan's expression froze. This turtle is terrible at talking to people.

"Where's the Great Daoist Brush Master?" asked the Primordial Turtle Ancestor.

"He's busy at the moment, but he'll come over when he's done," Ye Guan replied.

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor was about to say something when a terrifying pressure descended from above.

Ye Guan's eyelid twitched. These guys are seriously really fast!

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor's eyes flashed coldly. "Let's go!"

The sea churned, and towering waves were born instantly, creating an extremely terrifying scene. With the Primordial Turtle Ancestor's help, it only took them a few moments to exit the underwater abyss and reach the surface.

Guzhen and thousands of Time Reversers were waiting for them on the surface. Of course, the supreme elites of the Ancient Clan were there as well along with five Sovereigns.

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor was stunned. Clearly, he didn't expect that so many people were chasing after Ye Guan.

"Senior, these are the people who have been chasing after me."

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor was bewildered. "So many people are chasing after you?"

"Yes," Ye Guan said with a nod.

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor glanced at Ye Guan without saying a word, and he suddenly felt that something was amiss. He thought that there would only be one or two individuals chasing after Ye Guan, so he was truly surprised to see so many supreme elites.

There was something wrong here.

Ye Guan was silent. At this point, all he could do was trust the Primordial Turtle Ancestor.

Meanwhile, Guzhen and the Time Reversers frowned upon seeing the Primordial Turtle Ancestor. They didn't expect that the legendary Primordial Turtle Ancestor would come up to the surface with Ye Guan. Is he Ye Guan's ally?

Guzhen's expression turned grim.

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign suddenly asked, "Primordial Turtle Ancestor, how are you related to Ye Guan?"

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor replied, "Why are you chasing after him?"

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign replied, "He's a supporter of the Virtuous Dao."

A supporter of the Virtuous Dao? The Primordial Turtle Ancestor nodded. He remained calm at the revelation, as he knew that the Great Daoist Brush Master was a supporter of the Virtuous Dao as well. In other words, it wasn't a surprise that Ye Guan was on the same side as the Great Daoist Brush Master.

After a moment of silence, the Primordial Turtle Ancestor looked at Heavenly Yuan Sovereign and said, "Will you give me some face and let this go for once?"

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign shook his head and said, "Primordial Turtle Ancestor, do you know who's backing us up?"

"What did you say?" A fierce light appeared in the Primordial Turtle Ancestor's eyes. "Are you threatening me?"

The Heavenly Yuan Sovereign calmly replied, "Primordial Turtle Ancestor, we have no enmity with you. I just want to tell you that the Past Clan stands behind us. In other words, our backer is the Clan Leader of the Past Clan!"

The Clan Leader of the Past Clan! The Primordial Turtle Ancestor's expression changed drastically. Evidently, the Clan Leader of the Past Clan was one of the few people he couldn't defeat!

Ye Guan's face fell at the sight, and he believed that the turtle would make a run for it after hearing the white-robed woman's title. With that in mind, Ye Guan hurriedly said, "Senior, the Clan Leader of the Past Clan isn't that big of a deal. She's evenly matched with the Great Daoist Brush Master!"

The Heavenly Yuan Emperor frowned and asked, "Are you sure about that?"

Ye Guan replied seriously, "In addition to having a complete grasp of the Dao, the Great Daoist Brush Master has transcended it as well, so how could he possibly be weak? He's invincible!"

The Primordial Turtle Ancestor sounded hesitant as he asked, "Really?"

"Ye—" Ye Guan started.

"Ye Guan!" However, the Heavenly Yuan Sovereign interrupted sternly, "How dare you say such words? Where has your conscience gone?!"

"I saw them fight, and it was truly an even match. I can swear on my father's name."

Everyone had no idea what to say at Ye Guan's declaration.